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Honoring America's Fallen Heroes This Memorial Day

Millions of Americans throughout our nation's history have signed up for the armed forces to defend our nation. Many served during a time of war, knowing that they may make the ultimate sacrifice in service to others. Memorial Day is a sacred day when we as a nation honor the courage and sacrifice of those who have laid down their lives and support the ones they've left behind. NATCA honors the lives



***On Memorial Day,
we honor the men
and women who
died while serving
our country.***



Wishing you peace on this sacred day.

of those members of the armed forces who lost their lives. We acknowledge the great personal loss that is a reality for many veterans and their families.

The last year and a half have been hard on many Americans, and this weekend of remembrance may add to the already heavy burden for you or someone you know.

On this day, your Union family stands with you. You have our gratitude and support.

Trish Gilbert Elected as IFATCA EVP Americas, Succeeding NATCA President Emeritus John Carr

During the 2021 International Federation of Air Traffic Controllers' Associations (IFATCA) annual conference, the member associations (MA) from the Americas Region elected NATCA Executive Vice President (EVP) Trish Gilbert to be the EVP for their region and join the Federation's Executive Board. IFATCA is the international organization that represents more than 50,000 air traffic professionals in more than 130 countries. The Americas Region includes 25 countries in South, Central, and North America and the Caribbean.

In her comments to IFATCA's member associations prior to the vote, Gilbert talked about how she has been blessed to have the career of air traffic controller and how it has been the "honor of a lifetime to represent the women and men that keep our skies safe."

Gilbert added, "During my tenure as NATCA EVP, I have had the pleasure to work closely with many of you in IFATCA. I have come to appreciate and admire the critical role that the Federation plays in the lives of ATCOs in the many MAs across the globe. I look forward to working with the IFATCA Executive Board, its committees, and representatives."



About Gilbert joining the Federation's leadership, IFATCA President & CEO Duncan Auld stated, "We welcome Trish Gilbert on to the Board. It appears that she's up for a challenge. It is not a great time to be kicking off with anything. But we thank her for giving us the chance to work with her."

Gilbert is replacing former IFATCA EVP for the Americas Region John Carr. He was first elected to the position at the end of IFATCA's 2014 annual conference in Gran Canaria, Spain. He was re-elected at IFATCA's 2016 annual conference in Las Vegas and also at its 2018 annual conference in Accra, Ghana. Carr served two terms as NATCA president from 2000-2006.

About Carr ending his time in the Federation's leadership, Auld said, "John Carr will be leaving us after seven years of service on the Executive Board. He joined bringing a wealth of knowledge from his time in leadership of NATCA. Working hard with associations and prospective associations in particular the Central and South America regions, he took the issues to heart. And his dedication and commitment were shown with the multi-year campaign with the Dominican Republic. There are some guys there and in other countries that owe their freedom to the work that John did. His dedication and commitment to the objectives of the Federation and his progress in the region deserve recognition."

AOPA's Richard McSpadden Confirmed to Speak at CFS; Registration Opens June 2



Registration for [Communicating For Safety \(CFS\) 2021](#) opens June 2 and those attending the event at Bally's Las Vegas (Sept. 27-29) will be treated to a visit by one of the nation's leading aviation safety experts. Richard McSpadden, former Air Force Thunderbirds commander and now the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) Air Safety Institute (ASI) Senior Vice President, will speak at a time when pilot-controller communications are improving and opportunities to interact are becoming more popular.



McSpadden says he has noticed the increased participation in pilot-controller seminars and the expansion of training and learning opportunities both online and, now, safely in person.

"I love it! It's so positive for aviation," McSpadden said. "I remember when the controller/pilot relationships were adversarial. Pilots didn't trust controllers and likewise, controllers were suspicious of pilot intent. Now I see a much more collaborative and positive relationship."

McSpadden was appointed executive director of the ASI in February 2017 and was promoted to senior vice president in July 2020. He currently leads a team of certified flight instructors and content creators who develop and distribute free aviation safety material in order to advance general aviation safety industrywide. ASI distributes material through a dedicated [YouTube channel](#), [iTunes podcasts](#), [Facebook](#), and a [dynamic website](#). ASI material is accessed 12 million times annually.



"Some of our most popular seminars are our 'Ask the Controller,' which NATCA has helped us deliver," McSpadden said. "They always go long, with more questions than we have time to answer. It helps to dispel myths and urban legends. Pilots get direct, accurate answers from a source they can trust. It's

great to see pilots react to the face behind the voice and realize, you're just

professionals, trying your best to be good at your job, just like we're trying our best to be good pilots."

A native of Panama City, Fla., McSpadden started flying as a teenager and has logged over 5,000 hours flying a variety of civilian and military aircraft. McSpadden is a commercial pilot, CFII, MEI with SES, MES ratings and a 525S (Citation Jet Single Pilot) type rating. He taught his son to fly, instructed his daughter to solo in their Piper Super Cub, previously owned a 1950 Navion that was in his family for almost 40 years, and currently owns a 1993 Piper Super Cub.

