



NATCA Meet and Greet Unites FAA Trainees with Union Leadership in OKC

On July 17, NATCA hosted a lively Meet and Greet event for FAA Academy trainees in Oklahoma City. The event highlighted the benefits and strong support network of union membership, successfully introduced trainees to the vibrant NATCA community, and emphasized the importance of union advocacy from the start of their careers.

With the participation of 33 trainees, Southwest Regional Vice President Nick Daniels led the discussions, sharing invaluable insights and personal stories that highlighted NATCA's crucial role in supporting its members.



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Additional speakers included Organizing Committee Chair John Bratcher (incoming NSW RVP, Fort Smith ATCT, FSM), National Training Representative Jamaal Haltom (Las Vegas ATCT, LAS) Oklahoma City ATCT (OKC), FacRep Saja Cox, and Yankee TRACON (Y90) FacRep Tim Roig. Each speaker brought unique perspectives and experiences, further enriching the discussions and deepening the trainees' understanding of NATCA's mission and impact.

Integrating FAA Academy trainees into our Union early in their career journey is a key component of NATCA's commitment to building a strong, informed membership that champions the interests and welfare of air traffic professionals nationwide.

Memphis Center Controller Meets with U.S. Representative David Kustoff

Travis Weber (Memphis Center, ZME) recently attended an event in Memphis with U.S. Representative David Kustoff (Tenn.-8). Weber thanked the congressman for his support on FAA Reauthorization and he was very appreciative. They also spoke about the celebration for the 80th anniversary of D-Day that Rep. Kustoff had just attended where he got to meet Tom Hanks and Steven Spielberg.

Weber said, "It was a good opportunity to meet with the congressman and further build the relationship."



August NATCA Calendar Features Aguadilla ATCT (BQN)



This month's featured photo is from Derrel Thomas of his facility Aguadilla ATCT (BQN). BQN is part of the Federal Contract Tower Program (FCT) with RVA-CI-Squared, Inc. While some contract towers primarily work small general aviation aircraft, this isn't the case for BQN, which has the longest runway in the Caribbean, measuring in at 11,700 feet.

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