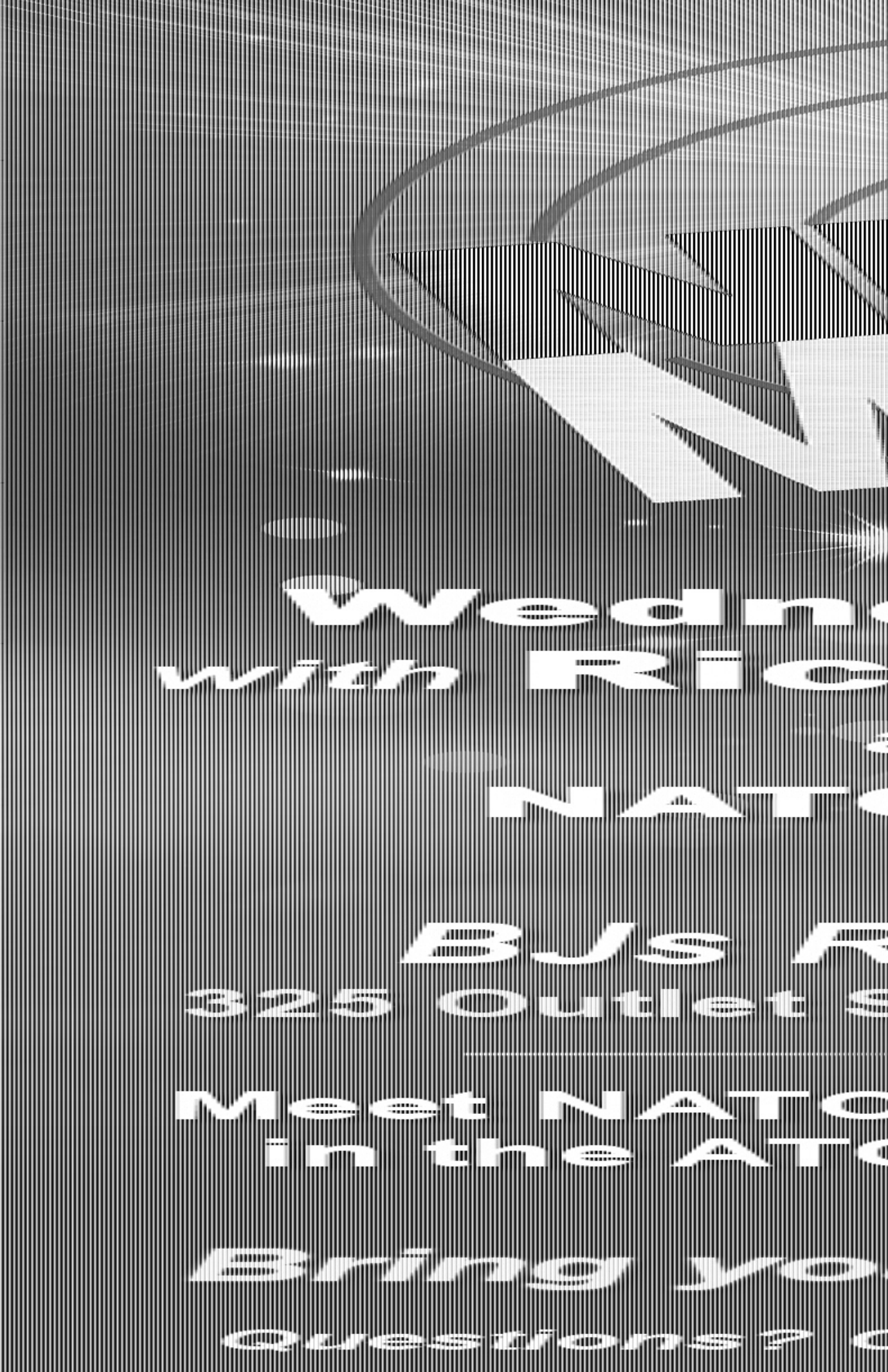




FAA Academy Trainees: Join NATCA for a Meet & Greet in Oklahoma City on April 19



Attention FAA Academy Trainees: Join NATCA for an informal Q&A session with Union leaders on Apr. 19 at 6:00 PM at BJs Restaurant and Brewhouse in Oklahoma City.

