

# Team Update - Memorial Day

Memorial Day is the most solemn of the American holidays. It is the day we pay tribute to those that made the ultimate sacrifice. Remember them and their families today!

Always remember what the day really is about,

Paul Rinaldi - NATCA President

Trish Gilbert - NATCA Executive Vice President



## **NATCA In Washington 2015**

During the opening State of the Union address on May 18 we emphasized the incredible importance of this year's event. With sequestration looming on October 1, the FAA Reauthorization bill expiring on September 30, and potential for FAA restructuring on the horizon, the presence of NATCA's 400 activists on the Hill was critically important.

Through what we faced with the White Book, to 'sleepgate,' to

sequester, to the last FAA Reauthorization - including its 23 extensions and a full and partial shutdown of the government -- we have fought. We are a stronger, more unified union than we have ever been. We are now up against the most challenging thing we have faced as a union. We must protect what we hold dear and worked so hard for as the new FAA Reauthorization bill is being written, funding bills are fought over and sequester looms. We are proud and thankful to have an incredibly strong and talented union to get us through this.

We urged attendees to look to the future and reminded them that we must thoroughly evaluate and give full consideration to the many different possibilities and scenarios before they can earn NATCA's support. Ensuring that NATCA has a voice in any and all of these possibilities is essential moving forward.



We both need and want the opportunity to protect and shape our future. We have to be prepared because there is too much to lose. We must make sure the language is as strong as it can be, so even if it fails, when it gets resurrected in the future, that language is the starting point.

First and foremost, the National Airspace System (NAS)

needs a stable, predictable funding stream, regardless of how the agency may be restructured. Currently, NATCA and lawmakers are examining the structures of other Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSPs) to better inform possible decisions in the future. However, as the world's largest, most dynamic airspace system, no current ANSP is perfectly suited to accommodate the needs of the U.S. airspace system.

There are many challenges ahead and lots of work to do. If there is change and if it is not what is best for the National Airspace System or what is best for us, we will not support it. It is that simple. We are in a battle for our survival. We must stay strong and united in solidarity, focused on our goals.

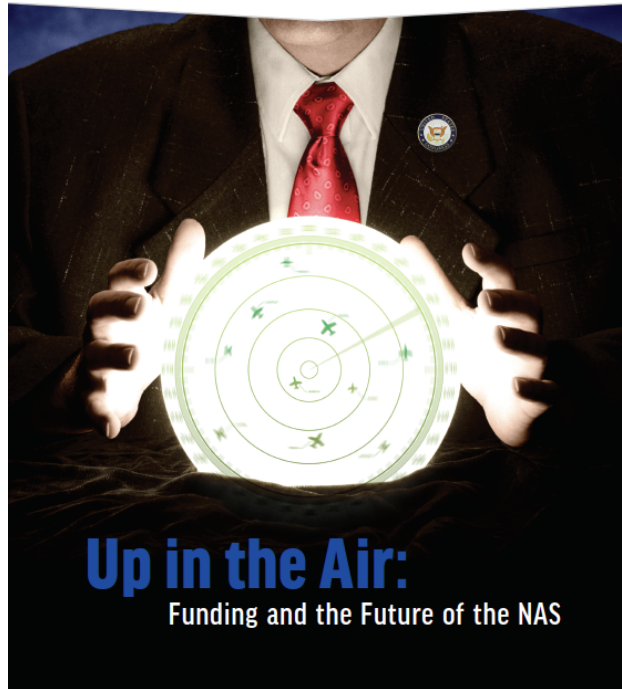
Thank you to all of the NATCAvists who came this year, donating their time and taking leave to support this great union. Thank you to all that worked longer so our activists could be in DC. Together, our hard work and dedication will ensure NATCA continues to play a vital role in aviation policy and the protection of the NAS.

*View photos of the entire event, from the reception to Hill visits, click [here](#).*

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To view the NiW publication, click [here](#).



# **NATCA Testifies before Senate Committee to Advocate for Stable, Predictable Funding for the NAS**

NATCA testified before the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee on Tuesday, May 19, to discuss the need for a stable, predictable funding stream for the National Airspace System (NAS). Our testimony outlined some of the existing problems at the FAA, including the negative effects unstable funding has on the NAS.

Currently, we face many challenges in responding to the given problems of an unstable, unpredictable funding stream, including but not limited to financing long-term projects such as NextGen, the inability to grow the National Airspace System for new users, staffing our facilities and the inability to modernize our aging infrastructure.

We understand that addressing the stop-and-go funding problems will lead to an examination of a potential structural change for the FAA. Any such change or reform must be carefully examined to prevent any unintended consequences from negatively affecting the safety and the efficiency of our NAS. Every stakeholder in the NAS should work together to make sure the United States continues to be the global leader in aviation.