"My father inspired my brother, a UPS 747 captain, and me," McSpadden said. "As early as I can remember, we were building model airplanes and flying hand toggled airplanes around in a circle. I got hooked as a junior in college, when I saw how much my Dad was enjoying his flying lessons. I started soon after him, in Greensboro, N.C., at a small airport, [Air Harbor \(W88\)](#), and then signed up for Air Force ROTC to fly for the USAF."

McSpadden served in the Air Force for 20 years, including the prestigious role of commander and flight leader of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds flight demonstration team where he led over 100 flight demonstrations flying the lead aircraft.

[Read our full interview with McSpadden here.](#) To register for CFS starting June 2, please [visit our CFS webpage.](#)



16th Annual Archie League Medal of Safety Award Winners' Spotlight

Southwest Region: Christopher Clavin and Randy Wilkins, Fort Worth Center (ZFW)

Fort Worth Center (ZFW) air traffic controller Randy Wilkins (pictured left) has worked enough general aviation traffic in his 13 years there to know that while he and his colleagues aim to provide the best support they can and the most information possible to pilots who encounter difficulty, ultimately, it's up to the pilot to finish off a safe landing.

But Wilkins is passionate about training and developing his base of knowledge in as many different ways as he can to be prepared for challenging situations. That



includes researching air safety investigations in his spare time, looking at how past NATCA Archie League Medal of Safety Award-winning controllers handled situations, watching YouTube instructional videos of VFR pilots encountering IFR conditions, and learning about the dangers of pilot vertigo in instrument meteorological conditions (IMC).

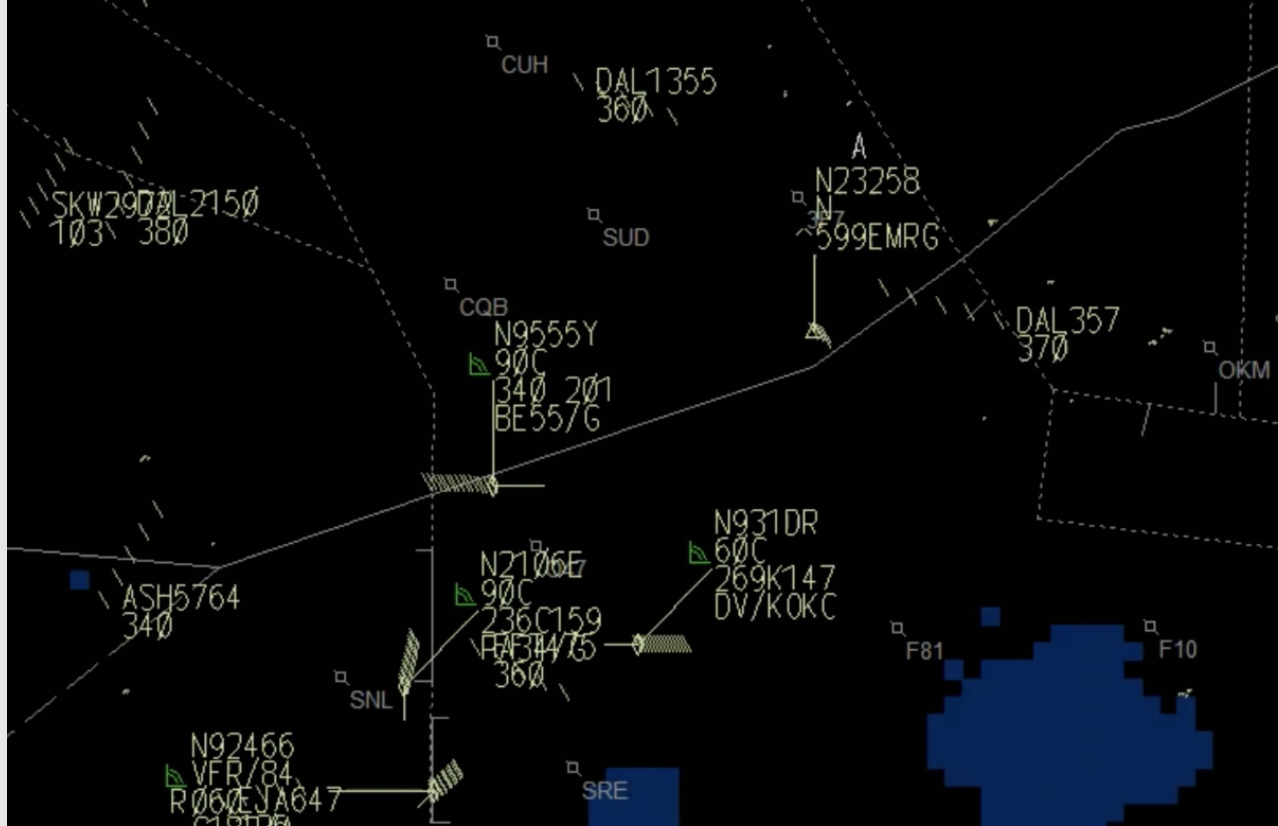
“You watch a video and think, ‘well, what would I do? Would I know to say that? Would I know to think about this?’ So I really fall back on those replays,” said Wilkins, who said one of the most important things he learned from watching other Archie

