



Happy Hanukkah from NATCA!



To all of our NATCA brothers and sisters celebrating Hanukkah this week, we wish you peace and happiness. Happy Hanukkah!

The AFL-CIO has information about how you can include union-made-in-America recipe ingredients and drinks in your holiday celebrations. The sources of this information include our union brothers and sisters in the [Machinists](#) (IAM), United Farm Workers (UFW),

the [United Food and Commercial Workers](#) (UFCW), and the Teamsters (IBT). Read more [here](#).

NATCA Attends Aero Club Event Featuring FAA Administrator Dickson

Last week, NATCA President Rich Santa, Executive Vice President Andrew LeBovidge, and Eastern Regional Vice President (NEA) Brian Shallenberger attended the Aero Club luncheon in Washington, D.C., where FAA Administrator Stephen Dickson was the keynote speaker. During his talk, Dickson described how the Agency responded to 737 MAX issues, the COVID-19 pandemic, the resulting economic slowdown, and the related disruption to aviation. He described how – through it all – the great efforts of the FAA’s frontline workers and their commitment to

safety and operational excellence kept our air traffic system operating safely and efficiently.



NATCA Attends Smithsonian Event Honoring 2021 Michael Collins Trophy Recipients



NATCA leaders joined the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum and other community members last week in honoring the winners of the Museum's 2021 Michael Collins Trophies for Current Achievement and Lifetime Achievement. The Museum established the Trophy in 1985 to recognize extraordinary achievements in

aerospace science, technology, and history.

The Museum presented the Lifetime award to Eugene F. "Gene" Kranz, chief of NASA's Flight Control Division. Under Kranz's leadership, the Apollo 13 team successfully avoided disaster after an explosion to bring the crew home safely. The Current Achievement award was presented to SpaceX, honoring a new era of space travel with the launch of its commercially built and operated spacecraft, the first crewed mission in an American rocket launching from the United States since the previous space shuttle mission in 2011.

The Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum is undergoing a complete renovation, including its exhibit about our nation's air traffic control system. NATCA is one of the supporters of this exciting project, which will connect and inform the public, as well as spark the imagination of the next generation who will lead future innovation in air and space.

Pictured (left to right): NATCA President Rich Santa, Potomac TRACON

(PCT) FacRep Amy Lark, Anna LeBovidge, NATCA Executive Vice President Andrew LeBovidge. Krantz wore this white suit vest during Apollo 13, the third planned lunar landing mission. As leader of Mission Control's "white team," Krantz wore a different white suit vest for each mission from 1966 to 1972, all hand-sewn by his wife, Marta.

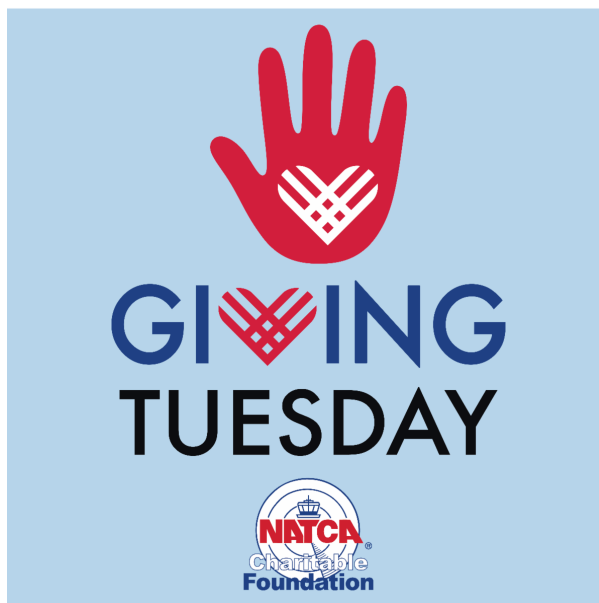
Welcome New Facility: New Bedford FCT (EWB)

NATCA is excited to welcome New Bedford, Mass., Federal Contract Tower (FCT) to the NATCA family. The airport (EWB) is a Part 139 commercial-service airport, municipally-owned and available for public use.



“The EWB membership, in a show of solidarity, voted unanimously to have NATCA represent us,” said EWB FacRep Ed Curran. “I think the primary advantage NATCA representation offers is the solidarity it brings to us in the facility and to any dealings that we might have in the future with our employer.”

Celebrate Giving Tuesday by Donating to NCF



Started in 2012, GivingTuesday has become a day when millions of people do good by making contributions to nonprofits serving their communities. NATCA members can join the effort and give through the NATCA Charitable Foundation (NCF).

NCF is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation that works to make a difference in the lives of many. NCF's philanthropic efforts stretch across the country. NCF seeks out areas of need that go

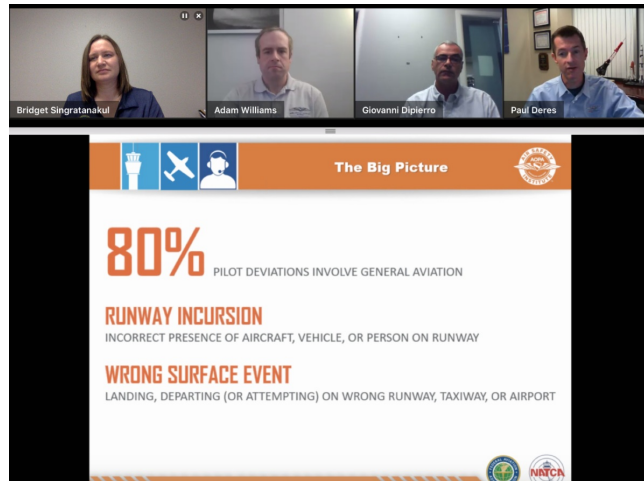
un-funded or are missed through other donor drives. It seeks out smaller charities that help the underserved in the communities where NATCA members live and work. Across the country, through NCF, NATCA members and their family and friends give and volunteer to make a big impact and help bring smiles to those in need.

GivingTuesday always takes place on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving.

This year, it takes place on Nov. 30. On Giving Tuesday, make a difference and donate to NCF. Learn more at <https://natca.org/index.php/ncf>.

NATCA National Runway Safety Rep joins AOPA Webinar

On Nov. 4, NATCA National Runway Safety Representative Bridget Singratanakul joined a live webinar with runway safety experts from Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) and the FAA for AOPA's Air Safety Institute with 439 participants. The webinar presented an analysis of wrong surface operations, what they are, and why they happen. Presenters showed case studies and data associated with wrong surface operations. Participants received FAA WINGS pilot proficiency program credit and an AOPA webinar badge for their participation in this event. The Air Safety Institute is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization promoting safety and pilot proficiency in general aviation through education.



Pictured: NATCA National Runway Safety Representative Bridget Singratanakul, AOPA's Airport Policy Manager Adam Williams, FAA Runway Safety General Manager Giovanni DiPierro, and AOPA Air Safety Institute Senior Director Paul Deres.

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