We need a structure that will allow us to grow aviation in this country and not shrink it. We need a structure that will allow us to modernize our facilities, equipment, procedures, and technology in a realistic timeframe. We need a structure that will give us the competitive edge to ensure our future leadership in the global aviation community.

Read the full testimony [here](#).

To watch the entire hearing, please click [here](#).

Full transcript of Paul's opening statement:

Mr. Chairman and Senators of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify in front of you today at this important hearing to discuss the future of our aviation system. We all have a stake in the National Airspace System. It's an economic engine for this country, contributes \$1.5 trillion dollars to the Gross Domestic Product, and provides over 12 million American jobs.

We invented aviation in this country. It's an American tradition. And over the last 100 years, we have dreamed, innovated, and implemented the unbelievable in aviation. Currently, we run the largest, safest, most efficient, most complex, most diverse system in the world. Our system is incomparable, unequaled, and unrivaled by any other country.

For example, the next-largest airspace system in the world to the United States is Canada. They run roughly 12 million operations a year. On average, the United States airspace system runs over 132 million operations a year. The United States system and the FAA are considered the gold standard in the world aviation community. And yet the reality is, in order to keep that honor, a change is needed.

Currently, we face many challenges in responding to the given problems of an unstable, unpredictable funding stream, including but not limited to the inability to finance long-term projects such as NextGen, the inability to grow the National Airspace System for new users, the UAV community and commercial space, the inability to modernize our aging infrastructure. Currently, our 20 en route centers throughout the country are over 50 years old with no plan of replacing them. Currently we are struggling to maintain our proper resources and staffing at our busiest air traffic control facilities. Our certified air traffic controllers are at an all-time

low.

The upcoming FAA reauthorization bill must address the lack of a predictable, stable funding stream for our continuous, hyper-critical, safety aviation operation. We understand that addressing the stop and go funding problems will lead to an examination of a potential structural change for the FAA. We believe it's time for a structural change. The current system is not dynamic enough to address the needs of air traffic control operations in the future. But any such change or reform must be carefully examined to prevent the unintended consequences of negatively affecting the safety and the efficiency of our National Airspace System. Every stakeholder in the National Airspace System should work together to make sure the United States continues to be the global leader in aviation.

Any reform must address the safety and efficiency of the National Airspace System. It must be mission-driven. It must have a process which provides a stable, predictable funding system to adequately support air traffic control services, staffing, hiring, training, and long-term projects such as NextGen.

Any change must allow for continued growth of our aviation system. Any change must be dynamic. The aviation system must continue to provide all services to all segments of the aviation community. Any change we make needs to be precision-like so that we don't interrupt the day to day operation of the National Airspace System.

Our National Airspace System is an American treasure. Aviation is a uniquely American tradition. We cannot continue to shortchange it. We are still currently recovering from the sequestration cuts of 2013. Another round of cuts that are scheduled to take place this year will shrink our country's aviation footprint forever. We need to make appropriate changes to secure a stable funding stream for aviation. We need to establish a proper governance structure for our

National Airspace System; a structure that is not laden with bureaucratic lines of business, a structure that is not burdened or marred with bureaucratic process. We need a dynamic structure that is nimble. We need a structure that will allow us to grow aviation in this country and not shrink it. We need a structure that will allow us to modernize our facilities, equipment, procedures, and technology in a realistic timeframe. We need a structure that will give us the competitive edge to ensure our future leadership in the global aviation community.

Mr. Chairman, I thank you for the opportunity to testify in front of you today. I look forward to answering any of your questions or any questions the Senators may have. Thank you.



## NATCA legislative award winners

Southern Region  
Legislative  
Representative Jason  
Arnold (Memphis Center,  
ZME) was honored with  
the 2015 Trish Gilbert  
Legislative Activism

Award at NATCA in Washington (NiW) on Monday, May  
18, for his career-long work serving the Union through



extraordinary and influential efforts.

The award honors great activism and the tremendous amount of hard work, time, and dedication upon which it is built. The award presentation is an annual tradition at NiW starting in early 2009 when it was called the National Legislative Activism Award. The NLC renamed the award after Trish following her election later in 2009 as Executive Vice President.

"There are few things that Jason Arnold can't do," NLC Chairman Steve Weidner said, citing the creation of the NiW website, an array of online legislative forms and materials, and regular legislative updates as a few examples of his many important contributions. "All of these things need to be done to further our efforts and make us successful legislatively. Jason shows passion, dedication, and above all, an overall commitment to this organization. There is not a member in this Union he would not help to set up a visit or a Congressional tour of a facility.

"No matter the task, Jason anticipates what needs to be done before it is needed."

"This is very humbling," Arnold said, recalling watching the NFL awards ceremony a few months ago as Arizona Cardinals Coach Bruce Arians accepted the coach of the year award. "He said this was not an award for him, he just coached the team. I would not be up here today if not for all of you who inspire me on a daily basis. Back home, the controllers are working the boards so I can be here

today. Over there on the [audio/video] table is Jim Davoli (also of ZME). I would not be here if not for him."