League Award event replays is the importance of being calm on the radio, as it helps keep the pilot calm and focused. “If I was a pilot, I would think, ‘if that was me, what would I want to know, and what would I want somebody to say to me before I did this?’ The worst thing you hear about is people getting disoriented and flipped upside-down. The likelihood of getting disoriented in clouds if you’re not used to it is pretty high.”

That was the situation a Cessna 150 pilot faced in Wilkins’s airspace as he flew in solid IFR conditions near the boundary of Kansas City Center (ZKC) airspace, between Oklahoma City approach control and Tulsa approach control. He was lost, definitely under stress, and sought help through the Guard radio frequency. He ended up talking to a Southwest Airlines pilot who was trying to figure out where he was.



Five years ago, ZFW began piping the Guard frequency into the operation. Wilkins says that alerted him to this situation. He got the pilot onto a ZFW frequency, brought up his location on radar, and gave the data block an EMRG designation for emergency.



“(Guard) is absolutely helpful in situations such as this. I think it’s very important and very useful,” said Wilkins, an Indiana native who graduated from Purdue. He started in engineering but later switched to Aviation Technology, Purdue’s CTI program.

The pilot was having trouble holding altitude and did not have the power to climb well. He was talking pretty well with Wilkins but then became frustrated and began to fly in circles.



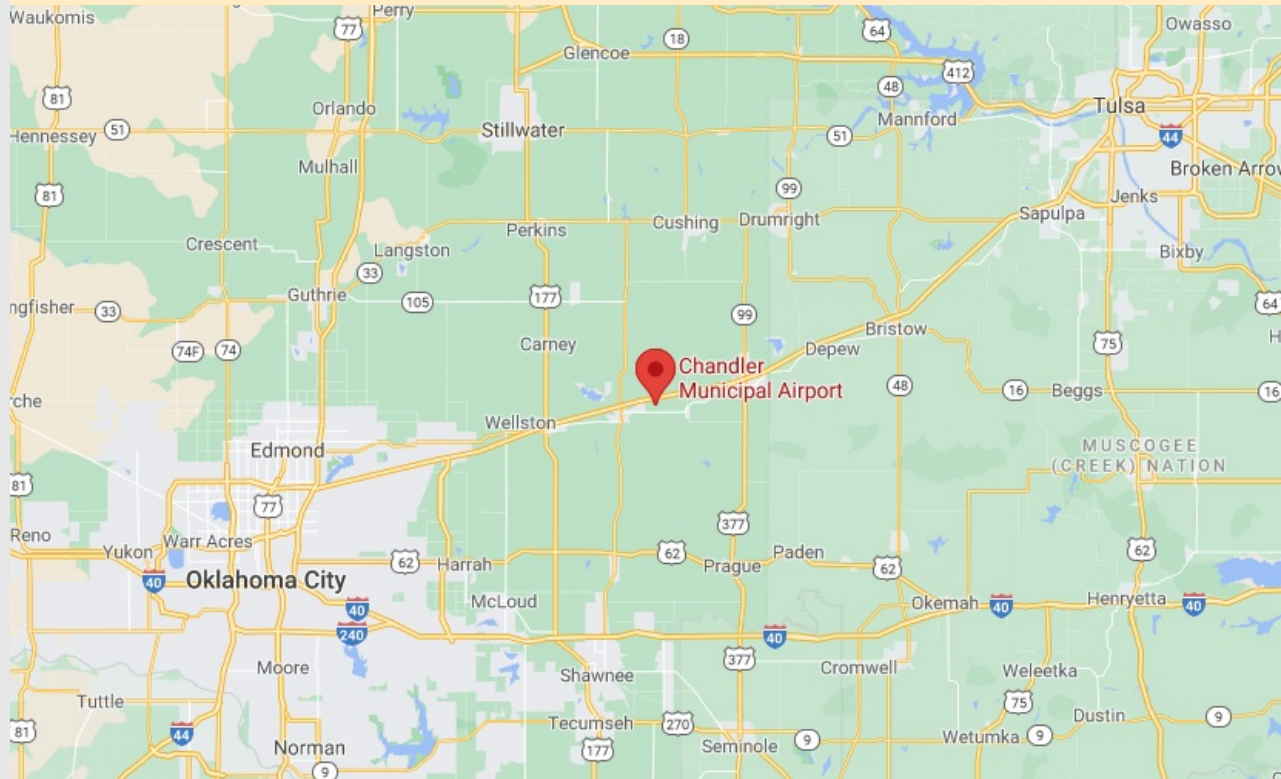
At that point, fellow controller Chris Clavin (pictured left), a Long Island, N.Y., native who began his career at ZFW three years ago, was working initially in the Ardmore sector near the end of his shift but heard the chatter on Guard. He sat down with Wilkins and the two controllers worked to find a place for the pilot to fly to and land safely.

