



CLT Opens “Amazing” New Tower and TRACON



Charlotte ATCT (CLT) officially commissioned its new tower and TRACON on Feb. 22 (2/22/22) at 2:22 a.m. EST. The tower stands 370 feet tall, with a 850-square-foot cab, making it double the size and height of the previous tower. That, according to FacRep Anthony Schifano, provides a broader view of the airfield, adequate space for all operational positions, and the ability to house all the new technology that has been added since the old facility was built in the 1970s. Executive Vice President Andrew LeBovidge and Southern Regional Vice President Jim Marinitti joined Schifano for the commissioning-day celebration. “I was excited to be able to see the facility on its first day of operations,” LeBovidge said. “It is a dramatic improvement for Charlotte and the National Airspace System - a modern environment for our members to perform their safety-critical work.” Added Schifano, “The facility is absolutely amazing.” Read more [here](#).

Top right, pictured left to right: CLT members Ryan Hughes, Richard Dalrymple, Vice President Justin Garay, Aaron Bell, FacRep Anthony Schifano, and Cody Osteen.

In-person NATCA Academy Courses Continue with RT-1 in Las Vegas



The NATCA Academy continued in-person training last month with the first offering of the Representative Training 1 (RT-1) course since the COVID-19 pandemic.

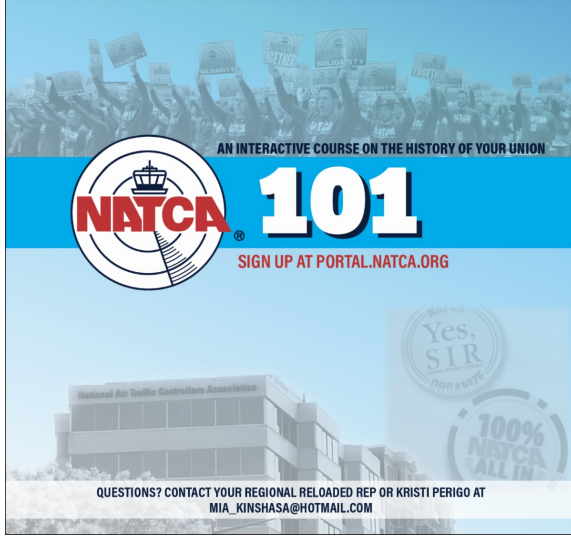
The 4 1/2-day course, held in Las Vegas, was taught by National Training Committee member Aaron Katz (Phoenix TRACON, P50), Alternate Southwest Regional Vice President (RVP) John Bratcher (Fort Smith ATCT, FSM), and Alternate Southern RVP Jason Arnold (Memphis Center, ZME).

“This class marked the triumphant return to in-person learning for the RT1 course. It was clear that the passion of the participants and the instructors did not miss a beat in the two-year absence,” said Katz. Added Bratcher: “The unwavering spirit and dedication of NATCA was on full display, and its resolve was as strong as ever.”

Arnold said the course focuses on developing and enhancing effective methods of advocacy grounded in understanding and upholding members’ rights under the law and the Collective Bargaining Agreements. NATCA encourages members to sign up for RT-1 and other NATCA Academy course offerings. Learn more [here](#).

NATCA 101 offered March 15

The Reloaded Committee will hold its monthly NATCA 101 class on March 15, at 10 a.m. EDT. 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.



"Every time you take NATCA 101, you learn something new about the Union," said Boston Center (ZBW) member Shannon Lyman.

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