Get the latest news and information on training, FAA funding, facility placement, your benefits, NATCA's role, and more. Don't miss your chance to ask important questions and get direct answers on the issues that affect your

future.

The address for the restaurant is 325 Outlet Shoppes Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73128.

If you have questions about the event, contact Mindy Soranno at msoranno@natca.org.

Tampa ATCT FacRep Shares Controller Struggles, Priorities at Press Conference

NATCA Tampa ATCT (TPA) FacRep Jen McCoy spoke on behalf of our Union and profession to members of the media and local airport officials at a news conference hosted by Congresswoman Kathy Castor (Fl., 14) at Tampa Airport on Monday, March 20.

“Air traffic controllers are completely dedicated to the safety of the flying public,” McCoy said, as she described some of the issues faced by controllers working in the tower, including climbing more than 20 flights of stairs to work due to frequent elevator outages.

TPA is one of the busiest airports in the country, but still has one of the oldest towers in the national airspace system, built more than 50 years ago.



Tampa ATCT Press Event with Congresswoman Kathy Castor

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PHOTO: (left to right) Tampa Airport Executive Vice President of Operations and Customer Service John Tiliacos, NATCA Tampa ATCT (TPA) FacRep Jen McCoy, Tampa

Airport Chief Executive Officer Joe Lopano, NATCA TPA Legislative Representative Andrea Benninger, Congresswoman Kathy Castor (Fl., 14), Hillsborough County Commissioner and TPA Board of Directors Asst. Secretary/Asst. Treasurer Harry Cohen

“We’ve had all sorts of issues with plumbing, sewage, fumes, electrical, elevator outages. You name it, we’ve had it,” McCoy said. “It’s a little demoralizing to have to come into work and have to face these issues again and again.”

In his recent budget proposal, President Joe Biden asked lawmakers to allocate \$662 million for FAA facilities replacement, including the tower at TPA.

Castor said she finally got the issue on President Biden’s radar during his recent visit to Tampa.

“President Biden, to his credit, he took my packet, and before we had landed back here in Tampa, he said ‘Kathy, I’m gonna take care of this,’” Castor said.

“As you can imagine, it’s very busy and very complex, and we just believe that the controllers need to be in an environment that enables them to focus on the job at hand,” McCoy said.

Read a news story and video from WFLA News 8 covering the press conference [here](#).

Watch a video from Tampa Bay Fox Channel 13 [here](#).

February NEB Meeting Minutes Now Available

The minutes from the National Executive Board (NEB) meeting in St. Louis, Mo. on Feb. 21-22, are now available on the NEB minutes page of the [website](#).

NEB Meeting Minutes Available

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CONVENTION GEAR: Deadline to Order Merchandise April 14

NATCA has produced a variety of 19th Biennial Convention-themed gear for sale. The last day for ordering any of this merchandise is Friday, April 14. These items include men's and women's polos, tee shirts, and button-up shirts. If you're looking to get some convention swag, don't wait.

Several new items have been added since ordering first launched.



Get your gear [here](#).

Register Now for NATCA's 19th Biennial Convention

Cutoff Date to Book Hotel Room Is April 26

Step 1: Register for the Event

To register, click [here](#).

When you register, you will also be given the option to buy tickets for evening events.

Please note, tickets prices will continue to increase as Convention approaches, and tickets will NOT be available at the door.



Step 2: Convention Hotel Registration

For Convention, NATCA National does not pay for members' hotel rooms nor make their hotel reservations. Hotel reservations are the responsibility of the individual member and are paid for by the member or their local.

The NATCA Convention Rate is \$249/per night, plus tax. **The cutoff date to book your room is April 26.**

To book your room, click [here](#).

If you have any questions, or if you'd like assistance booking, changing, or canceling a hotel reservation, please call the hotel at **(855) 689-2911**.

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