“While Randy’s dealing with talking to the pilot, I was just trying to get the most up to date weather information that I could between Stillwater, Kansas City Center, Oklahoma City Approach, and Tulsa Approach to see if they had any guys going VFR in the airports around there,” Clavin said. “I was just trying to make sure that Randy didn’t have to do any coordination. It was my job to make sure he could focus on the pilot and I’ll take care of all the other stuff.”

The only good weather report was from the west side of Oklahoma City airspace, but the pilot was too far away to reach it with only ¼ tank of fuel remaining. Wilkins told him to focus on his instruments, don’t look out the window, and keep his wings level and airspeed up.

“You could see him going through the process of learning how to fly, either on his instruments or however he was doing it,” Wilkins said. “You could see him getting better and better at taking control of his aircraft. That might have saved his life - the 10 minutes he had to get used to flying in a manner like that, rather than saying, ‘I’ve gotta get through the clouds now.’ That’s how it looked to me.”

The landing spot was picked - Chandler Municipal Airport (CQB), located near Interstate 44 between Oklahoma City and Tulsa. The ceiling was only 900 feet but better than other options. At that point, Wilkins and Clavin lost radio communications as the pilot descended beneath 2,500 feet. They put him on an advisory frequency, relayed information through another general aviation pilot, and waited for word that he landed safely.



“You don’t want to think the worst, but there’s other things going on in the sector that we had to take care of,” Clavin said. “It felt like 20 years before we finally got the update that he was on the ground.”

Clavin expressed gratitude at being selected as an Archie League Medal of Safety Award winner.

“After seeing [previous years’ winners](#) and looking at all of those events, it’s definitely an honor,” Clavin said. “I will be honest and say that, as the assistant, I don’t feel that I deserve nearly as much credit as Randy does. But I’m glad I was able to help and do anything I could.”

Wilkins says he looks at past winners with amazement and a “how did they do that?” wonder, but places high value on each event’s training value. He marvels in particular at the [2013 President’s Award-winning flight assist by Boston ATCT \(BOS\) controller Nunzio DiMillo](#) that saved lives when DiMillo saw a Cirrus SR22 erroneously lined up to land on a taxiway occupied by a JetBlue flight.

“To be categorized like that is an honor, and I really hope that people can take it and learn something from it, because that’s really what this is all about,” Wilkins said. “It’s about honoring the controllers that did a good job, but I try to use it as a training tool to say, ‘here’s what happened and this is what you can do if you get

into this situation.' That's what I really hope comes out of it."



Listen as Fort Worth Center controllers Chris Clavin and Randy Wilkins help a Cessna pilot out of the clouds above Central Oklahoma, in this episode of The NATCA Podcast. [Click here](#) to listen.

Other ways to listen to The NATCA Podcast:

[Apple Podcasts](#) | [Google Podcasts](#) | [iHeart Radio](#) | [Spotify](#) | [Stitcher](#)

Honoring NATCA Members During Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month



Every May, Americans recognize the contributions and influences of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States. Today, we are honored to recognize NATCA member Dan Nakamitsu.

Dan Nakamitsu is an air traffic control specialist who began his career in November 2000 at New York Center (ZNY) and transferred to Honolulu Control Facility (HCF) in 2008. His father worked for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in Airway Facilities at the time and encouraged him to consider becoming an air traffic controller. "Although I was always interested in modes of transportation, I didn't think I would like it," said Nakamitsu. "However, after attending an air traffic control training program in Minneapolis, I came to the realization that the profession was a way to combine my love for puzzles and aircraft."

Nakamitsu has been a NATCA member for almost 21 years, and although in the regular world, being Asian American/Pacific Islander can lead to feelings of being foreign or invisible, Nakamitsu says he has been spared that experience in the workplace. "Beginning my career in a high pressure, high density environment like New York certainly instilled qualities of assertiveness, persistence, and resilience," he said. "Those traits, as well as the fraternal nature of being part of



NATCA, allowed me to be heard and seen."

Nakamitsu believes continued outreach to minority communities in the form of education or community service could help lead people to seek employment in the aviation field. "Also, within NATCA, empowering minority communities of any kind to volunteer for assignments could lead to greater visibility," he said.

