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Your Brothers and Sisters Need Your Help

Three major hurricanes affect many NATCA members, causing severe damage, catastrophic flooding

Hurricane Maria is the third major hurricane in four weeks to hit areas home to hundreds of our NATCA family members. Wind, rain, and flooding have caused unbelievable damage, particularly for our 110 brothers and sisters in the six NATCA-represented facilities in the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. NATCA is still working to account for the safety of all our members in Puerto Rico. The damage there is severe, and there is a need for supplies and assistance. Our members at San Juan Tower, who were at the airport and adjoining hotel during the storm, are

safe. But [this member's video](#) shows some of the damage to the airport. It is a top priority to quickly get the airport up and running to accommodate urgently needed relief and humanitarian flights.

To view photos of the extensive damage in St. Thomas taken by Southern Regional Vice President Jim Marinitti, [click here](#).

The NATCA Disaster Relief Fund is available to NATCA members affected by all three hurricanes. This fund relies in part on donations. This weekend a team of 25 NATCA members will pull a 164,000+ pound airplane at Washington Dulles International Airport at the [Dulles Plane Pull](#). This NATCA team will use their physical strength to move an 82-ton hunk of metal and plastic. They are dedicating their plane-pulling efforts to the enduring strength of our brothers and sisters affected by the hurricanes in the Southern and Southwestern regions. You can join them and make a big difference by giving to the NATCA Disaster Relief fund. [Donate today](#).

To request funds from the NATCA Disaster Relief Fund, [click here](#).

Please also email MariaHelp@list.natca.org if you want to volunteer assistance or provide supplies. We are working on the logistics of how we will be able to gather and house supplies, and get the assistance to Puerto Rico.

To keep up with the latest updates on social media, [click here](#).



FAA 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 aftereffects 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. [Download here](#).



How NATCA is Working to Protect Your Retirement

Rolling Lobby Weeks Continue

For the third 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. [Read more.](#)

To keep up with the latest updates on social media, [click here.](#)

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? [View here.](#)

What details does NATCA have about the suggested cuts to federal retirement benefits? [View here.](#)



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Photo courtesy of the FAA

NATCA Runway Safety Rep Speaks at NTSB Forum

Runway incursion safety issues; prevention and mitigation

NATCA Runway Safety Rep Bridget Gee spoke on an air traffic control panel and participated on a roundtable discussion. [Read more.](#)



Dallas Love Holds Runway Safety Action Team

Meeting

Annual gathering focuses on runway and surface incursions

NATCA Runway Safety Rep Gee participates in local gathering focused on improving safety. [Read more.](#)

NATCA Applauds Selection of Bruce Landsberg as NTSB Member

White House intends to nominate Landsberg as member and vice chairman

From NATCA President Paul Rinaldi: "We applaud the selection of Bruce Landsberg to join the NTSB. He has worked with NATCA on a wide array of aviation safety issues during the last 25 years. NATCA is proud to work collaboratively with the NTSB on the shared mission of improving aviation safety. We look forward to continuing to work with Bruce in his new role as NTSB board member and vice chairman, if he is confirmed."



Bruce is well-known to NATCA and its members from his service as a member of the selection panel for our Archie League Medal of Safety Awards from 2008 to 2016. [Read the full NATCA press release.](#)

New FAA Winter Weather Video

Video reminds controllers of dangerous challenges posed to pilots



Winter weather changes fast, can be difficult to track, and can be life-threatening. "It is our responsibility to everything we can to help pilots avoid these dangerous situations." [View here.](#)

New OSHA Webinar

Indoor Air Quality MOU

The Air Traffic Collective Bargaining Agreement (Slate Book) went into effect more than one year ago. 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](#).

Member Focus: Cesar Cordero, El Paso Tower

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

"Finding common ground with those you may not feel you share idealistic beliefs with is crucial to improving the National Airspace System. At the end of the day our ultimate goal is improving aviation safety, and who isn't on board with that?" [Read more](#).



This Week's Notebook

Keep up to date with all things NATCA

Members in need; another facility transitions to STARS; seminar schedule; and more. [Read more](#).



Photo Album

West Virginia, Carolinas, Indiana, Missouri, Las Vegas

Places NATCA is making a difference across the country this week. [Read more](#).



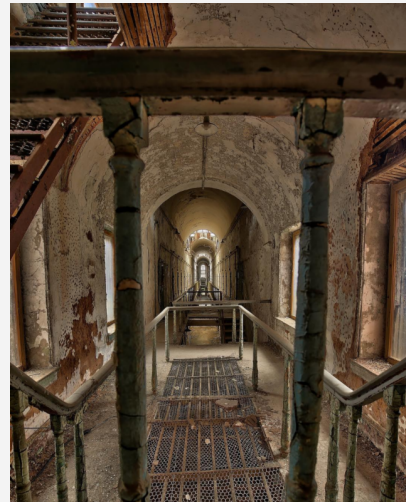


Convention 2018 Registration Open!

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!](#)

Fun Fact: The world's first true "penitentiary" (a prison designed to inspire penitence, or true regret, in the hearts of prisoners) stands today in ruin, a haunting world of crumbling cellblocks and empty guard towers. At #NATCAphilly2018, NATCA Charitable will host a Union solidarity event at this historic site. [Check out the penitentiary's website for visitor info.](#)



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 tgilbert@natcadc.org.

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](#).



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, [check the CFS web page for updates](#).

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. [Nominate today!](#)



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. [Nominate today!](#)

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. [Nominate today!](#)



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