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## **President Santa Welcomes Attendees to NiW**

On Tuesday, NATCA President Rich Santa welcomed our dedicated NATCAvists to NATCA in Washington 2023.

NATCA's goal this week is to inspire, motivate, and educate our Union's members. Legislative activism is vital to the success of our Union. Working to strengthen our Union's cadre of member activists continues our longstanding legislative mission of growing the NATCA majority on Capitol Hill.



Read more about the 2023 NiW event [here](#).

## **Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg Speaks at NATCA in Washington**

On Tuesday, Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg took

the stage at NATCA in Washington. In his role as Secretary of Transportation, Buttigieg oversees the FAA, as well as other operating administrations that fall under the Department of Transportation. He has been instrumental in the passage and delivery of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law which provides much-needed funding to modernize airports and air traffic facilities and technology.

Earlier this year, Buttigieg visited various FAA facilities, including the CLT ATCT/TRACON, where NATCA members briefed him on some of the technologies used at the facility and let him observe their work in real time.



**PHOTO** (left to right): David Skarphol, Allison Schwaegel, Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Rich Santa, and Andrew LeBovidge

## U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth Joins NiW for a Fireside Chat

U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth of Illinois participated in a fireside chat at



NATCA in Washington during Tuesday's General Session. Duckworth is a member of the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee where she serves as the Chair of the Aviation Safety, Operations and Innovation Subcommittee.



**PHOTO** (left to right): NATCA in Washington participants from Illinois, Andrew LeBovidge, Sen. Duckworth, and Rich Santa

As chair of the Senate Aviation subcommittee, she is in a powerful position to influence the future of aviation. She has recently introduced legislation to improve aircraft evacuation standards, bolster the aviation workforce, and promote the role of women in aviation, and will play a key role during FAA reauthorization this year.

NATCA is proud to call Sen. Duckworth a friend and ally. She is a supporter of NATCA's priorities, advocating for stable funding, safety, workforce development, and technology modernization.

Sen. Duckworth has been a champion for working families and veterans, successfully advancing legislation to improve benefits for veterans and accommodations for working mothers. She is a steadfast supporter of labor unions and federal employees, environmental justice, and the rights of people with disabilities.

Great Lakes Region Alternate to the National Legislative Committee Toby Hauck from Chicago Center (ZAU) introduced Sen. Duckworth.

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## 2023 Trish Gilbert Legislative Activism Award

NATCA is proud to honor members who have demonstrated the passion to serve the Union through legislative activism. In 2009, NATCA established the

National Legislative Activism Award to be presented at NATCA in Washington. The following year, at her first NiW as Executive Vice President (EVP), the award was named for Trish Gilbert, one of NATCA's most effective member activists in our Union's history. The Trish Gilbert Legislative Activism Award is given each year to an activist who has demonstrated the passion to serve the Union through legislative activism and stepped up to do extraordinary work.

This year, NATCA President Rich Santa and EVP Andrew LeBovidge joined National Legislative Committee (NLC) Chair David Skarphol and NLC Vice Chair Allison Schwaegel in bestowing the honor of this award on the NLC Southwest Region Rep. Corey Soignet (Houston Intercontinental ATCT, IAH).



**PHOTO** (left to right): Allison Schwaegel, Andrew LeBovidge, Stephanie Soignet, Corey Soignet, Rich Santa, and David Skarphol

Read more about Trish Gilbert Legislative Activism Award and learn about its previous recipients [here](#).

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## NATCA Member Activists Receive Hatch Act Briefing



A “like,” “share,” or “retweet” of the wrong thing could result in removal from federal employment, including from the FAA. Ignorance in this case is not a defense. Our Union’s member activists at NATCA in Washington learned about the Hatch Act on Tuesday morning from the Deputy Chief the Hatch Act Division at the Office of Special Counsel, Erica Hamrick. She provided an informative and engaging briefing to help our members avoid the severe penalties for a Hatch Act violation.

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## **Get to Know NATCA’s National Legislative Committee**

Your NATCA National Legislative Committee (NLC) is responsible for organizing and implementing the Union’s grassroots legislative efforts — including NATCA in Washington. The NLC strives to advance the status, professionalism, benefits, and working conditions of all NATCA bargaining unit employees through political and legislative activism. The NLC accomplishes these tasks through grassroots activism, educating and training NATCA members on how to become effective legislative activists, and providing political education. NATCA is proud to have one of the most effective grassroots networks in all of organized labor.





Learn more about the NLC [here](#).

## **NATCA Charitable Foundation Hosts Bingo and Raffle at NiW Opening Reception**

The NATCA Charitable Foundation was excited to once again be a part of NATCA In Washington, hosting events to raise support for charities in our members' communities nationwide! On Monday evening, during the event's opening reception at the Marriott Marquis, NCF hosted Bingo.

On Tuesday, NiW attendees joined NCF for their famous silent auction where they could bid on prizes throughout the day.



**PHOTO** (left to right): RNAV members Margaret Summers and Greg Harris

Read more about the NATCA Charitable Foundation and learn how you can donate to NCF [here](#).

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