

Last NATCA Insider of the year; Convention amendment deadline is this Monday!



In Case You Missed It

The deadline to submit 2018 Convention amendments is Monday, Dec. 18 at 11:59 p.m. NATCA answers some commonly asked questions about the process. [Read more.](#)

Gilbert and Marinitti Traveling to Puerto Rico - Support Brothers and Sisters in the Caribbean this Holiday Season

Executive Vice President Trish Gilbert and Southern Regional Vice President Jim Marinitti will travel to Puerto Rico and St. Thomas next week to support our brothers and sisters as they continue to rebuild following two devastating hurricanes. Gilbert and Marinitti will provide an update from the ground and assist our NATCA family members who are still in need of supplies and relief. [Please consider a donation to the NATCA Disaster Relief Fund.](#) All donations to this Fund directly support our NATCA brothers and sisters in need.

NATCA is making it easier for members to continue giving to the Disaster Relief Fund. In addition to donating through the existing GoFundMe effort, NATCA members now can spread out their contributions over multiple pay periods by donating through an automatic payroll deduction. [You can learn more and initiate the payroll giving process here.](#)



Share How You Celebrate with NATCA

NATCA's National Office wants to know how you're celebrating this holiday season. Perhaps some friendly competition: Lights in every room of your home? Some epic gingerbread house building? A feast for the history books? A bake sale to benefit the disaster relief fund?

Share your photos with us and be featured in NATCA's inaugural Holiday Solidarity photo album on Flickr.

Submit your photos and captions to mroper@natcadc.org.

TOP 10 WAYS NATCA MEMBERS KEEP THE HOLIDAYS BRIGHT



NATCA controllers, engineers, and other aviation safety professionals work 24 hours a day, seven days a week, on weekends, and on holidays to ensure the flying public gets to their destination safely.



They give back to their local communities through the NATCA Charitable Foundation.



They support our nation's veterans and bring honor to those that served by volunteering for programs like Honor Flight.



They advocate on behalf of the National Airspace System and support issues vital to industry and the air traffic control profession.



They support national causes like Snowball Express through the NATCA Charitable Foundation to make sure every holiday is full of joy.



They always put safety first, ensuring the National Airspace System remains the safest in the world.



They work cargo planes around the clock so everyone has everything they need to make their holiday bright.



They keep the skies safe so everyone can get home and celebrate with their loved ones.



They educate others about their careers to ensure the National Airspace System remains a priority to all Americans and the world.



SAFETY TO SERVICE COUNTRY

They support our military members as they travel home to see loved ones.

How do NATCA members keep the holidays bright? From charitable activities to advocating for our tremendous profession, we're sharing the joy brought by our profound duty and privilege of keeping the skies safe. Check out our top 10 ways NATCA members keep the holidays bright. [View here](#).

NATCA Controller Alike Parish Featured in Hawaii Business Magazine Discussing The Air Traffic Control Profession

"We go through classroom training and simulation, but the only way to learn how to work traffic is on the job. Many of the skills learned have to do with prioritizing, multitasking and judgment of spatial relationships between moving objects." [Read here](#).

Counting the Days Away from Retirement

Embry-Riddle recognizes NATCA member and Daytona Beach controller Michael Wilken, for his stellar work with flight students. [Read more](#).



90-Day Step Challenge

Get healthy and raise money for a great cause with the NATCA Charitable Foundation! [Read more](#).



Dec. 17 is Wright Brothers Day!

The date marks the day in 1903 that Orville and Wilbur Wright, who lacked formal engineering training, defied gravity in their flight machine over North Carolina's Outer Banks and began the uniquely American tradition of aviation. With this flight, they started what would become the gold standard of aviation the world over. To learn more about these two innovators, [check out the History Channel's Top 10 Things You May Not Know About the Wright Brothers](#).



WorkLife Wisdom

All families can benefit when parents work to improve communication in the home in an effort to maintain a loving and supportive environment. [Read more](#).



Shop Union This Holiday Season

The deadline of submitting orders for guaranteed holiday delivery was Dec. 8. If you wish to place an order for the special delivery, please contact Customer Service at 800-266-0895.

An expedited shipping charge ****will**** apply. For stock availability and shipping details, please email natcastore@natcadc.org.

NATCA Store Item of the Week: Knit Cuff Beanie Hat

Stay warm during winter fun with this NATCA staple piece.
[Learn more.](#)



2018 Pocket Calendars

Pocket calendars are now available for purchase at \$1.50 apiece. To place an order to order in bulk, [click here](#) or call Customer Service at 800-266-0895.



2018 NATCA Academy Schedule

Check out NATCA's updated classes for 2018. [Read more.](#)

Member Portal

Have you moved recently and need to update your mailing address? Log in at the [Member Portal](#) and update your contact information. If registering for the first time, you must have your NATCA member number ready, as it is needed when you register. (Click here if you don't know your member number: <https://portal.natca.net/ForgotUsername.aspx>). You can also update your email address if needed. For further assistance, contact NATCA Customer Service at 800-266-0895 or email uwadmin@natca.net.

Benefits Spotlight

Holiday floral bouquets, floral arrangements, and

gift ideas from Union Plus! [Learn more.](#)



You Asked and We Listened

Join the NATCA subreddit! NATCA is now hosting a subreddit to facilitate the exchange of messages and information privately between NATCA members.

If you would like to be added, email your reddit username and member number to the moderator, the NATCA social media manager, Meagan Roper, at mroper@natcadc.org. The moderator will use your username and NATCA member number only to verify membership.

Discussion in the NATCA subreddit is not for attribution and is anonymous.

Regional News



Fire in Their Bellies

NATCA Southern leaders gather for regional meeting. [Read more.](#)



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NATCA Members' Quick Thinking Helps Flaming Plane to Land Safely

After an AeroUnion Boeing 767-200 cargo flight took off from Los Angeles International Airport on Tuesday, Dec. 5, a Los Angeles Tower (LAX) controller observed smoke coming from one of the plane's engines, and alerted the pilot. [Read more.](#)

Aurora, Ill. NATCA Members Educate Next Generation of Aviation Safety Professionals

Chicago Aurora ATCT (ARR) FacRep MJ Buchanan and fellow ARR controllers KenTavia Copeland and Anthony Hunt volunteered at a career booth at the local Air Force Academy High School career day. [Read more.](#)



Colorado's NATCA members gathered for their annual holiday party

The festivities took place at the Punch Bowl Social in Denver, located in the old Stapleton ATC Tower/TRACON. Members and their guests raised more than \$250 for the NATCA Disaster Relief Fund, while celebrating another year of solidarity with bowling, ping pong, and karaoke.

NATCA Supports Local Charity

NATCA's National Office staff and the NATCA Charitable Foundation helped spread holiday cheer this week in a toy drive to benefit the [DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence](#).

The drive was led by the Washington, D.C. office of OUTFRONT Media Inc., whose employees also work at the The Krasner Building, where the NATCA National Office is located. The toys will be provided to families for whom the holidays can be especially challenging. Many survivors of domestic violence are living with their children in temporary or emergency shelter and housing without the resources to give gifts.



Happy National Ugly Sweater Day!

Your NATCA National Office staff is ready to serve you in full holiday garb and spirit. Share with us your funniest, ugliest sweaters on social media! #NATCA #NationalUglySweaterDay.

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