

# *Team Update Veterans Day*



*This Veterans Day, NATCA is proud to honor our members - and all of the men and women - who have served our country in the military. Thank you.*

*Today we pay tribute and honor to the brave men and women who have worn the uniform and made individual sacrifices by serving in the military. To each of you and your family members who have served and who continue to do so, we want to personally thank you for your dedication and sacrifice to the country. We have enjoyed the many proud pictures of those that have been in uniform that are posted on social media outlets.*

*Below we wanted to share a video of an individual that gives back to those that have been injured in the line of duty.*

*CNN Hero: Arthur Bloom*

*Happy Veterans Day and thank you for your service,*

*Paul Rinaldi - NATCA President*

*Trish Gilbert - NATCA EVP*



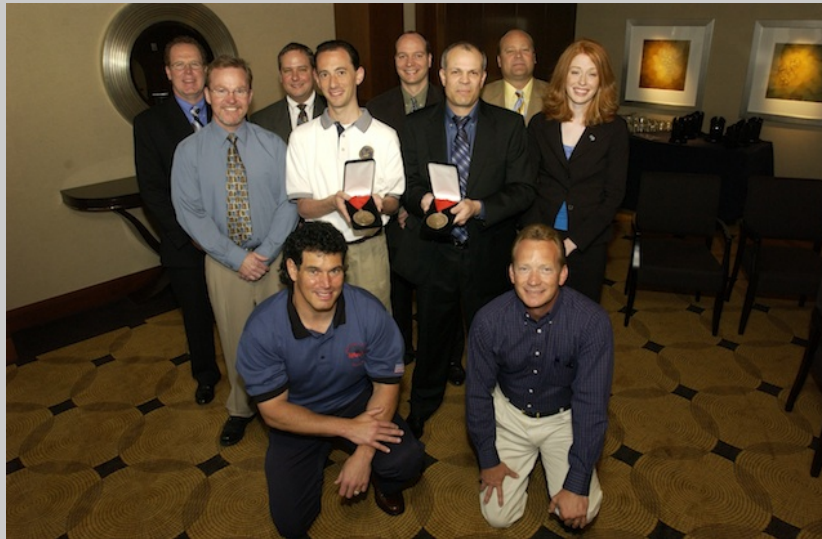
# NATCA Remembers Retired ICT Member Mark "Finger" Goldstein

We were shocked, and deeply saddened by the death of our beloved colleague, friend, and NATCA brother Mark Goldstein in a tragic accident in Wichita. The accident occurred on October 30th when soon after take off he reported a problem with the left engine of the Beechcraft King Air he was flying. Our thoughts and deepest condolences are with all of our members and FAA employees at Wichita Tower and TRACON, where Mark served as a very skilled and highly professional air traffic controller. This is a terrible loss for them, and for everyone who knew Mark.

Mark was an air traffic controller for 33 years. Mark started as an air traffic controller in the U.S. Navy beginning in 1981. He retired last October to dedicate more of his time to flying and was instrument, commercial, and multi-engine rated. Mark began working as a contract pilot based out of ICT and also volunteered his time for youth organizations to spread his love of aviation.

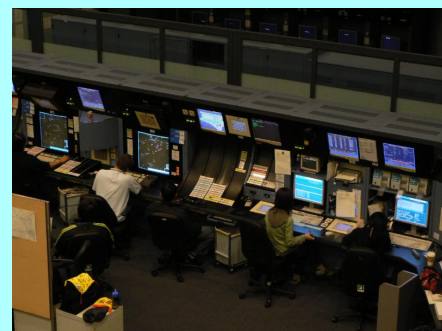


Mark dedicated his career to aviation safety, which earned him two prestigious Archie League Medal of Safety Awards in 2004 and 2005.



Mark's friends and colleagues gathered for a memorial at one of his favorite restaurants in Wichita on October 31. Click [HERE](#) to read more about Mark.

## Policy on Working Positions when Training has been Suspended or Terminated



The FAA has been inconsistent when developmentals and CPC-IT's are suspended and/or terminated from training with regard to whether they are allowed to work position(s). NATCA has been working collaboratively with the FAA to provide guidance and consistent application. Please see the attached [memo](#).

## 2014 Midterm Elections



First, let us say thank you for all the hard work by so many of our members (retired and active) and NATCA staff leading up to Election Day. Campaign work is not easy and motivating others to participate is even harder.



**Paul and Senator Warner - VA**

One of our goals at the outset of these elections was to hold a Democratic majority in the Senate. As you know, that didn't happen and we now move forward and, as always, ensure the debate is on the importance of National Airspace System on the economy. We have a lot of friends on both sides of the aisle - in both chambers - and many of them want to work with us and are clear on the role we play in the National Airspace System.

While we hate to lose friends on the Hill, each new member of Congress is a new opportunity for us expand NATCA's Majority and educate new people on the vital work we do. Air traffic control and aviation safety are not partisan issues. It is our job to educate this new Congress on the issues that matter. Now we look ahead to the next Congress and to expanding NATCA's Majority. While the circumstances are not ideal we have no doubt in our team's ability to confront any challenges with tenacity and passion and with the system and our members interests first and foremost.



