





Rolling Lobby Weeks Continue

For the second consecutive week, NATCAvists from across the country came to Washington, D.C., to educate members of Congress about proposed legislation that could negatively affect federal retirements and current staffing levels, which are at a 28-year low. <u>*Read more*</u>.

You Asked, NATCA Answered

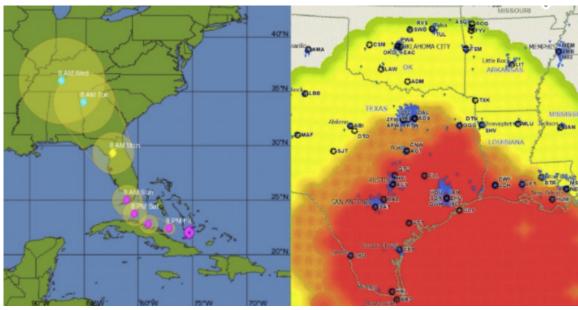
Executive Vice President Trish Gilbert answers your questions on suggested cuts to the federal budget and how they could affect NATCA members' retirement benefits. NATCA is working to protect its members from such changes.

What effect could suggested cuts to retirement have on controller staffing? <u>View</u> <u>here</u>.

What details does NATCA have about the suggested cuts to federal retirement benefits? <u>*View here*</u>.



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<u>Controllers Rise Above to Safeguard the Skies</u> Aviation safety professionals work through two historic hurricanes

Air traffic control is an essential part of rescue and emergency response operations during times of crisis. NATCA members are up to the challenge, working through extraordinary conditions to keep the skies safe. <u>*Read more*</u>.

NATCA Members Come Together to Help Brothers and Sisters in Need Following Hurricanes For coverage of NATCA members helping each other through relief efforts, *click here*.

NATCA Wants to Hear Your Stories

Two hurricanes hit the United States, but the generosity of NATCA members toward one another and their willingness to help others has been remarkable. NATCA is extremely proud of the efforts going on across the National Airspace System already. NATCA would like to collect your stories of hope, help, and recovery after such catastrophic events. Please submit any contributions you have to Sarah Zilonis at <u>szilonis@natcadc.org</u>.

To read Alternate Regional Vice President Chris Parris and Houston TRACON FacRep Clay Matheny's personal accounts of Hurricane Harvey, <u>click here</u>.

To keep up with the latest updates on social media, *click here*.

To donate to the NATCA Disaster Relief Fund, *<u>click here</u>. Submit requests for assistance from the fund <u>here</u>.*

Are you in need of volunteer assistance or want to get involved in the cleanup effort? Email <u>HarveyHelp@list.natca.org</u> in the Southwest Region or <u>IrmaHelp@list.natca.org</u> in the Southern Region.

CISM Assistance Available: The NATCA Critical Incident and Stress Management (CISM) Team has been working around the clock. They are here to offer assistance to you or anyone at any facility. The CISM hotline is available any time of day. Dial 202-505-CISM(2476) to talk today or email them at <u>cism@natca.net</u>.



Charitable Efforts: Chicago Center (ZAU) in collaboration with the NATCA Charitable Foundation (NCF) and Fresh Hat Club, LLC, is raising money in a Hats for Houston Fundraiser to support the relief efforts in the Houston area. For more information, <u>click here</u>.

NCF is also fundraising through the sale of "I Stand with Texas" tees. For more information and to order, *click here*.

Proceeds from both fundraisers will go to Houston Food Bank and ShelterBox USA - local charities supporting the Hurricane Harvey Fund.



EAP/Worklife Resources

Hurricane Preparation, response, and recovery

"Tell an FAA Friend" who may need this resource.

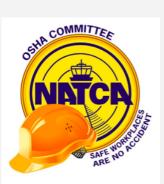
Information from the FAA provides links to resources to deal with the after-effects of a natural disaster, from finding resources to meet basic needs to dealing with the emotional effects of trauma. *Read more*.

You can also learn more by reading the PDF **"Coping With Floods -Preparation"** from the FAA WorkLife Solutions program. <u>Download here</u>.

New OSHA Webinar

Indoor Air Quality MOU

The Air Traffic Collective Bargaining Agreement (Slate Book) went into effect more than one year ago. Contained within the CBA is an MOU (memorandum of understanding) that requires the Agency to adhere to the Indoor Air Quality, Program Implementation Requirements (IAQ PIR). It is important to immediately



report any and all signs of water intrusion as the IAQ PIR requires action within particular timeframes.

