



## **CISM Holds Annual Training in San Antonio**

The CISM (Critical Incident Stress Management) Committee recently completed its annual training in San Antonio, Texas. During the meeting, they trained their newest member, Greg Craven (Washington Center, ZDC). This annual training is essential for keeping the team current and ready to assist Union members at a moment's notice.



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For more information on the committee and how to access their services, click [here](#).

## NATCA Members Take the Spotlight: Mastering Media Training in D.C.

NATCA Members convened in Washington Nov. 14-15 for an intensive media training session designed to hone their communication skills and ability to speak on behalf of our Union with members of the news media.

The training was facilitated by Director of Public Affairs Thom Metzger, Deputy Director of Public Affairs Galen Munroe, and Senior Social Media Representative Meagan Roper. During the training, NATCA President Rich Santa spoke to the class members, offering updates on NATCA national activities and thanking them for their dedication and participation.

The training incorporated lessons on engaging with the media, strategies for effective interviews, and best practices for representing NATCA and aviation safety professions. Participants engaged in classroom-based learning and practical exercises in a professional television studio setting. The interactive sessions included on-camera interviews, allowing members to put their skills into practice.



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The training was attended by a diverse group of members from around the country: Allen Casey (Houston TRACON, I90), Lisa Cunningham (Kansas City International ATCT, MCI), Mike Driscoll (Daytona Beach International ATCT, DAB), Justin Ferrell (Dallas/Fort Worth International ATCT, DFW), Kurtis Fotheringham (Providence ATCT, PVD), Charles Howell (Oakland Center, ZOA), Nick Marangos (Boston Center, A90), Jen McCoy (Tampa International ATCT, TPA), Mark Rausch (Engineer/Northwest Mountain Region, ENM), Matt




Scala (Denver TRACON, D01), Bridget Singratanakul (Dallas/Fort Worth International ATCT, DFW), Dean Von Almen (Chicago O'Hare ATCT, C90), and Aaron Wilt (Washington Center, ZDC).

With looming government shutdowns, the staffing crisis, and evolving aviation technology, NATCA's dedication to providing its members with the tools to effectively communicate with the media is a high priority, ensuring that the voice of air traffic professionals continues to be heard and respected.


## Read Scholarship Winner Hadley Phipps' Essay

Every year, NATCA offers a scholarship program for spouses, children, stepchildren, and legally adopted children of active, retired, and deceased members in good standing for at least two consecutive years. This scholarship is for full-time attendance at accredited colleges and universities within the United States and its territories for an undergraduate degree program.

“There has always been strength in numbers...”



– 2023 NATCA Scholarship Winner Hadley Phipps, child of Scott Phipps (Denver ATCT, DEN)



This year's prompt asked candidates to examine why labor unions are experiencing a resurgence and what implications this has for the future.

Hadley Phipps, child of Scott Phipps (Denver ATCT, DEN) is among this year's 20 scholarship winners. Read the essay that Hadley submitted [here](#).

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