



Kansas City Members Meet with Kansas Congresswoman Davids

Alternate Region X Vice President Ed Szczuka (Engineers Central Region), Kansas City Center (ZKC) Legislative Rep and Kansas State Legislative Coordinator Jami Davis, and Kansas City ATCT (MCI) Vice President Kristen McTee recently attended Washington Days, a yearly event held in Kansas. There, they met with Kansas Congresswoman Sharice Davids. “When we arrived, Congresswoman Davids saw me and pulled my wife and me over to tell some people about the first time we met, which was during the 35-day government shutdown, and how she couldn’t sleep knowing government workers were having to go without being paid,” said Davis. “I introduced Kristen and Ed to the congresswoman, and we were able to meet her staff, building a stronger, more personal relationship with her.”



Huntsville Member Meets with Alabama Congresswoman Sewell

Huntsville ATCT (HSV) FacRep and Alabama State Legislative Coordinator Matthew Leach recently met with Alabama Congresswoman Terri Sewell. “It was such a great opportunity to meet with her and her staff,” said Leach. “She expressed her pride in supporting the bipartisan infrastructure bill and we discussed arranging a facility tour for her and her staff. I thanked her for her continuous support in NATCA and told her that we look



forward to seeing her at NATCA in Washington at the end of March.”

HCF Members Meet with Hawaii Congressmen Case and Kahele

Honolulu Control Facility (HCF) FacRep Jacob Kamakahi and members Jimmy Lake and Dan Nakamitsu recently attended events with Hawaii Congressmen Ed Case and Kai Kahele. “We thanked Congressman Case for his continued support of NATCA and his work on the Appropriations Committee,” said Lake. “We talked about how traffic has changed in Honolulu and how we are changing some of the sectors to deal with it.



“Later that evening, Jacob and I attended an event with Congressman Kahele. Congressman Kahele sat with us and was very interested in how to go about updating the equipment in our facility. He is a Hawaiian Airlines pilot and is very versed on aviation. He promised to help us with our endeavor.”

Pictured in the photo on the left side of the collage, from left to right: Nakamitsu, Congressman Case, and Lake. Pictured in the photo on the right side of the collage, from left to right: Lake, Congressman Kahele, and Kamakahi.

Nominate Your Peer for the National Professionalism Award

Who do you work with that inspires, motivates, and demonstrates professionalism? Now is the time to recognize



them! Nominate your peer for the National Professionalism Award presented by the Professional Standards Program. A winner will be selected from each of the three service areas and presented at Communicating For Safety, Sept. 12-14 at Bally's Las Vegas.

Only members in good standing will be eligible to receive the award. Anyone may nominate a member for the award. There is

no limit on the number of nominations received from a single facility, region, or service area. The deadline for nominations is June 1.

If you have any questions, please contact the Professional Standards Committee at PS@NATCA.NET. Learn more [here](#).

International Women's Day (Tuesday, March 8)

NATCA is proud to join our colleagues worldwide in celebrating International Women's Day (IWD), a global holiday each year on March 8 that commemorates the cultural, political, and socioeconomic achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality. The theme for 2022, established by the IWD council, is #BreakTheBias, imagining a gender equal world and forging women's equality together. Read more [here](#).



NATCA Staff Spotlight: Director of Public Affairs Thom Metzger

We have an amazing National Office staff that our membership can be very proud of. Director of Public Affairs Thom Metzger came to NATCA from the U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration in 2017. Thom celebrated his five-year anniversary on March 6. A graduate of Georgetown University and the University of Southern California, Thom leads the



public affairs team in coordinating communications, outreach and events, and technology for NATCA. “The most rewarding part about being on NATCA’s staff is getting to interact with so many of NATCA’s great members,” Thom said. “Their passion for our Union and their profession is remarkable.” Read more [here](#).

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