Arnold also thanked his brothers and sisters from the Southern Region and the entire NLC.

"I have never been closer to a group of individuals in this organization than this Legislative Committee."

In closing, Arnold thanked his wife, Paula, for "putting up with my work at all hours of the day."

Previous winners of the Award:

2014: Toby Hauck

2013: Mitch Herrick

2012: Betsy Beaumont and AnnMarie Taggio

2011: Brody McCray

2010: Mark Griffin

2010: Trish Gilbert

2009: Linda Miller

NATCA also congratulates the winners of this year's regional legislative awards, which were presented individually during the regional breakout meetings on Monday, May 18. These NATCAvists have shown a great dedication to the legislative efforts of their respective regions. Their regional NLC member and their regional vice president chose them. They are:

Alaskan - Kasia Zych, Merrill Field ATCT

Central - Jason Stegmann, St. Louis TRACON

Eastern - Louis Caggiano, Newark ATCT

Great Lakes - Erin Phelps, Minneapolis Center

New England - Andrew Brennan and Bryan Krampovitis,  
Bradley ATCT

Northwest Mountain - Caryn Smith, Salt Lake Center

Southern Region - Jason Arnold, Memphis Center

Southwest - Jason Grider, Fort Worth Center

Western Pacific - Noel Kingston, Prescott ATCT

Region X - Steve Rosenfeld, Engineers Great Lakes

Thank you all for all your hard work!!

VIDEO: Honoring our award winners.



*WJCA Academy Schedule 2015*

Drug/Alcohol Representative Training	May 27-28	Atlanta, GA
Occupational Safety & Health Rep.	May 27-28	Atlanta, GA
<b>OWCP Representative Training CANCELED</b>	<b>May 27-28</b>	<b>Atlanta, GA</b>
<b>Contract Tower Representative Training CANCELED</b>	<b>June 2-3</b>	<b>Washington, DC</b>
Arbitration Advocate Training II	June 8-12	Atlanta, GA
Basic Representative Training	June 15-19	Las Vegas, NV
Secretary/Treasurer Training	September 15-16	Las Vegas, NV
Training Review Board	September 15-16	Las Vegas, NV
<i>Arbitration Advocate Training I</i>	<i>Sept. 28 - Oct. 1</i>	<i>Tentative</i>
Advanced Representative Training	October 5-8	Las Vegas, NV
Basic Representative Training	October 19-23	Las Vegas, NV
Secretary/Treasurer Training	December 1-2	Las Vegas, NV
Basic Legislative Activism Training	December 2-3	Las Vegas, NV



## 2015 NATCA NATIONAL ELECTION

- **ALASKAN REGION**

- **NORTHWEST MOUNTAIN REGION**
- **SOUTHERN REGION**
- **WESTERN PACIFIC REGION**
- **REGION X**

### **Instructions to register for electronic voting:**

As in past national elections, NATCA members will have the option of voting electronically in the 2015 NATCA National Election. Because the candidates for NATCA President, Executive Vice President, Central Regional Vice President, Eastern Regional Vice President, Great Lakes Regional Vice President, New England Regional Vice President, and Southwest Regional Vice President were all unopposed, only members in the regions listed above will vote for a candidate for Regional Vice President from their region.

NATCA members are strongly encouraged to use electronic voting. To vote electronically, you must register with Global Election Services (GES) at <https://www.esc-vote.com/natcareg>.

The registration period for electronic voting will begin on May 16, 2015 and end at 5:00 pm EDT on July 27, 2015. The registration page is secure and you will only be able to register once. To complete registration, you will be asked to provide your name, address, region, and personal e-mail address. You will also be asked to answer a few security questions that will be used for verification purposes during the voting process.

On June 30, 2015, each NATCA member registered to vote electronically will receive an e-mail from "[natcahelp@electionservices.corp.com](mailto:natcahelp@electionservices.corp.com)" at the personal e-mail address provided. This e-mail will contain a randomly selected login number and a link to the secure voting website. If you register to vote electronically, please adjust your e-mail spam filter as necessary to ensure that you

receive e-mails from GES. And, if you change your personal e-mail address after registering, please provide your updated e-mail address to GES via e-mail at ["natcareg@electionservicescorp.com."](mailto:natcareg@electionservicescorp.com)

Members who register to vote electronically before ballots are issued on June 30, 2015 will not receive mail ballot packages at their home addresses, which will save NATCA a significant amount of money in printing and postage costs. If you do not register to vote electronically by June 30, 2015, a mail ballot package will be mailed to your home address. However, you will still be able to vote electronically. The mail ballot package will contain detailed instructions on how to vote electronically using a unique login number printed on the perforated section of the mail ballot.



