

NATCA Members Join Senator Bennet for Labor Roundtable

NATCA Northwest Mountain Legislative Representative Jenny Benjamin (Centennial ATCT, APA) and Denver ATCT (DEN) FacRep Gary Beal met with U.S. Senator Michael Bennet (Colo.) during a Denver Airport Labor Roundtable.



"We thanked the senator for standing with air traffic controllers during the government shutdown in 2018/2019," Benjamin said. "We also thanked him for his most recent supportive vote in passing the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which included \$5 billion in dedicated funding to repair, replace, and improve FAA facilities and equipment."

Benjamin and Beal discussed with Senator Bennet NATCA's current local and national priorities with staffing and training and how NATCA's members need the FAA to continue aggressively hiring new air traffic controllers to meet demand and to coordinate with NATCA on appropriate staffing levels at FAA air traffic facilities.

Other labor unions in attendance at the roundtable discussed their priorities, including many having similar issues with staffing.

"I was enlightened to get the perspective from other workers who support the mission of Denver International Airport, including facility services, TSA employees, and pilots," Benjamin said. "NATCA is proud of the vital work that our members perform for the traveling public every day, and we appreciated the opportunity to collaborate with members of Congress."

NATCA Boots on the Ground Member Margaret Summers Highlighted by AFL-CIO

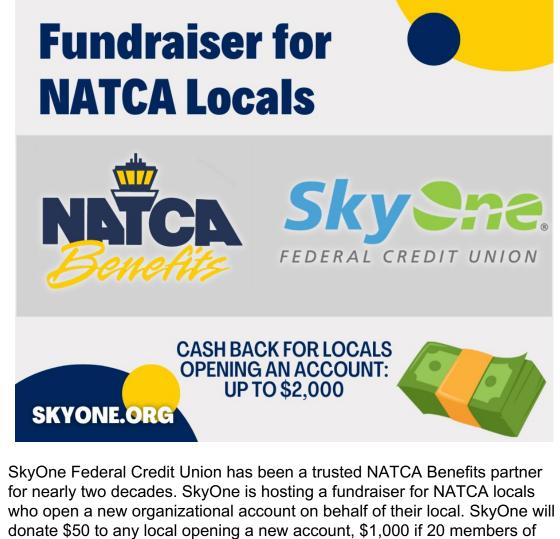
NATCA Boots On The Ground (BOTG) member Margaret Summers (Ret., Miami Center, ZMA) was recently highlighted by the North Carolina State American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (NC State AFL-CIO) for her work helping to build power for unions of working people in North Carolina.



"Our Union has a motto for the retirees: 'Union passion never retires," Summers said. "I want people to know that you never stop being a part of the Union! It's important to me that I stay connected to my Union because I'm passionate about what I do. My Union gave me the opportunity to live a good life, and I want to use my passion to return the favor in retirement."

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