The OSHA Committee, along with Geoff Bacci, will be holding a webinar regarding the MOU on Sept. 28 at 1 p.m. EDT.

To register for the webinar, *click here*.

NATCA Charitable Foundation

Members across the country make a difference in their communities

The NATCA Charitable has been doing great work across the country over the past month. <u>*Read more*</u>.



<u>Member Focus: Matt Walters, South Bend</u> <u>ATCT</u>

FAA

Walters was recently honored at NATCA in Washington with a Regional Legislative Award

"I think it is important for FacReps to be active legislatively and make Legislative activism a priority." <u>*Read more*</u>.





Celebrate Car Free Day

Friday, September 22

Friday Sept. 22, is an international annual event to encourage people to get around without driving alone in cars. The common goal is to reduce the number of cars on the streets with benefits like decreased traffic congestion and a greener environment. NATCA's National Office Staff will be participating. Join us by using the hash tag #CarFreeDay so that we can share how you are commuting that day. Carpool, bike, or even fly like Seattle TRACON member Jeremy Noble (story below).



Jeremy Noble Opts for Plane to Beat Traffic Seattle TRACON member flies to work

"Now, two days a week if the weather is good, Noble rises above it all in his small Cessna 182 airplane. On one of those days, we joined him." <u>*Read KUOW story*</u> <u>*here*</u>.



WorkLife Wisdom
Suicide Prevention

The second week in September each year is recognized as National Suicide Prevention Week. It's a good time to pause and reflect on the health and wellness of those around us, and to be aware of how someone at risk for suicide may need us to intervene on their behalf. <u>*Read more*</u>.

This Week's Notebook

Keep up to date with all things NATCA

Members in need; more facilities transition to STARS; member insurance benefit; and seminar dates. *Read more*.



Photo Album Alabama, Washington, D.C., Las Vegas

Places NATCA is making a difference across the country this week. *<u>Read more</u>*.





Convention 2018 Registration Open!

Philadelphia locals look forward to welcoming NATCA brothers and sisters

Don't miss the chance to explore the perpendicular streets of the nation's birthplace & labor's heartbeat during the 17th Biennial Convention in Philadelphia, April 17-20, 2018. Check out the new NATCA Convention page and *register today!*

To Submit Proposed Convention Resolutions or Amendments

Members should submit proposed resolutions or amendments by close of business (5 p.m. EST) on Dec. 18, 2017 to the NATCA Executive Vice President at <u>tgilbert@natcadc.org</u>.

Proposals will then be mailed to all members at least 60 days prior the convention. The National Convention body will then vote on all proposals that are in order and properly before the body.

If you have any questions please contact a Constitution Committee member.

Article XIV Section 1 of the NATCA Constitution covers this subject.



Communicating For Safety 2018

Oct. 22-24, 2018 at Bally's Las Vegas

Communicating For Safety (CFS) will move to the fall starting next year. For more information, *<u>check the CFS web page for updates</u>*.

The Archie League Medal of Safety Awards nomination deadline has been extended to April 30, 2018. Nominations are now being accepted. Archie League Awards honor a controller or team of controllers who have gone above and beyond during an emergency situation in efforts to keep the National Airspace System safe. Any NATCA member can nominate another member or team of members in good standing. Only



NATCA members can be nominated for an Archie League Medal of Safety Award. <u>Nominate today</u>!



The NATCA National Professionalism Awards nomination deadline has also been extended. NATCA will make an official announcement about the nominating deadline in a future issue of the NATCA Insider. In the meantime, you can still nominate your peers for their individual contribution and performance that has enhanced the standing of our profession. <u>Nominate today</u>!

The Region X Commitment to Safety Award was introduced at CFS 2017. NATCA created this award to recognize the essential safety work done by members of Region X. It is presented annually to an individual or a group of Region X members who have demonstrated a profound dedication to ensuring the safety of

the National Airspace System (NAS), during either a specific instance where safety was significantly improved or a prolonged, demonstrated dedication to the well-being of the NAS. The nomination deadline is April 30, 2018. <u>Nominate</u> <u>today</u>!





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