



## Capt. Tammie Jo Shults Confirmed to Speak at CFS 2022; Registration Now Open

NATCA is honored to announce that Capt. Tammie Jo Shults has been confirmed to speak at Communicating For Safety (CFS) 2022, which will be held Sept. 12-14 at Bally's Las Vegas.

Capt. Shults is a retired Southwest Airlines captain, author, and former naval aviator who received wide acclaim when, on April 17, 2018, she and her crew successfully landed a Boeing 737 after catastrophic engine failure and rapid decompression, saving the lives of 148 people.

Shults has spent her entire life loving the skies. Though the odds were against her, she became one of the first female F/A-18 Hornet pilots in the United States Navy. At the conclusion of her Navy career in 1994, Shults went to work for Southwest Airlines.

Shults's book, [Nerves of Steel](#), is the captivating true story of her remarkable life – from growing up the daughter of a humble rancher, to breaking through gender barriers in the Navy, to safely landing the severely crippled Southwest Airlines Flight 1380. Her incredible talent and notable history have made her an inspiration to many.

Registration for CFS 2022 is now open. The link to register, along with all other information about the event, can be found on [our CFS 2022 webpage](#).

**ANNOUNCING  
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**SEPT. 12-14, 2022  
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**CAPT. TAMMIE  
JO SHULTS**

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NATIONAL AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS ASSOCIATION

## NWP & NNM Host Joint Regional Meeting

The Western Pacific (NWP) and Northwest Mountain (NNM) regions held a two-day joint regional meeting in Sacramento, Calif., April 11-12 with NWP Regional Vice President (RVP) Joel Ortiz and NNM RVP Alex Navarro III. The event was both regions' first in-person meeting since before the pandemic. It provided an opportunity for many to meet face-to-face for the first time and offered others the chance to reconnect.



Executive Vice President Andrew LeBovidge provided reps with an update on national issues and held a Q&A session. Representatives received briefings on multiple topics: Drug and Alcohol Testing & Employee Assistance Program (EAP) from Jamie Sanders (Denver/Centennial ATCT, APA) and Martin Ramirez (Los Angeles Center, ZLA); best practices regarding negotiations from Nate Pair (NWP Alternate RVP) and Josh Waggener (NNM Alternate RVP); Collaboration Facilitator training and information about Right from the Start from Trisha Pesiri-Dybvik (Santa Barbara ATCT, SBA) and Chris Stephenson (Memphis Center, ZME); safety topics from Safety Committee Chair Chrissy Padgett (Washington Center, ZDC), with the assistance of Safety Committee members Sara Haight (NCT) and Sam Navarro (Seattle ATCT, SEA); and training information from the National Training Representative Jamaal Haltom (LAS). Sanders and fellow Reloaded Committee member Kristi Perigo (Kansas City Center, ZKC) also taught the Collaborative Leadership class to the group — the first in-person offering of the course. David Skarphol (Phoenix TRACON, P50) and Richard Kennington (Portland, Ore., ATCT, PDX) provided a brief legislative update on current events.

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## Controllers From Around the World Gather in



## Buffalo for ATC Hockey Tournament

More than 300 air traffic controllers from around the world, including the U.S., Canada, Austria, Germany, and the Czech Republic gathered on April 5-8, at LECOM Harborcenter in Buffalo, N.Y., for the 47th International Air Traffic Control Hockey Tournament. NATCA sponsored this year's tournament, and NATCA Albany ATCT (ALB) member Stephanie Stanislawsky helped organize it. "We were lucky enough to have a retired Canadian controller play this year who helped plan and play in the very first tournament in 1972," Stanislawsky said. NATCA Charitable Foundation (NCF) Director Elisa Muise also joined to represent and promote NCF.

This was the first time since 2019 that this international gathering – known for its camaraderie – was possible. The Detroit Muggers were the overall winners this year. The 2023 tournament will be held in Charlotte, N.C.

See more about the tournament and player rosters [here](#).



**PHOTO:** The winning team, the Detroit Muggers, included these NATCA member players: Mike Alexander (Detroit TRACON, D21), Larry Connors (BUF), Kevin Fregosi (retired), Deidre Hatchard (retired), Andy Lewis (retired), and Tim Michalak (D21).

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## 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:

### **Eastern Region**

Northeast Philadelphia  
ATCT (PNE), Brandon  
Waldon

### **Great Lakes Region**

Kalamazoo ATCT  
(AZO), Jeremy Bolin  
Rochester, Minn.  
ATCT (RST), Samuel  
Schmitt

### **New England Region**

Groton FCT (GON),  
Lloyd Felix

### **Southern Region**

Asheville ATCT (AVL), William Curcie  
Atlanta TRACON (A80), Christopher Phillips



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## **IT Committee Helps Ensure Updated NATCA Store Is Easily Accessible to Members**



We invite you to check out the NATCA Store at [natcastore.com](http://natcastore.com), which features several new items and many of our traditional favorites popular with members nationwide. Thanks to the work of the Information Technology Committee, the Store site is now accessible to members only, with the same username and password used to log in to MyNATCA and

the members side of the [natca.org](http://natca.org) website. If you have not yet registered on MyNATCA and established your login credentials, please click [here](#) for instructions.

## **Professional Standards Committee Trains 16 New Members**

Professional Standards (PS) held a training on April 5-7 at Jacksonville



ATCT (JAX) for new PS Committee members.

The new members joining the training included Nikolas Ewaldt (Concord ATCT, CCR), Mitchell Montgomery (Santa Monica ATCT, SMO), Jordan Morales (Milwaukee ATCT, MKE), Brian Gustitus (Flint ATCT, FNT), Michael Ruen (Cedar Rapids ATCT, CID), Juwan Daniels (Fort Worth Center, ZFW), Cory Hajicek (ZFW), Joe Hichar (Baton Rouge ATCT, BTR), Kim Tursi (New York TRACON, N90), Nathalie Morales (N90), Nicholas Monahan (Bedford ATCT, BED), Paul Kelly (Providence ATCT, PVD), Caanon Thomas (Fayetteville ATCT, FAY), Robert Ryan (Jacksonville Center, ZJX), Arif Hasan (Fort Myers ATCT, RSW), Mike Long (JAX District Chair), and National Professional Standards Representatives Lydia Baune, Patrick Carter, and Chris Keyes.



“Thank you to our newest committee members for volunteering to take on this very important role for NATCA,” said Baune.

NATCA’s PS team is always available for members to assist with addressing issues at the lowest level. The program also provides an opportunity to recognize exceptional performance. Members interested in learning more about the PS program should ask their local PS Committee member, visit [www.natca.org/ps](http://www.natca.org/ps) or email [ps@natca.net](mailto:ps@natca.net).

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