

NATCA celebrates black aviators as part of Black History Month; Notice of election and election rules for 2018 National Election; NATCA highlights work of engineers ahead of National Engineers Week.



Notice of Election and Election Rules for the 2018 NATCA National Election

On Feb. 15, NATCA sent out the Notice of Election, Election Rules, and Request for Nominations for the 2018 NATCA National Representative Election. [Read more.](#)

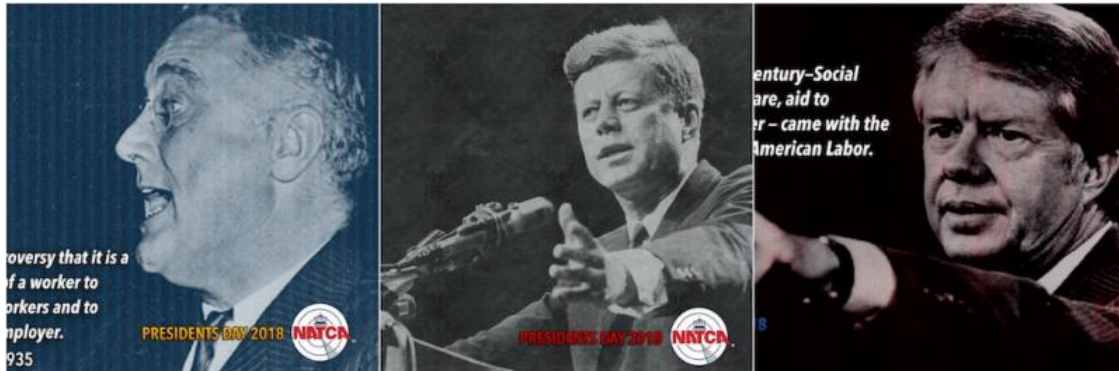
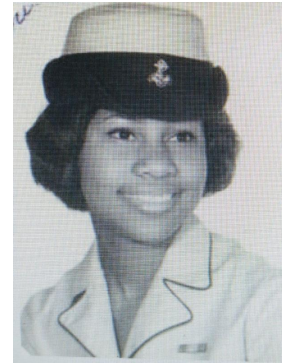


NATCA Volunteers with NBCFAE at Air & Space Family Day

NATCA volunteers joined the Northeast Region of the National Black Coalition of Federal Aviation Employees (NBCFAE) in assisting with activities for youth at last Saturday's [*African American Pioneers in Aviation and Space Family Day*](#) at the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum near Washington, D.C. Volunteers helped represent NATCA, shared handouts on how to become an air traffic controller, and imparted their knowledge and a path to aviation with youth and families from the local area. To view more photos from the event, [visit NATCA's Flickr album.](#)

NATCA Honored to Interview Sandra Durbin, the First Black Female Air Traffic Controller

"It prepared me to be and do just about anything," says Durbin. "I've had the most amazing life. Women were doing things when we weren't supposed to be, and we were good at it." [Read more.](#)



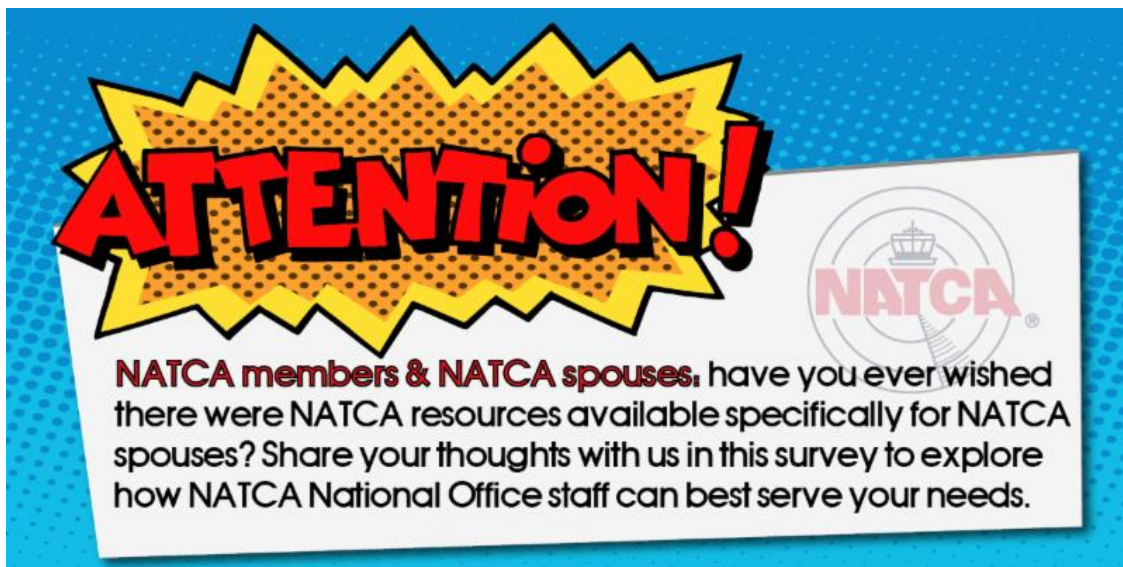
NATCA Recognizes Pro-Labor Presidents in Honor of Presidents Day

Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, and Jimmy Carter are highlighted for their pro-labor accomplishments. [Read more.](#)



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NATCA Spouse Resource Survey

NATCA has been approached about the possibility of organizing a group (or local groups) for NATCA spouses. To inform the possible development, NATCA is asking you - NATCA members and their loved ones - what you envision such a group would do and what you would want to get out of it. [Share your feedback here.](#)

NATCA Aircraft Certification Members Pave Way for the Future

NATCA represents more than 700 employees in the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Aircraft Certification Division. The Service recently went through a major reorganization in an effort to better support the vital mission it performs. It went from four directorate systems to an organization of seven divisions, with each division dedicated to a specific function (not a geographic area). The employees in the Aircraft Certification Service are located in these seven divisions and cover all U.S. geographical regions in addition to Brussels, Belgium.

This group comprises aerospace engineers, senior engineers program managers, and flight test pilots. [Learn more about just some of this bargaining units work in 2017.](#)



NATCA Engineers Speak at International Conference

NATCA Region X Regional Vice President Mike MacDonald represented NATCA at the Air Traffic Systems Specialists (ATSS) Branch Annual Delegates Conference 2018. ATSS is the branch of the trade union Prospect that represents engineers and scientists in air traffic management in the U.K.

"We share the same concerns and issues regarding the airspace systems in our respective countries and the sincere desire to make them better," MacDonald said. "I want to thank all of the ATSS Engineers for their hospitality and camaraderie."

Also attending was International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) Air Traffic Management advisor Joe Magee (pictured above) and ITF Civil Aviation Secretary Gabriel Rodriguez.

Turn Off Tune In: Cutting Distractions Worldwide

The FAA continued to demonstrate global leadership in air traffic control professionalism at a recent conference hosted by the International Federation of Air Traffic Controllers' Associations in the Bahamas. [Read more.](#)

NATCA Leadership Speaks to Future Workforce

NATCA Executive Vice President Trish Gilbert, Professional Standards co-lead Josh Cooper (Southern California TRACON), National Organizing Committee and Benefits Committee Chairman John Bratcher (Razorback Approach), Manager of Outreach



and National Events Kelly Richardson, and Dina Earl from SkyOne Federal Credit Union spent time Thursday, Feb. 15 speaking with a group of Federal Aviation Administration Academy students in Oklahoma City. [Read more.](#)

Train with Your Brothers and Sisters

If you're attending [#NATCAphilly2018](#), don't miss out on the chance to raise funds for the NATCA Charitable Foundation (NCF) while running up the Rocky steps in solidarity with your NATCA brothers and sisters!

NCF is hosting a 5K fun run and 2 mile walk through West Fairmount Park on April 17, 2018. The run will start and end at the Philadelphia Museum of Art - the site of the famous celebratory 'end of training' jump at the top of the steps and where Rocky Balboa's statue remains today. The walk will also start and end at the museum, with a stroll to the Philadelphia Zoological Gardens and back.

[Register for the run today!](#)

Need motivation? Join Denver Center member Jennifer Van Rooy and more NATCA family members for [daily training tips and motivation on Facebook](#).



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[NATCA Excellence on Display During SpaceX Launch](#)

Falcon Heavy a defining moment in National Airspace System history. [Read](#)

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Benefits Spotlight: Dental Health

Attitudes and habits established at an early age are critical in maintaining good oral health throughout life. National Children's Dental Health Month celebrates keeping children's smiles beautiful and strong now and for years to come. NATCA members receive discounts on dental health services from [Union Plus](#).



[Click here](#) for activity sheets to help get the kids in your life excited about dental health.

WorkLife Wisdom: Heart Health Awareness Month

Take steps today to lower your risk of heart disease and heart attack. [Read more.](#)



NATCA Store Item of the Week

Bundle up with the chairman wool leather jacket. [Read more.](#)



Regional News

NATCA Reps Prep for Convention

New England RVP Mike Robicheau and Eastern Region RVP Dean Iacopelli led NATCA members in NNE & NEA representative meeting in Providence, R.I., last week. The meeting serves to prepare representatives for convention. NATCA President Paul Rinaldi and Executive Vice President Trish Gilbert also spoke to representatives, answering questions on convention procedures and NATCA news.



Member Focus: [Ryan Hampton](#)

"The reward for our hard work is results. We are volunteers. If you can find reward in collaborative solutions, NATCA can find somewhere for you to stay busy." [Read more.](#)





NATCA Mourns the Loss of Cleveland Brother Troy Mills

With great sorrow, we report that our NATCA brother Troy Mills of Cleveland Center (ZOB), suffered a heart attack and passed away unexpectedly. He is survived by his wife, Ashley, and three young children. Mills also worked at Manchester ATCT from 2012-2013.

Please consider strengthening the community and showing support by [donating to our NATCA brother's family](#) in this tragic time.

If you prefer to give via check, please make them out to the Maria Whitney, Troy's sister in-law.

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