"As air traffic controllers, the public knows us by our voices — voices without color or ethnicity, but singular in spirit, of indistinguishable resolve, and equally committed to safety. For although we may be many, we speak in one voice, with one purpose, and for one mission. Today, my face, an Asian Pacific American face, to be seen and correlated with that powerful NATCA voice is both humbling and an honor. I have had the pleasure and privilege of being elected by colleagues as a representative in our Union. As one member of a larger family, I am proud that together we contribute to the safest, most efficient air traffic control system in the world. Most of all, however, I am proud to be Union and proud to be NATCA."

National Professionalism Award: Demonstrate, Motivate, Inspire

It's time to nominate your peers for the 2021 NATCA National Professionalism Award!

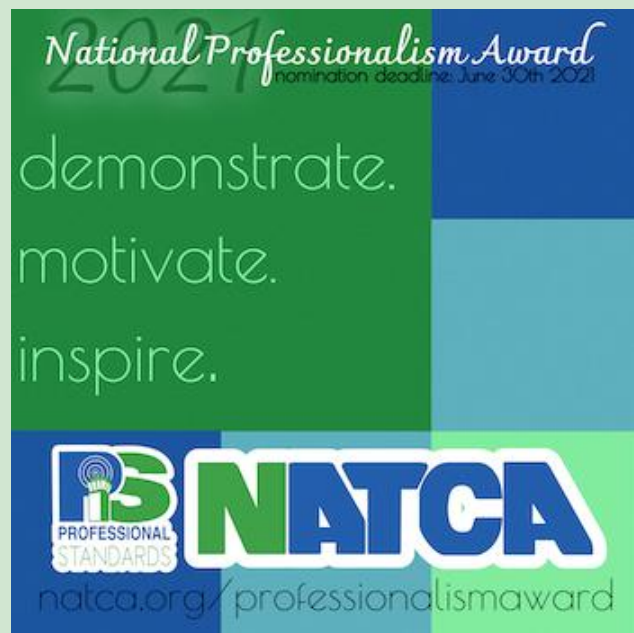
We need your help to recognize the exceptional individuals you work with day in and day out who demonstrate, motivate, and inspire others at work.

You know who we are talking about — the individuals who set high standards for themselves and also help elevate others around them. The person who when faced with conflicts or challenges, realizes that they have a choice regarding the manner in which they respond. The person who you know you can depend on for help when you need it. The person who exemplifies professionalism.

We would love to have the opportunity to recognize these members in a positive way by celebrating them at Communicating For Safety (Sept. 27-29, Bally's Las Vegas).

Help us learn about these very special and important individuals by creating a thoughtful write-up [using our nomination form](#). We look forward to hearing your stories about these dedicated and committed members.

The deadline for nominations is **June 30**. [Click here](#) to learn more about NATCA's National Professionalism Award and [click here](#) to view past winners of the award.



RNAV Member Completes 250-Mile Race Across Arizona



Retired NATCA Active Volunteers (RNAV) and Boots On The Ground member Noel Kingston recently completed a 250-mile race across Arizona. The Cocodona 250 links together some of the most iconic trails and towns in Arizona for one monumental undertaking of 250 consecutive miles.

"I love the mental and physical challenges of these extreme distance races with the added bonus of seeing amazing scenery and hanging out with great people," Kingston said. "I feel fortunate that I was physically able to participate in this race and would absolutely do it again."

The race started in Black Canyon City, Ariz., an hour north of Phoenix and featured close to 42,000 feet in cumulative gain (and 37,000 feet in cumulative loss) before its finish in Flagstaff. The heat and tough conditions led to more than 60 runners dropping out of the race

before completion, but Kingston persevered, completing the 250 miles in 4 days, 12 hours and 11 minutes. Kingston averaged 56.9 miles per day, also celebrating his birthday while on the trail.

[Click here](#) to see Kingston's results and map progression.



Celebrate Pride Month with
Pride 2021 Shirt from NCF

2021 PRIDE MONTH FUNDRAISER



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ORDER BY MAY 31 TO RECEIVE SHIRTS BY MID-JUNE

Celebrate Pride Month and show your solidarity with your NATCA brothers and sisters by purchasing a Pride 2021 shirt from the NATCA Charitable Foundation. All proceeds from these sales — along with an additional \$2,000 donation from NCF — will go to support LGBTQ+ youth in crisis in LA (the Los Angeles LGBT

Center), New York City (New Alternatives for LGBT Homeless Youth), and Washington, D.C. (SMYAL or Supporting and Mentoring Youth Advocates and Leaders). [Order here](#) by May 31 to receive your shirt by mid-June.

Participate in NCF's One Mile at a Time Challenge



1 MILE AT A TIME

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Big challenges often have small beginnings and that's what the "1 Mile at a Time" challenge is all about. Every day during the month of June complete 1 mile of activity (walk, run, hike, bike, or any fun activity), and by the end of the month you will have completed the same distance as Jenny's ultramarathon.

