



## **John Thornton and the Birth of NATCA**

*NATCA kicks off NATCA 30 celebrations looking back at the man who started it all*

"John paid the sacrifice in 1981 so he could better the profession and workplace for future generations of air traffic controllers," said NATCA Executive Vice President Trish Gilbert. "He used his past to help us build a better future. It is leaders like him that set the bar for us, instilling in us to never give up and always strive for improvement. He is forever cemented in this union's memory."

[Read more.](#)



## **A D.C. State of Mind**

*The latest from the Turn Off Tune In campaign*

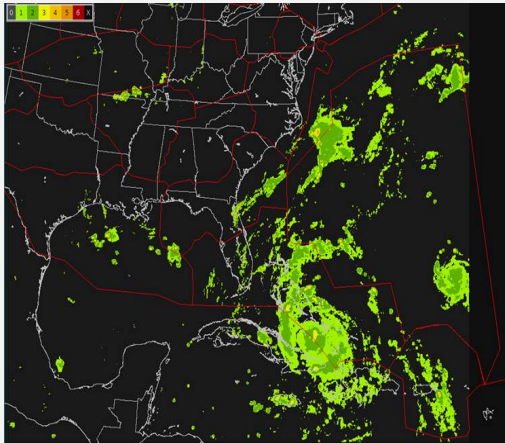
Controllers overseeing the complex and highly secured airspace of Washington, D.C., block out distractions - both from mobile devices and from groups of visitors. [Read more.](#)

## **MSP Controllers Support Local Union**

*NATCA brothers and sisters stand up for labor*

Minneapolis St. Paul ATCT brothers and sisters stepped up to defend workers rights by supporting local nurses and showing strength through solidarity.

[Read more.](#)



## **Offshore Weather Data on the Horizon**

*An update on the latest in weather technology*

A new technology developed by the MIT Lincoln Laboratory, in partnership with the FAA, gives center controllers a radar-like picture of offshore weather for the first time ever.

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## **Communicating For Safety**

*Register now!*

Communicating For Safety is the aviation industry's leading conference focusing on safety, technology and building relationships with other aviation professionals. Learn more about the conference that will feature notable speakers and panels, distinguished award winners, and aviation stakeholders from around the world.

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## **NATCA Charitable Foundation**

*Join the NCF World Cancer Day Campaign*

Learn more about the campaign and tell NATCA who and what you are fighting for. Buy a shirt, move for 30 minutes, or go three miles a day and encourage your fellow brothers and sisters to take a stand in the fight against all types of cancer. Together, we can make a difference.

[Get started today!](#)



## National Aeronautic Association

*Award nominations are open!*



The National Aeronautic Association (NAA) seeks nominations for the [Robert J. Collier Trophy](#) and the [Katharine Wright Trophy](#). Part of NAA's mission is identifying and recognizing those who have contributed to "art, sport and science of aviation and space flight in the United States." NATCA encourages you to learn more about these awards and nominate your peers for much-deserved recognition within the aviation community. [Learn more.](#)



## Weekly Photo Album

*See all of the places NATCA is making a difference across the country this week*

NATCA members conducted a successful Congressional visit in Newark and NATCA's National Office hosted students from the University Aviation Association. [View here.](#)

## This Week's Notebook

*Honoring ABQ FacRep Jimmy Chavez*

Beloved friend, colleague, and brother Jimmy Chavez passed away last week. He was 36. ABQ Vice President Aaron McCrea started a GoFundMe account to pay tribute to his friend. Funeral Services will be held on Jan. 7.

[Read more.](#)



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