

Many of you completed our communications survey. NATCA is incorporating your feedback and changing the way we communicate with you. The NATCA Insider and National Office Departmental Week in Review now will be published every other week as part of these changes.

NATCA also will send out legislative and committee updates once a month. These changes will reduce the number of emails you get from NATCA HQ, while making sure you don't miss a thing. If you have questions, please contact Sarah Zilonis at szilonis@natcadc.org.



**NATCA Presented RTCA
President Margaret Jenny
with James L. Oberstar
Sentinel of Safety Award**

The award is the highest honor given to a member of the aviation community outside of NATCA. It recognizes outstanding achievement in the advancement of aviation safety. [Read more.](#)



Corporate Partnership Reception

NATCA celebrates collaborative relationships with industry. [Read more.](#)

NATCA Congratulates Former FAA Administrator Randy Babbitt

The Aero Club of Washington presented the 2017 Donald D. Engen Aero Club Trophy for Aviation Excellence to former FAA Administrator Randy Babbitt this week.

"One of the highlights-I must say-in my tenure at the FAA, was working with and repairing relationships with some of the labor unions, most notably with the air traffic controllers, NATCA." -Randy Babbitt. [Read more.](#)



TSP Modernization Act of 2017

NATCA counsel updates on H.R. 3031. [Read more.](#)

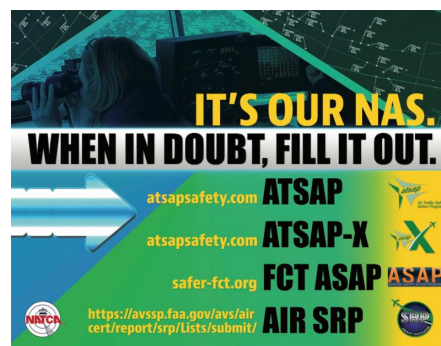
NATCA Charitable Foundation Board of Directors

The National Executive Board (NEB) and the NATCA Charitable Foundation (NCF) elected the 2018 Board of Directors for NCF. [Read more.](#)



Safety Reporting: When in Doubt, Fill It Out

NATCA Executive Vice President Trish Gilbert joined a meeting Nov. 16 with the NATCA/FAA Voluntary Safety Reporting Program teams in Oklahoma City. "I appreciate all their hard work and commitment in improving our safety culture," Gilbert said.



Safety reporting success stories are abundant as the Air Traffic Safety Action Program (ATSAP) approaches the 10th anniversary of when it was established - a key milestone for the collaborative program.

ATSAP has established a system for controllers and other employees to voluntarily identify and report safety and operational concerns. The collected information is reviewed and analyzed to facilitate early detection and improved awareness of operational deficiencies and adverse trends. [Learn more.](#)

NATCA's Boots on the Ground

It was a great night of election results in Virginia on Nov. 7, and NATCA's Boots on the Ground program played a key role in the victories. [Read more.](#)



RNAV Solidarity Event

This month, members of Retired NATCA Active Volunteers (RNAV) met in Sedona, Ariz., for solidarity, fellowship, and a few epic adventures. [Read more.](#)

Take Ownership

This week marks the completion of NATCA's poster campaign to celebrate union activism. With so many ways for NATCA members to have a voice, play a role, and step up responsibility, you have the tools to take ownership of your profession, your union, and your future.



If you haven't already, speak to your local leadership today about how to get involved in NATCA, and play an active role in the future of your career and the National Airspace System.

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.

NATCA Store Item of the Week: Holiday Ornament



Decorate in solidarity with this great holiday item. [*Read more.*](#)

Benefits Spotlight: Car Rental

Your NATCA membership can help you save on a fun trip with family. [*Read more.*](#)



Save the Date. Register to Attend the Virtual Benefits Fair This Fall.

Chat with participating FEDVIP, FEHB, FLTCIP, and FSAFEDS carriers.



Register to attend the **2017 Virtual Benefits Fair** to chat with carriers, review 2018 plan details, and get the information you need to help make the right decisions, in one convenient online location. Visit LTCFEDS.com/elearning or click the button below to sign up today.

Register now!

Review 2018 plan details

Log in anytime during the Federal Benefits Open Season, from **November 13 to December 11, 2017**. Save 2018 plan brochures in your online briefcase, visit individual carrier booths, watch instructional videos, and register for educational webinars.

Get answers to your questions

Representatives from all participating carriers will be available to take your questions during our live carrier chat:

Tuesday, December 5, 2017
10 a.m.–5 p.m. ET

Explore your benefits in one convenient location

Learn valuable information, get answers from the experts, and visit carrier booths to compete in our nationwide virtual scavenger hunt.

Technical assistance

If you need technical assistance, please contact us at VBFHelp@lhcpartners.com.

VISIT US AT THE VIRTUAL BENEFITS FAIR



WorkLife Wisdom: The Sandwich Generation

The average person impacted by the sandwich generation is usually a person in their mid-forties, married, working full-time and providing help and/or support for an aging parent(s) while also supporting a child or adult child. Help and support may include financial, emotional and physical assistance. [Read more.](#)

Regional News



Denver Honors Veterans

Jennifer VanRooy of Denver Center (ZDV) presented a check to Kate Schulz, Director of Communications for [The Yellow Ribbon Fund](#). The Yellow Ribbon Fund (YRF) was founded to serve injured soldiers coming back from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Today, YRF continues to provide practical support to injured service members and their families while they're at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Fort Belvoir Community Hospital, and after they return to their hometowns.

If you are interested in supporting this charity and/or others like it, donate directly to the NATCA Charitable Foundation [here](#).

NATCA's Ed Szczuka and Don Smith Represent NATCA Region X at IFATSEA

General Assembly

Read Szczuka's report on the November meeting.
[Read more.](#)



Staff of Congresswoman Susan Brooks Visit Indianapolis Center

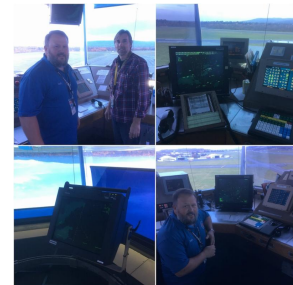
"It was such an awesome and informative tour, we cannot thank you enough," Brooks's District Staff Assistant Jennifer Bagi said. "We cannot stop talking about it! What you and everyone does is so impressive. Words cannot describe." [Read more.](#)



ABQ and RDG Transition to STARS

TAMR subject matter expert Chris Falcone said of the install at RDG:

"For me, I would say this has, by far, been the most seamless transition from ARTS IIE to STARS that I've been a part of." [Read more.](#)



St. Louis Tower "Unmanned"

Southwest Airlines recently celebrated its first all-female, or unmanned, flight crew with a group photo. NATCA members at STL heard the news about the unmanned flight and raise Southwest an unmanned tower! [Read more.](#)



South Florida Solidarity Event

Members gathered together for a tailgate party on Nov. 4. [Read more.](#)



Patty Clark Retires from ZBW After Distinguished Career

"Her accomplishments aren't listed on a piece of paper; her accomplishments aren't displayed in an office," ZBW FacRep Kevin Bianchi said. "Patty's accomplishments are reflected in every ZBW employee. Every travel order processed, every time card confirmed, each of our initials assigned - all the things Patty has given to us." [Read more.](#)



Fourth Chicago Center Oath of Office

The occasion serves to recognize and welcome new bargaining unit employees into the ZAU family. Each member takes the oath individually to highlight the importance of his or her career to the people of the United States of America. [Read more.](#)

ZDV Chili Cook Off

The fun competition is an annual event for the NATCA-strong local. [Read more.](#)



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