NATCA Communicating For Safety 2015 is open. Visit [www.natcacfs.com](http://www.natcacfs.com) to secure a spot at the aviation industry's leading conference!

Nominations for the [Archie League Medal of Safety Awards](#) are now being accepted. All flight assists taking place this calendar year (January 1, 2014-December 31, 2014) are eligible for a nomination.

Archie League Medal of Safety Awards - 2014  
Promotional Video



## *NATCA Academy Schedule*

### Remainder Of 2014

Secretary/Treasurer Training	November 18-19	Costa Mesa, CA
Basic Representative Training	December 8-12	New Orleans, LA

### 2015

Training Review Board	January 21-22	Las Vegas, NV
Basic Legislative Activism Training	January 26-27	Las Vegas, NV
Arbitration Advocate Training I	February 2-5	Tampa, FL
Basic Representative Training	February 9-13	Las Vegas, NV
Basic Legislative Activism Training	April 7-8	Las Vegas, NV
Basic Representative Training	April 13-17	Las Vegas, NV
Advanced Representative Training	April 20-23	Las Vegas, NV
Secretary/Treasurer Training	May 12-13	Las Vegas, NV
Drug/Alcohol Representative Training	May 27-28	Atlanta, GA
Occupational Safety & Health Rep.	May 27-28	TBD
OWCP Representative Training	May 27-28	TBD
Contract Tower Representative Training	June 2-3	Washington, DC
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
Advanced Legislative Activism Training	TBD	TBD



## **NATCA National Election Information from the National Election Committee and Office of General Counsel on the 2015 NATCA National Executive Board Elections**

The National Election Committee met in May 2014 to work on establishing the rules and dates of the 2015 NATCA National Election. The official notice of election/election rules will be mailed to each member's home address around the end of this year. Prior to that mailing, however, members should note the following important dates that the National Election Committee has established for next year's election:

March 31, 2015 - Nominations due for the offices of President, Executive Vice President, and the Regional Vice Presidents

May 1, 2015 - Nomination acceptances due

June 30, 2015 - Ballots distributed to the membership

July 24, 2015 - Deadline for duplicate ballot request



July 30, 2015 - Deadline for returned ballots

July 31, 2015 - Ballot count

September 1, 2015 - Elected officers take office

If any members have questions about the upcoming election, they should contact a member of the [National Election Committee](#) or NATCA General Counsel [Marguerite Graf](#).



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## **ATSAP Reaches Impressive New Milestone: 100,000 Reports**

The Air Traffic Safety Action Program (ATSAP) has reached an impressive new milestone: 100,000 reports!

The total represents more than double the amount of reports filed just 28 months ago.

NATCA National Safety Committee (NSC) Chairman Steve Hansen said the milestone represents both the steady growth of the program and an increase in the overall awareness of ATSAP as a key component of the ATO's shift to a safety culture.

"When we first rolled out ATSAP in the fall of 2008, we did not expect any reports. But to our surprise, reports began flowing in immediately," Hansen said. "In addition to all the hard work the ATSAP team has done to ensure the program is a success, I believe this really shows that NATCA controllers care about the safety of the NAS and want to ensure their perspective is heard."

Added Mike Blake, the ATSAP representative on the NSC, "This milestone is a testament to the hard work our NATCA ERC members and analysts do every day to make this program successful."

For more on the program, please go to [www.atsapsafety.com](http://www.atsapsafety.com).

To access the ATSAP mobile site, please click [HERE](#).

COMING SOON: A new ATSAP app.



## **NATCA Members Win ATCA Awards for Professionalism, Dedication to Safety**

Five NATCA members - Matt Sheffield (Houston TRACON, I90, pictured), Kristen Lewandowski (Portland TRACON, P80, pictured), Nunzio DiMillo (Boston ATCT, BOS), Mark Schad (St. Louis TRACON, T75), and Kevin Oswald (Kissimmee ATCT, ISM) - and one facility - Orlando International ATCT (MCO) - were recognized by the Air Traffic Control Association (ATCA) for their professionalism and dedication to safety at an awards luncheon on September 29 at their annual conference.

Congratulations on this terrific achievement! To read more about the award winners click [HERE](#).

Last week Trish attended the IFATCA Americas Regional Meeting with NATCA safety committee

member Danny Aguerre  
– ZMA.

This week we were joined  
by the Finance  
Committee, NATCA  
Membership  
Investments (NMI)  
Board and National  
Executive Board for the  
annual budget meeting.  
The NATCA Charitable  
Foundation Board (where  
Trish serves as a Director) also had their annual meeting at the  
National Office.



John Carr- IFATCA EVP Americas, Danny Aguerre - NATCA  
Safety Committee, Trish - NATCA EVP and Patrik Peters -  
IFATCA President

We also held the first NATCA all day Media Training at the National  
Press Club in DC. While the training received great reviews by  
many of the participants we identified some tweaks that we need  
to make before the next training.





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