Sign up and receive a Free NCF hat with registration
Jenny.givesmart.com





As a part of [Jenny Benjamin's training for Ironman Florida](#), she will be completing the Mount Evans Ascent Round-Trip Road Race on June 27. The race takes place on America's highest road and climbs about 4,000 feet to the summit of Mount Evans, an iconic Colorado 14'er (14,264 feet). The race will be Jenny's first ultramarathon distance, about 29 miles total.

She would like your support to complete the same distance during the month of June. The NATCA Charitable Foundation (NCF) is hosting the 1 Mile at a Time Challenge. Every day during the month of June, complete one mile of activity (walk, run, hike, bike, or any fun activity), and by the end of the month, you will have completed the same distance as Jenny's ultramarathon.

By [registering and participating in NCF's 1 Mile at a Time Challenge](#) we are continuing to raise money for NCF with a portion of the proceeds to benefit the [Dare2Tri organization](#). Because this is a team effort, we would love for you to share your experience, encourage friends and family to complete the challenge, and most of all, enjoy getting active!

All participants will receive an NCF cotton twill, mesh back prostyle structured hat with their \$30 registration fee. Join us on our [Facebook Event Page](#). We would love to see you and your accomplishments.

National Office Staff Employee Spotlight: Mark Prestrude

We have an amazing National Office staff that our membership can be very proud of. They work hard every day and are committed to providing our members with the very best service and representation in organized labor. Today, we feature En Route Technology Representative Mark Prestrude. Thank you for your service to our NATCA family, Mark!

Where are you from, or what places have you lived?

Prestrude: I grew up in North Dakota and lived for most of my life in Utah.

Where did you go to school, or what other education do you have?

Prestrude: I went to high school in North Dakota, and I have an associate's degree in electrical and electronics engineering from Salt Lake Community College in Utah.



How did you come to work at NATCA?

Prestrude: After I retired from the FAA in 2013, I noticed the job opening posted in a Retired NATCA Active Volunteers (RNAV) group and knew the job would be awesome. I applied and received a very pleasant reply explaining that at this time they had decided not to fill the position. I truly didn't expect to be hired and remember thinking that was a nice way of saying thanks, but no thanks. Then about four months later, I got a call from (retired member and former Safety and Technology Director) Dale Wright asking if I was still interested, and I was, but I also thought, wow, they must be having a hard time filling this. I flew to D.C. for an interview with Dale, Paul, and Trish, and to my surprise, was offered the position.

Do you have family members who are involved in unions?

Prestrude: My sister Becky and her husband Darrell Salberg are retired International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW) members, and my sister Ann Wendel has been active in her teacher's union so I have been able to hear how other professions' unions work for their members.

What's the most rewarding part of being a member of NATCA's staff?

Prestrude: As a Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization (PATCO) controller that was fired in 1981 and rehired in 1997, I know how much I personally owe this organization. Without NATCA, very few PATCO controllers would ever have had the opportunity to get their dream job back. So the most rewarding part of being a member of NATCA's staff is to work for the membership of an organization that gave me the chance to complete a great career in the FAA.

What's the most challenging?

Prestrude: Understanding and accepting how long it takes the FAA to deploy new technology.

Do you have any hobbies or any other activities you enjoy outside of your work for NATCA?

Prestrude: Taking a trip anywhere with my wife Lynette!

Has there been a favorite moment for you while at NATCA?

Prestrude: Not long after I started I found myself in the elevator with Barry Krasner and just had to tell him what a privilege it was to be working at NATCA, and with him, and in a building named after him. I'm sure I was like a little kid, and he must have thought, "What's up with the new guy?"

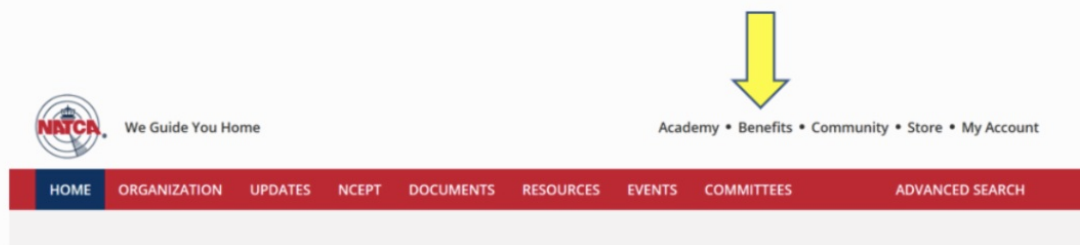
IT Tech Tip: NATCA Website, Benefits Section

Who doesn't want to save money? This edition of *ITC Tech Tips* shows you how to access information on all benefits available to NATCA members. NATCA's National Benefits Committee (NBC) is always working hard to bring our members the best discounts and savings. For more information on the NBC, go to their page on the member's side: <https://www.natca.org/committees/nbc/>.

For more information about NATCA member benefits, check out the benefits page at www.natca.org/benefits and follow the steps below.



STEP 1: Navigate to www.natca.org/benefits. You can also access the Benefits section by clicking "Benefits" on the top right menu on the member's home page.



