

## Saves, Scares, and Scholarships: NATCA Members Rise to the Occasion, While Key Benefit Nears Deadlines



### Emotional Reunion as Texas Pilot Meets ZFW Team That Helped Save His Life

On Jan. 10, pilot and Paris, Texas neurologist Dr. Peter Edenhoffer met and thanked air traffic controllers and managers at Fort Worth Center (ZFW) who came to his aid when his Cessna Cardinal experienced complete electrical failure on Super Bowl Sunday in February 2017. The teamwork and quick-thinking demonstrated by a team of professionals at ZFW with more than 150 years of combined experience helped guide Edenhoffer to a safe emergency landing. "How can simple words of thanks ever express the depths of saving a life?" Edenhoffer wrote in a thank you note to the team. [Read more.](#)

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### Out of Gas, But In Luck: Pilot Saved by LOU Controller

Louisville-Bowman ATCT (LOU) member Rebecca Goff came to the aid of pilot of a motor glider in an emergency situation. He was out of gas and needed to land quickly. Listen to the whole story on the Federal Aviation Administration's latest

installment of its "True Stories of Air Traffic Control" series. [Listen here.](#)



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## Hawaii Missile Launch Scare: How a Normal Shift Became Anything But



Veteran Honolulu Control Facility (HCF) member Steve Olson was working his normal Saturday morning shift on Jan. 13 when a terrifying emergency alert was sent across Hawaii, mistakenly warning of an incoming ballistic missile attack. Olson recounts the experience of what happened next. "Don't take anything or anyone for granted," he says. [Read more.](#)



**NATCA Leaders Visit Hawaii Facilities, Provide Expertise to  
Major Annual Aviation Issues Conference**

The annual conference brings together aviation professionals and top-level officials from government and all segments of the aviation industry for in-depth discussions of key issues and charting the course for the Washington agenda in the year ahead. NATCA leaders also visited with Union members at Hawaii facilities. [Read more.](#)

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## Benefits Spotlight: Scholarship Opportunities

NATCA offers a scholarship program to Union members and the spouses, children, stepchildren, and legally adopted children of active, retired, or deceased NATCA members. Deadline to apply: March 1. In addition, Union Plus offers a scholarship program for current and retired members of participating unions (NATCA included), their spouses and their dependent children. Deadline to apply: Jan. 31. [Read more.](#)

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## CISM: New Web Section For This Important Program

The NATCA Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) team is a Union-operated, Agency-supported group designed to help air traffic controllers effectively manage stress that they may experience following a critical incident. Learn more about CISM and check out the new web section on the NATCA website! [Click here.](#)

**How to contact CISM:** Call or text 202-505-CISM (2476) or email [cism@natca.net](mailto:cism@natca.net).



## New N90 Opening Features Different Qualifications

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on Jan. 18 posted a new New York TRACON opening for FAA employees that removes a long-standing Quality Ranking Factor that often eliminated those employees with radar experience below level 8 or tower only experience. Selected employees will be required to successfully complete FAA Academy requirements prior to receiving a firm offer if they have never been terminal radar certified at a level 10 or above terminal facility. Employees that have not been facility radar certified at a level 10 or above terminal facility will be required to pass the Ten Eleven Twelve Radar Assessment (TETRA). If you don't successfully complete the academy requirements, you remain at your current facility.

The job opening, which includes permanent change of station relocation expenses of \$27,000, will close on Jan. 17, 2019. [View the USA Jobs bid.](#)  
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## NATCA, FAA, NASA Team Up on ATD-2

NATCA members at Charlotte-Douglas International Airport (CLT) are working with NASA on an exciting project - Airspace Technology Demonstration-2 - to enhance the air traffic management system. Most National Airspace System (NAS) technology was developed by NASA and helps make flying the safest form of transportation in the world today. [Read more.](#)

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## Feb. 1 Moment of Silence to Honor Key Date in Labor History

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) has organized a moment of silence, scheduled to take place on Feb. 1, to honor the 50th anniversary of the events that began the 1968 Memphis Sanitation Workers' Strike. [Read more.](#)

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## NATCA Member Portal

Have you moved recently, or changed your email address, and need to update your listing in our membership directory? 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](#)). The Portal is also used to register for retirement seminars and NATCA Academy classes. For further assistance, contact NATCA Member Assistance at 800-266-0895 or email [uwadmin@natca.net](mailto:uwadmin@natca.net).

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## The NATCA Store Item of the Week: Tango Mug

Start your day off right and continue it in style with a steaming cup of freshly brewed coffee or your favorite warm beverage in this NATCA Tango Mug. This 12oz. glossy blue ceramic mug is microwave and dishwasher safe, though hand washing it is recommended. It is union made and made in the USA.  
Price: \$7.50



To see the item and how to order: Click [here](#). Select USPS or UPS as your shipping preference on your orders. To check on stock availability or for further assistance, call the NATCA National Office at 800-266-0895 or email [natcastore@natcadc.org](mailto:natcastore@natcadc.org).

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## 2018 NATCA Academy Schedule

2018 is here and with that comes more opportunity to learn and grow with the Union. [Read more.](#)

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## More Ways to Connect with NATCA

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, NATCA Senior Social Media Associate Meagan Roper, at [mroper@natcadc.org](mailto: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.

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## WorkLife Wisdom: Small Steps to Becoming Healthy

Take the next steps to a healthier life and improve your health in 2018. [Read more.](#)

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## Regional News

### VNY Celebrates Three Kings' Day

Three Kings' Day celebrates the Three Kings in the Christian Nativity story, also referred to as The Three Wise Men. Van Nuys (VNY) controller and National Hispanic Coalition of Federal Aviation Employees (NHCFAE) Western Pacific Regional Director Jonathan Eagle organized a Three Kings' Day celebration for Tucson ATCT this year. [Read more.](#)



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