



## House Passes Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Coordination and Leadership Act

The Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Coordination and Leadership Act (H.R. 1339), which NATCA supports, was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives on Thursday, Nov. 4. The bill would establish a federal interagency working group consisting of the Department of Transportation, the Federal Aviation Administration, and other federal agency officials and aviation stakeholders (including NATCA) to examine issues related to safety, operations, infrastructure, and security of AAM aircraft.



The House Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Committee approved the legislation last July. It was introduced by Reps. Sharice Davids, D-Kan., and Garret Graves, R-La. After reviewing an initial draft of the legislation, NATCA worked for several months with Reps. Davids and Graves, along with T&I Committee Chairman Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., and Ranking Member Sam Graves, R-Mo., to include critical changes that ensure the working group coordinates with NATCA. This allows NATCA to amplify the voice of our members as government and industry stakeholders evaluate the potential deployment of AAM.

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## ASI Committee Updates its Aircraft Accident/Incident Checklists

The Air Safety Investigations (ASI) Committee's primary task is to provide an objective, controller-based perspective to National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) investigations of aircraft accidents or incidents that involve air traffic control services. ASI works as part of the team of investigators to determine the probable cause of an aircraft accident and



formulate recommendations to prevent future occurrences.

NATCA's aircraft accident/incident checklists have been [updated and posted](#).

In the event of an aircraft accident or incident, a NATCA representative should follow the checklist to ensure all members get the representation they need.

Updates include contact information for regional air safety investigators (ASIs) and National Executive Board members, and a reminder to avoid posting anything accident/incident-related on social media. Posting about these events on social media can negatively affect NATCA's party status with the NTSB during investigations.

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## NAPC Update

The National Airspace and Procedures Committee (NAPC) recently met to discuss the possibility of drafting “short sheet” topics aimed at summarizing technical subjects for the NATCA membership. At October’s monthly meeting, committee members presented and discussed a wide range of topics including Notice to Airmen (NOTAMs), public and special Instrument Flight Procedures (IFP), 7110.65 phraseology, and the various phases of Trajectory Based Operations (TBO). At the next NAPC meeting, the members plan to discuss how to best format and communicate the technical information. Learn more about the NAPC [here](#).



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## Safety and Technology Update: NavAids Monitoring Equipment (NME)



There are two different consolidated control and monitoring systems currently operating in the National Airspace System: The Integrated Control and Monitoring System (ICMS) and the Universal Interlock Controller (UIC), also referred to

as the FA-30000. These systems allow air traffic controllers to monitor and control predefined sets of navigational aids and airport visual aids from one or more displays. Instrument landing systems (ILS), runway visual range (RVR), runway end identifier lights (REIL), precision approach path indicator (PAPI), and other airport navigational and visual aids are monitored and controlled by the two control and monitoring systems. The NavAids

Monitoring Equipment (NME) addresses shortfalls related to technological differences in system functionality, multiple software versions, and performance issues partially associated with aging equipment by upgrading the current FA-30000 Version 3 and deploying to all UIC and ICMS sites, a total of 32 sites. NATCA NME Article 114 Representative Corrie Conrad (Portland, Ore., ATCT, PDX) reports there was a recent pause in developing the training curriculum due to a contract issue. “However, developing training material has restarted, and we continue to build the course curriculum and labs through electronic learning,” she said.

[Read more.](#)

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## Union Briefs

Preparations for the 18th Biennial Convention (Dec. 9-10, Houston) are continuing this week. Members can still register, using our two-step process:

- Step 1 is [register for convention](#).
- Step 2 is [reserving your hotel room](#) at the Marriott Marquis in downtown Houston.



All of your convention information and resources are located [here](#).

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On Oct. 8, New England Regional Vice President Mick Devine participated in a call with the White House as part of his role on the AFL-CIO’s Union Veterans Council. “We are working in collaboration with the Department of Labor and the Department of Defense to create artificial intelligence programs which assist members of the military with finding good union jobs based on their skills developed in the military,” Devine said. [Learn more](#) about the Union Veterans Council.

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The Reloaded Committee will hold its monthly [NATCA 101 class on Nov. 15 at 1 p.m. EST.](#)

NATCA 101 is about the history of the organization, the work the Union does for its members every day, and insight for how members can become more involved.

Education is the first step toward a stronger

local, which leads to a more powerful national Union. A strong Union creates a better future for our members and their families.



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We have replaced the current login system on the members side of the natca.org website with one that is linked to the new MyNATCA



member database. As part of this transition, all existing login credentials to the members-only side of NATCA's website will be deleted, and members will need to create a new login. The new login system will allow a single sign-on for NATCA's website, the MyNATCA database, and NATCA's store website. If you haven't yet transitioned your login credentials, you can do so by [following the steps on our website](#).

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