



NATCA Welcomes Nearly 100 FAA Academy Trainees, Inspires Future Controllers to Unite and Lead

NATCA hosted a dynamic and highly attended Meet and Greet for FAA Academy trainees on March 20 in Oklahoma City. A total of 97 students packed the room to hear from Union leaders and learn how solidarity strengthens both the profession and their future.

NATCA President Nick Daniels, Southwest Regional Vice President John Bratcher, National Training Representative Jamaal Haltom (Las Vegas ATCT), and Reloaded Committee Member Saja Cox (Oklahoma City ATCT) addressed the group.



“You’re not just an individual,” Daniels said. “You are part of a system and something larger. Who is going to stand with you to make a difference for your profession and your family?” He added, “Our voice will not be heard if it’s divided.”

Haltom emphasized NATCA’s strength in unity. “We’re at 94 percent membership because we know that together, our voices are more powerful,” he said.

Bratcher urged trainees to embrace the mission ahead. “This isn’t a job,” he said. “It’s a profession.” He also explained how members can connect with union leadership and support.

Cox encouraged students to take pride in their training and future. “You’re part of a team,” she said. “You are an integral part of your own training.”

The event also included a Q&A on topics like government shutdowns and representation during the probationary period. NATCA continues its mission to guide, support, and empower new members as they begin their careers in air traffic control.

Watch a reel of the event on [Instagram](#).

NATCAvists Set to Deliver Our Union's Message on Capitol Hill During NiW 2025

Nearly 400 NATCA activists are heading to Washington, D.C., for NATCA in Washington (NiW) 2025, ready to advocate for the issues that matter most to our Union and our profession. They will spend their time in Washington learning how to be more effective advocates and meeting with members of Congress and their staff.

Each participant will receive the 2025 edition of NiW Today, a must-have briefing booklet filled with key advocacy topics, legislative insights, meeting strategies, and more. In addition, every NATCA local will receive two copies of this guide, providing a lasting resource for legislative engagement. It's Hatch Act compliant, so members can use it throughout the year in any venue to stay informed and involved.

Advocacy doesn't end after NATCA in Washington. It's a year-round effort. Staying informed and engaged is key to securing the future of our profession.

The graphic features a central image of the 'NiW Today' booklet cover. The cover is blue and white with a red banner in the top left corner that says 'NATCA ACT PROGRAM'. The main title is 'NiW Today' in large white and red font, with 'March 24-26, 2025' in smaller text to the right. Below the title is 'NATCA IN WASHINGTON 2025' and the slogan 'Engage & Elevate' in yellow. The cover is decorated with a collage of photos showing NATCA members in various settings: a large group photo, a woman speaking at a podium, a man shaking hands with a woman, and a group of people standing together. At the bottom right of the cover, it says 'Empowering the Future of NATCA'. The bottom of the cover lists the NATCA logo and website/social media information: 'National Air Traffic Controllers Association | www.natca.org | facebook.com/NATCAfamily | X.com/natca'. To the left of the booklet is a circular logo with 'NATCA IN WASHINGTON' around the perimeter and a stylized Capitol dome in the center. The background of the entire graphic is blue with a stylized white outline of an air traffic control tower on the right and the nose of an airplane at the bottom left. The URL 'natca.org/niw' is printed in white at the bottom right.

Want to do more? Visit the National Legislative Committee (NLC) [webpage](#) for training, resources, and guidance on how to be an effective advocate.

View the 2025 NiW Today booklet PDF [here](#).

Legislative Affairs Roundup Feb. 2025: Congressional Members Meet With NATCA Members

Last month, numerous members of Congress met with NATCA members to gain a better understanding of our work. They also showed their support for the essential work our members do as aviation safety professionals. By fostering relationships with political leaders on both sides of the aisle, NATCA ensures that our voice is heard by all.



