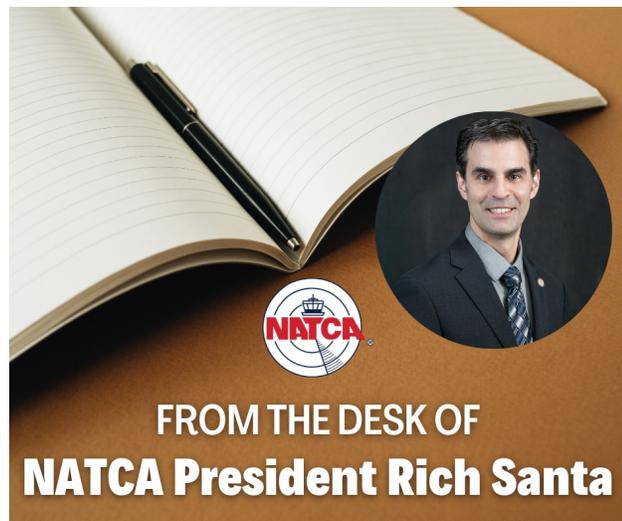




## From the Desk of President Rich Santa: Honoring Jim Marinitti for 30 Years of Service to NATCA

At the end of November, our Union will bid farewell to one of the most dedicated and effective leaders we have had the honor of working with – our friend and colleague, Southern Regional Vice President Jim Marinitti.

After 30 years of outstanding service to NATCA, Jim is retiring and leaving behind a legacy of service to our Union that will not be forgotten.



Jim began his career in air traffic control in 1986 during his time in the Navy and transitioned to the Federal Aviation Administration in 1993. Originally assigned to Fort Myers-Page Field Tower, Jim transferred to Miami Center where he remained until 2001, after which he moved on to Miami Tower and TRACON.

Jim held several elected NATCA positions at his facilities in Florida, including Miami Tower & TRACON President from 2005-2013, and was elected to the National Executive Board in 2015 as Southern Region RVP and is currently serving in his third term.

Jim is a tireless and selfless leader, who set an example that drew admiration and respect from every member with whom he interacted throughout his career. He served as one of NATCA's leads for the rollout of the Collaborative Work Group process. He also taught Interest Based Communications and is one of NATCA's instructors for the national leadership course called LEAP – Leadership Experience Acceleration Project. Jim has also been active with NATCA's Drug and Alcohol Committee and the Disaster Response Committee.

An inspirational and powerful speaker, Jim put these natural talents to work, building key relationships with elected officials in the government. With an

impressive depth of knowledge on legislative issues, Jim has a passion for advocating for our Union with the members of Congress, members who not only know him on sight, but greet him as a friend.

It was fitting that Jim's eleventh and final Convention was held in his home state where he has spent his entire career. At the Convention, I was honored to present him with a Tim Haines Memorial Award of Honor and Distinction for a lifetime of dedication and advocacy on behalf every NATCA member.

NATCA is the great union it is, because of the incredible solidarity and commitment of remarkable leaders like Jim. He will be missed, but his legacy will remain. Jim led by example, inspiring and empowering the membership he loved. Please join me in wishing Jim a happy, and well-earned retirement.

In Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rich Santa', written in a cursive style.

Rich Santa  
President, National Air Traffic Controllers Association

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## **National Executive Board Meets This Week in Washington, D.C.**

NATCA's National Executive Board (NEB) met yesterday, and is meeting again today and tomorrow in Washington, DC. NATCA's President, Executive Vice President, and Regional Vice Presidents constitute the NEB. The NEB is responsible for the creation of policy for our Union between our conventions.

# National Executive Board Meeting

Washington, D.C. | Nov. 7-9



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

Find minutes from the NEB's recent meetings [here](#).

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## Save the Date for NATCA ATX 2024

Save the date for NATCA's 2nd Biennial Activism and Training Expo (ATX). The event will be held at Caesars Palace Las Vegas from Dec. 9-13, 2024. Please note that the end date is tentative until a course schedule is finalized. We will keep you updated.

# SAVE THE DATE



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