## UPCOMING RETIREMENT SEMINARS PROVIDED BY 4 SQUARE

LOCATIONS	3:00PM to 9:00PM	9:00AM to 3:00PM
Charlotte	May 26	May 27
D.C.	May 28	May 29
Columbus	June 9	June 10
Phoenix	June 9	June 10

Kalamazoo	June 11	June 12
Seattle RO (ENM)	June 16	June 17
Denver	June 23	June 24
Omaha	July 14	July 15
Albuquerque	July 16	July 17
Des Moines	July 16	July 17
Nashville	July 28	July 29
Olathe, KS	August 4	August 5
Houston (IAH)	August 18	August 19
Seattle	September 2	September 3
Birmingham	September 22	September 23
New England (ENE)	October 6	October 7
Nashua	October 13	October 14
New Bedford, MA	October 15	October 16
Fort Smith	October 27	October 28
Dallas (DFW)	October 29	October 30
West Virginia	November 3	November 4
Las Vegas	November 12	November 13
Anchorage	November 17	November 18
Fairbanks	November 19	November 20
Juneau	January 26, 2016	January 27, 2016
<b>LOCATIONS</b>	<b>3:00PM to 9:00PM</b>	<b>9:00AM to 3:00PM</b>

When you want to register for one of the above referenced seminars, please do so by signing on to the NATCA [Portal](#). Please verify the personal information listed for you including email and cell phone number. If any information is incorrect or missing, please correct or add it under the My Profile tab.

To register for a seminar, click the "Events" tab, followed by "2015 Retirement Seminars." Complete the requested information and click "Next." When you come to the screen listing the seminars, select the one you wish to attend. Then, hit "Next" verify your requested

seminar information and then click "Done." You will receive a confirmation email that your registration was complete.

A second email will be sent two to three weeks prior to the seminar giving you the logistical information for the seminar. Also included in this email will be instructions on how to obtain a benefits estimate at the seminar.

Spouses and significant others are also invited to attend. Please ensure that you add them to the registration when asked if you will be bringing a guest.

Please try to register three weeks prior to the seminar. Walk-ins are permitted to attend as long as you can provide your membership ID number. However, you will be unable to obtain a benefits estimate at the seminar.

We are now offering Career Optimization and Retirement Education (C.O.R.E.) Seminars in many cities! These seminars are geared towards employees with 0-15 years of service who want to maximize their retirement benefits and plan for financial stability in retirement. Log in to the [Portal](#) today to see which cities are offering this great new program.

If you have any questions regarding these events, the registration process, or would like to have a retirement seminar take place in your area, please contact Abigail Glenn-Chase at [aglennchase@natcadc.org](mailto:aglennchase@natcadc.org).

Two weeks ago Trish joined others in OKC for a student meet and greet.

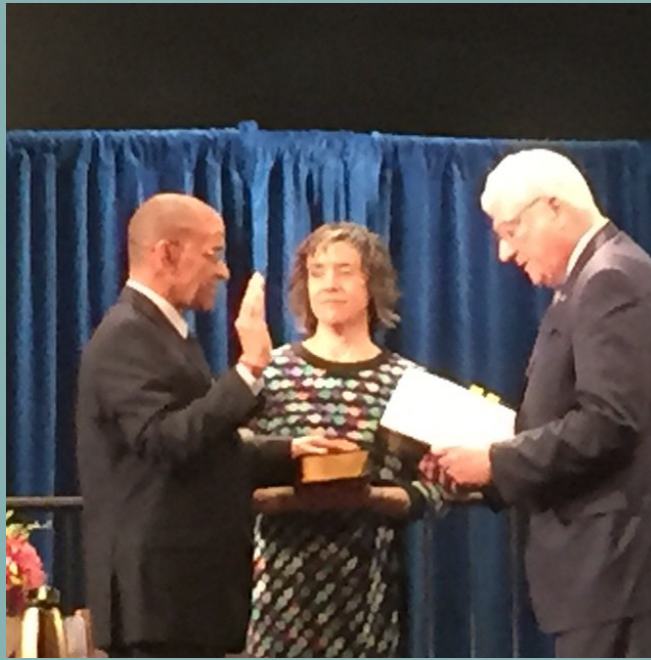


Trish then joined Paul in Ottawa to visit the NAVCANADA operation and tech center.



In addition to NATCA In Washington last week, Paul testified before the Senate as reported above. Trish flew to Chicago on Wednesday to speak at the annual Supcom conference. On Thursday Trish opened up the NATCA media training at the National Press Club before attending Chairman Hart's swearing-in ceremony.





Paul flew to EWR that day and participated in a press conference with the Administrator, facrep Ray Adams and Article 48 rep Chad Geyer on DATACOMM. Click [here](#) for one of the broadcasts.

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