LEGISLATIVE ACTIVISM ROUNDUP

FEBRUARY 2025

Rep. Sean Casten (Ill.-6) toured Chicago Center; U.S. Rep. Maggie Goodlander (N.H.-2) visited Boston Center (ZBW), U.S. Rep. Darin LaHood (Ill.-16) toured Rockford ATCT (RFD); U.S. Rep. Lamonica McIver (N.J.-10) visited Newark's Liberty ATCT (EWR); and U.S. Rep. Ilhan Omar (Minn.-5) toured Minneapolis-St. Paul ATCT (MSP).

Several Alaskan Region leaders also met virtually with U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski and her staff.

[Read more on natca.org](https://www.natca.org).

Time to Update Your ATSAP Online Password

ATSAP enhances safety by fostering a just culture in the air traffic control community and addressing a wide range of safety concerns.

Comprehensive Safety Reporting:

ATSAP encourages reporting of various safety-related issues, including Operational Errors (OEs), Operational Deviations (ODs), Pilot Deviations (PDs), Pilot Encounters (PEs), and Runway Incursions (RIs). Furthermore, it encourages reports on various safety risks to the National Airspace System (NAS), ranging from unclear airport signage, unsafe policies or procedures to equipment malfunctions, inadequate training practices, and human factors. A significant portion of reports filed in ATSAP illuminate previously unknown issues to the Air Traffic Organization (ATO), many of which pertain to facility or national systemic concerns with substantial impacts on NAS safety.

Self-Reporting Principle:

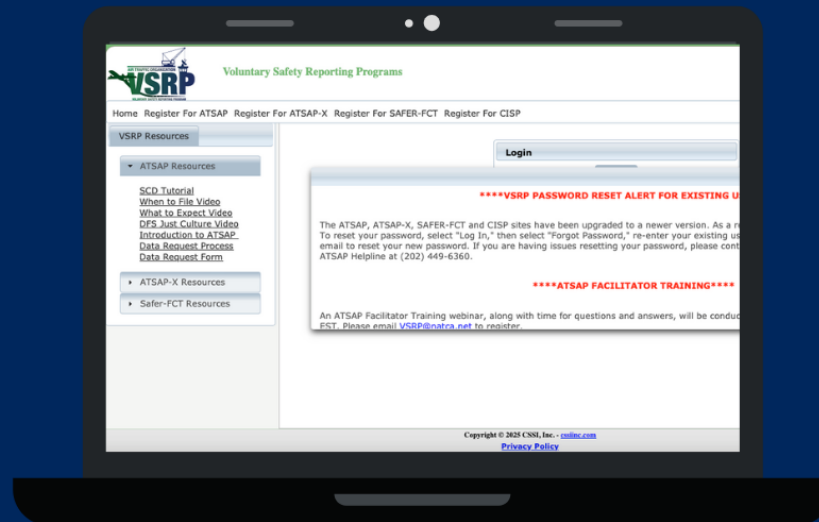
The ATSAP program promotes self reporting, where detailed and factual submissions help the Event Review Committee (ERC) review, track, trend, and elevate safety issues effectively. Active participation in reporting significantly contributes to the continuous enhancement of safety protocols and practices within the air traffic control community. ATSAP stands as a cornerstone in promoting a culture of safety and accountability, thereby ensuring the smooth operation and integrity of the NAS.



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Update Your ATSAP Password

www.atsapsafety.org



Video Instructions

The ATSAP website had a recent security update. All users MUST reset their password. Please do this now so there are no issues when you are ready to file.

When you go to the [ATSAP homepage](#), existing users will be automatically prompted to create a new password.

'How to Reset Your Password' [video instructions](#).

Registration Open for the 5th Annual NATCA Charitable Foundation Step Challenge

The 5th Annual NATCA Charitable Foundation (NCF) 45-Day Step Challenge begins Wednesday, March 26, and runs through Friday, May 9, bringing

NATCA members together to support charitable causes while staying active.

Participants will track their steps using the newly rebranded Wellbeing+ app and compete for \$5,000 in donations to charities of their choice.

Prizes will be awarded to:

- The top three teams with the most steps
- The top individual stepper
- Nine randomly selected teams throughout the challenge

This challenge is a great way to stay active, build camaraderie, and support important causes. Register today and make every step count.

[Sign up now!](#)

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