



NATCA Celebrates Black History Month

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by Black Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. Black Americans have been integral in unions, standing with millions in solidarity for wages, workers' rights, and safer working conditions. NATCA takes this time to recognize and honor the achievements of Black Americans, both historically and today, who are trailblazers in aviation.



Pictured left to right, top to bottom:

[Cornelius Coffey](#): opened the first Black airfield and flight school in the nation.

[Siza Mzimela](#): made history in 2015 by becoming the first Black woman to

start an airline, Fly Blue Crane.

[William J. Powell](#): an American engineer, soldier, civil aviator and author, who called for the full participation of Black Americans in aviation and sponsored the first all-Black air show.

[Jeanine Menze](#): the first Black woman aviator in the U.S. Coast Guard in 2005.

[Theresa Claiborne](#): the first Black woman pilot in the Air Force and the most senior officer with United Airlines.

[Victor Glover](#): one of only 14 Black NASA astronauts who have been to space, and he will be the first black astronaut to spend an extended stay — more than 6 months — on the International Space Station.

[Mae Jamison](#): the first Black female in space aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavor, in 1992.

[Perry Henry Young, Jr.](#): the first Black pilot for a regularly scheduled airline in the United States.

Minutes From Jan. 19 NEB Meeting Now Available

The National Executive Board (NEB) met remotely on Jan. 19. The minutes from that meeting are now available. To view them, please go to our NEB minutes page on the members side of the website [here](#).



Congratulations to our Newest FacReps

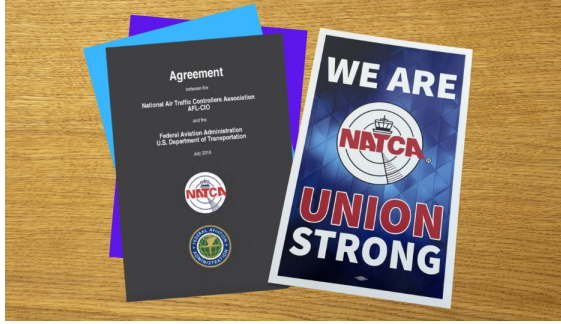
The NATCA Onboarding Committee welcomes and thanks all new NATCA leaders who have recently taken office for their terms as FacReps at their local facilities:

Great Lakes Region

Duluth ATCT (DLH), Duane Klemetsen

Southern Region

Congratulations to our newest FacReps!



Nashville ATCT (BNA), Nicholas Klose
Panama City FCT (ECP), Mary Haas
Opa Locka FCT (OPF), Blake Sedgwick
Louisville Standiford ATCT (SDF), Craig Oldis

Southwest Region

Galveston FCT (GLS), Robert Glover
Lubbock ATCT (LBB), Alexander

Turner

Western Pacific Region

Monterey ATCT (MRY), Laurence Fleming

Safety and Technology Spotlight: Data Comm

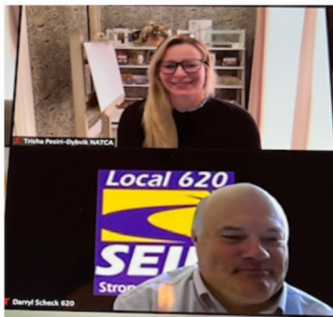
January was a busy month for NATCA's involvement in Data Comm. Article 114 Data Comm Representative Ray Berndt (Jacksonville Center, ZJX) reports Oakland Center (ZOA) began controller training. Seattle Center (ZSE) is on schedule to begin in March. The facilities are expected to begin operational test runs en route to Controller-Pilot Data Link Communications (CPDLC) between now and

June. Berndt says ZOA and ZSE will be the first domestic ARTCCs that border Air Traffic Service Units (ATSU) with existing CPDLC capabilities – Oakland Oceanic (KZAK) and NavCanada. By enabling CPDLC at these two domestic ARTCCs, Berndt says, flights transitioning between domestic en route airspace and KZAK and NavCanada will be able to seamlessly transfer their CPDLC sessions without flight crews needing to logon to each individual ATSU.

[Read more here.](#)

NLC Vice Chair Meets with California Congressman Carbajal

National Legislative
Committee Vice Chair
and Santa Barbara
ATCT (SBA) member
Trisha Pesiri-Dybvik



represented NATCA on a labor roundtable call with California Congressman Salud Carbajal. "I thanked him on behalf of our membership for his support on the infrastructure bill," said Pesiri-Dybvik. "I expressed the desire for NATCA to work with the FAA and all members of Congress to implement the bill in the most effective way possible." Pesiri-Dybvik said they had a few extra moments to talk about the

relationship the Congressman has built with local members and NATCA's staff over the years. "It was fun to take a stroll down memory lane while keeping our sights and efforts firmly focused on the future and the challenges facing us ahead."

Pictured in collage, clockwise beginning with lower left, subjects listed left to right, top to bottom: August 2016 with Congresswoman Lois Capps, Pesiri-Dybvik and her son, Congressman Salud Carbajal; February 2020 with Congresswoman Julia Brownley, Pesiri-Dybvik's son, Pesiri-Dybvik, Congressman Salud Carbajal, and Pesiri-Dybvik's daughter; Pesiri-Dybvik, Darryl Schneck of Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 620, Fiona Kohrman of American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE), and Congressman Salud Carbajal.

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