



NATCA Leaders Visit Hagerstown FCT (HGR)

NATCA President Rich Santa, alongside Eastern (NEA) Regional Vice President (RVP) Brian Shallenberger and NEA Alternate RVP Mike Christine, made a visit to Hagerstown Federal Contract Tower (HGR) on Jan. 2. The visit was hosted by HGR FacRep Larry Reed with the purpose of engaging with the dedicated NATCA members working at HGR.

During their visit, the NATCA leaders were briefed on the pressing challenges confronting the facility, chiefly aging infrastructure — a problem not unique to HGR but prevalent across many Federal Contract Towers (FCTs) and other facilities nationwide. The discussions underscored the urgent need for modernization to ensure the continued safety and efficiency of air traffic operations.



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***Pictured**, left to right: Santa, Reed, Shallenberger*

“The commitment and resilience of our members at Hagerstown and across the nation are the backbone of our National Airspace System,” Santa said. “I want to extend a special thank you to Larry Reed and all the proud NATCA members of HGR for their integral role within NATCA and their invaluable contribution to our airspace system, reaffirming the strength of our community and the importance of our collective mission.”

Learn more about HGR [here](#).

NATCA Committee Chairs Meet in Chicago

Chairs from all of NATCA’s committees met Jan. 30–31 in Chicago. President Rich Santa and Executive Vice President Andrew LeBovidge also attended the meeting and spoke to attendees. The agenda covered a wide range of topics from finances and bookkeeping, new committee member onboarding, collaboration with the Executive Board and RVP liaisons, best practices for working with NATCA staff, and planning for the upcoming Activism and Training Expo (ATX) in December.



Staff Feature: Government Affairs Director Josh Nassar

Our National Office staff is a source of great pride for our membership. Their daily dedication and unwavering commitment ensure that our members receive the highest level of service and representation within organized labor. Today, we shine the spotlight on NATCA's Government Affairs Director Josh Nassar, who has been an integral part of our team since joining the staff in July 2023.



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