STEP 2: Explore the Benefits Menu



NATCA Benefits Listings:

- **Entertainment** – Great Wolf Lodge, Disney, Oceans of Fun, Worlds of Fun, and much more
- **Cruises** – Interline Travel by Dynamic Travel and Cruises (offers a wide variety of fare discounts for NATCA members for 18 cruise lines)
- **Home/Auto** – AT&T, Office Depot, Lenovo, Identity Guard, Beacon Relocation, Ford, Bonus Drive, Bridgestone/Firestone, Geico, Goodyear, Budget, Car Rental, True Car

- **Health** – AMAS, American Hearing Benefits, Dental Insurance, eHealth Medicare, Eye Med, Well
- **Card Rx Financial/Retirement** – Union Plus Credit Card Program, FEGLI, Mortgage Program, UNUM, 4 Square Financial Literacy Partners, Retirement Counseling, SkyOne Federal Credit Union, Cambridge Financial Partners
- All **Union Plus** benefits and discounts
- **Education** – Penn State World Campus, NATCA Scholarship Program, Union Plus Scholarships

If you have questions about any IT matter, contact the ITC members at itc@list.natca.net.

Member Benefit Spotlight: Interline Travel by Dynamic Travel

No one works harder than NATCA members to ensure the safety and efficiency of the flying public on a daily basis. Whether for business or pleasure, our members ensure people get from point A to B with as little headache as possible.

As we are adjusting back to a sense of normalcy, it is time to start vacation planning and looking for some rest and relaxation in the near future. Vacations are not always easy to plan, due to daily fluctuating prices, too many sites to decipher from, and so many hidden fees. Isn't it time to alleviate some of the headaches associated with travel?

Look no further than Interline Travel by Dynamic Travel. Interline Travel offers deeply discounted rates offered exclusively to aviation personnel. Not available to the general public, cruise lines, hotels, rental cars, tour companies, and even Disney offer these discounts when they have extra rooms to sell, as a way to thank those in the industry for transporting the majority of their guests. Also, now with [Hotels by InterlineTravel.com](http://HotelsbyInterlineTravel.com), NATCA members have access to over 600,000 hotels in over 180 countries with some of the best discounts that can be offered.

Members can [click here](#) to find these deals or call on Interline Travel's experienced guest agents at 800-766-2911. If your needs are hotel-specific, then [click here to login and visit their new section](#)

Find your normalcy, happiness, and well-being with a little help from Interline Travel. Stay safe and enjoy this great member benefit.



Biennial Convention at a Glance:

Join Us in Houston in August



We are now just over two months away from the start of NATCA's 18th Biennial Convention in Houston. Here's an update:

DATES: Tuesday, Aug. 10, through Thursday, Aug. 12, with an opening event on the evening of Monday, Aug. 9.

REGISTRATION: If you are already registered, there is no need to register again. All current registrations are still valid and have been carried over. If you need to cancel your registration because you cannot make the new dates, please log in to your existing convention registration to make the cancellation. If you previously canceled your registration or are now interested in going to the Convention, you can register now. [Register or modify existing registrations here.](#)

SITE: NATCA's 18th Biennial Convention will be held at the Marriott Marquis, in Houston. [Make your reservation here.](#) All previous hotel reservations for the earlier dates have been cancelled.

AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS: [The Constitution Committee](#) is creating a booklet that will be mailed out to all members soon.

COMPLETE INFORMATION: [View our Biennial Convention webpage here.](#)

SAVE THE DATE: NATCA's 19th Biennial Convention is now scheduled for June 20-22, 2023. It is planned to be held at The Diplomat, in Hollywood, Fla.

Union Members Feature: Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' International Association of the United States and Canada

NATCA continues to highlight our union sisters and brothers who are also essential workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. Today we highlight and thank our siblings of the Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' International Association of the United States and Canada (OPCMIA).

Organized in 1864, OPCMIA is the oldest Building and Construction Trades Union in the U.S. OPCMIA represents and trains plasterers and cement masons, protecting and promoting the quality of the industry and the livelihood of its members. [Click here to learn more](#) about how OPCMIA has supported its members

throughout the pandemic.



NATCA Store Item of the Month: Hooded Pullover

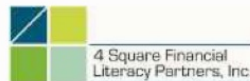
Features of this product: The NATCA hooded pullover is the perfect finishing touch to a cool-weather look or a comfy outer layer. It is 100% polyester and provides warmth without the weight. Featuring the stylish kangaroo pocket, tapered waistband, and solid interior lining. Available in sizes S-4XL and union-made in the United States.

Price: \$53-\$57.

To see the item and how to order: [Click here](#). Select USPS or UPS as your shipping preference on your orders. To check on stock availability or for further assistance, call 800-266-0895 or email natcastore@natcadc.org.



