

From the Desk of President Rich Santa: An Update on the Surface Awareness Initiative

Sisters and Brothers,

With safety being a key priority for NATCA for the National Airspace System, we continue to pursue technology to increase tower controllers' situational awareness. The culmination of this work has led to the development of the Surface Awareness Initiative (SAI).



SAI utilizes ADS-B technology to depict aircraft and vehicle traffic

moving on the airport surface. SAI will be implemented in airports that currently do not have a surface surveillance system.

History shows that these systems typically take years to develop and deploy. Through collaboration, Austin ATCT (AUS), Nashville Metropolitan ATCT (BNA), Dallas/Love Field ATCT (DAL), and Indianapolis ATCT (IND) are scheduled to receive SAI before the end of June this year. This is almost one year from the time of inception to deployment and a great accomplishment. It serves as a reminder to the FAA that when it collaborates with NATCA, we accomplish great things for the NAS, but when they choose not to, it leads to delays and reversals.

An additional three to four sites will be selected to receive SAI before the end of the calendar year. As NATCA continues to advocate for stable and sufficient funding, the SAI team is in discussions with the FAA to develop a lengthy list of class C and D airports whose towers will receive this technology.

As CFS 2024 approaches, NATCA expects all three SAI vendors to exhibit so attendees can participate in a hands-on demonstration of these products.

The SAI team will continue to work toward implementation of this technology to

improve safety and awareness in the NAS.

In Solidarity,

Rich Santa NATCA President

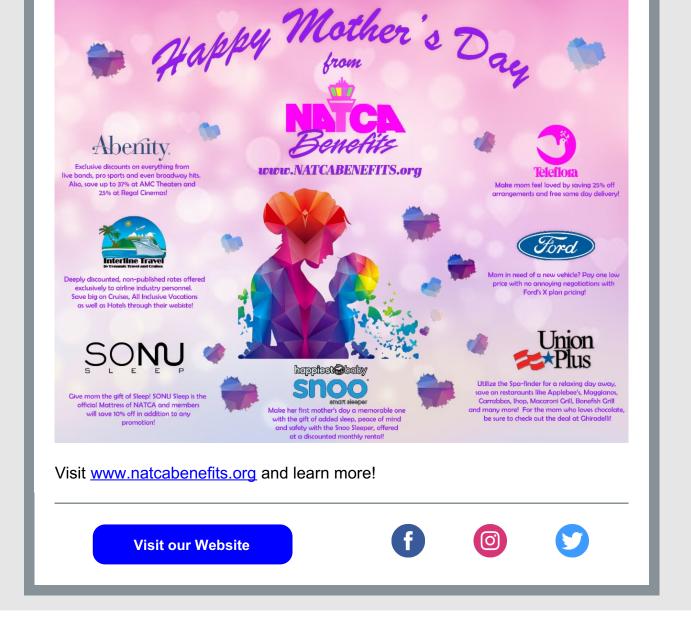
Happy Mother's Day From Your NATCA Family!

Happy Mother's Day from your NATCA family! Thank you to all the mothers and caretakers in our Union that often must sacrifice time away from their own families to keep the National Airspace safe. Because of each of you, we have so much to celebrate on Mother's Day and every day.



Celebrate Mother's Day with NATCA Benefits

Happy Mother's Day from the NATCA Benefits Committee! Whether you are a mother in need of savings or want to treat your mother to something special, we have a wide variety of options to save our members and their families some money!



NATCA | 1325 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, MD 20005

Unsubscribe tmetzger@natca.org

<u>Update Profile</u> | <u>Constant Contact Data</u> Notice

Sent bynatcanationaloffice@natca.net