Plan for Your Retirement Future with Financial Literacy Workshops



SAVE THE DATE

***YOUR 2021 RETIREMENT BENEFIT BRIEFINGS HAVE
BEEN SCHEDULED!***

FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOPS CREATED
EXCLUSIVELY FOR NATCA MEMBERS!

Whether you're still building for your future in retirement or ready to put your retirement plan into action, one of the most important member benefits that NATCA provides its members is expert planning and guidance about your retirement. This year, we are pleased to offer you a mix of online and in person briefings provided by 4 Square Financial Literacy Partners, Inc. **They are here with information to help you maximize your federal benefits to meet your retirement goals.** Spouses are also encouraged to attend.

Use the NATCA Portal to register, portal.natca.org. Click on the "events" tab in the main menu at the top of the screen.

For questions or any problems with registration, please contact NATCA Membership Services Coordinator Lisa Head at the National Office: 202-628-5451 or lhead@natcadc.org.

JULY

Leesburg, Va.
July 14: 3 - 9 p.m.
July 15: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Denver
July 21: 3 - 9 p.m.
July 22: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Sacramento, Calif.
July 28: 3 - 9 p.m.
July 29: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

AUGUST

Albuquerque, N.M.
Aug. 4: 3 - 9 p.m.
Aug. 5: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

St. Louis
Aug. 18: 3 - 9 p.m.
Aug. 19: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Providence, R.I.
Aug. 25: 3 - 9 p.m.
Aug. 26: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

Kansas City, Mo.
Sept. 8: 3 - 9 p.m.
Sept. 9: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Salt Lake City
Sept. 15: 3 - 9 p.m.
Sept. 16: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Miami
Sept. 22: 3 - 9 p.m.
Sept. 23: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

OCTOBER

San Antonio
Oct. 13: 3 - 9 p.m.
Oct. 14: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Fairbanks, Alaska
Oct. 20: 3 - 9 p.m.
Oct. 21: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Aurora, Ill.
Oct. 27: 3 - 9 p.m.
Oct. 28: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Chicago Region X
Oct. 29: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

NOVEMBER

Nashua, N.H.
Nov. 3: 3 - 9 p.m.
Nov. 4: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Islip, N.Y.
Nov. 10: 3 - 9 p.m.
Nov. 11: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Indianapolis
Nov. 17: 3 - 9 p.m.
Nov. 18: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Atlanta Region X
Nov. 30: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

DECEMBER

Atlanta
Dec. 1: 3 - 9 p.m.
Dec. 2: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Anchorage, Alaska
Dec. 1: 3 - 9 p.m.
Dec. 2: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Honolulu
Dec. 15: 3 - 9 p.m.
Dec. 16: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

UPCOMING WEB-BASED SESSION

June 16: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Central Time

Operation Traffic Counts Across the U.S.

Aviation System Performance Metrics (ASPM)

TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021

ASPM77 Airport Ops

-19.8%

45,824 CURRENT OPS

57,109 SEASONAL AVG

Core Airport Ops

-26.2%

27,085 CURRENT OPS

36,686 SEASONAL AVG



Center Ops

-21.9%

var from baseline

97,231 CURRENT OPS

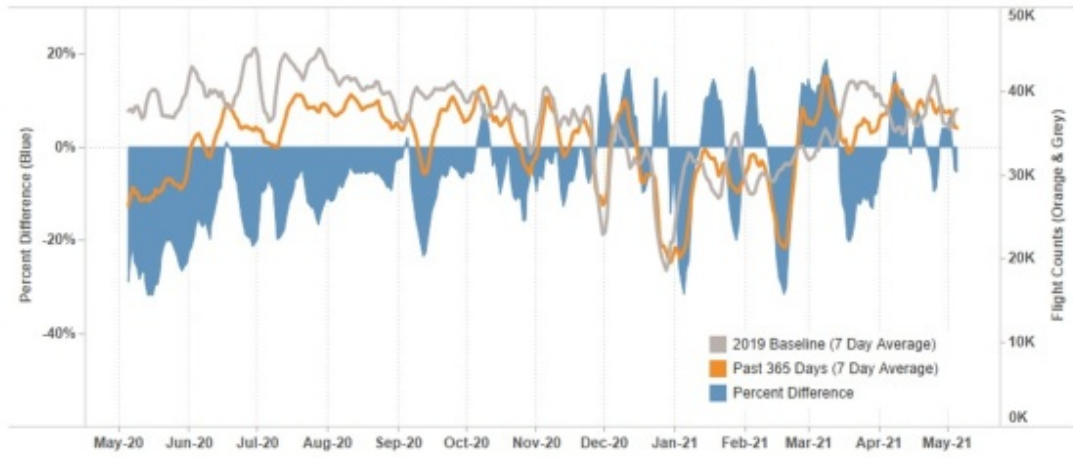
Top 7 TRACONs

-20.3%

var from baseline

25,300 CURRENT OPS

SOURCE: Federal Aviation Administration



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