



## **NATCA Recognizes Juneteenth**

Today is Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day. It commemorates the day that enslaved people in Galveston, Texas, the final holdout of the Confederacy, were liberated by the U.S. Army, on June 19, 1865. This came two years after President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation. Juneteenth has been long celebrated in the Black community, but it did not become a federal holiday until 2021.

Read more about the history of Juneteenth from the [National Museum of African American History and Culture](#).



## **U.S. Rep. Maxwell Frost Tours Central Florida TRACON and Orlando ATCT**

On May 29, U.S. Representative Maxwell Frost (Fla.-10) visited the Central Florida TRACON (F11) and Orlando ATCT (MCO). He was accompanied by his District Director Jason Henry and his Press Secretary Kelsey Watts. F11 Local President Oscar Ortiz, Ashley Olen (F11), and MCO Local President Jeremy Heinback facilitated the visit. Doug Lowe, the Regional Vice President of PASS (Professional Aviation Safety Specialists, AFL-CIO) Region II, was also present to provide input.

During the visit, Rep. Frost received a comprehensive briefing on staffing and needed infrastructure updates at F11. Rep. Frost was also apprised of the implementation of the CRWG and the importance of federal benefits in the recruitment and retention of aviation safety professionals. NATCA's representatives also provided insight into required overtime work and challenges faced by the FAA in hiring and retaining controllers.



After the visit, Rep. Frost posted on social media. “Today, I toured MCO air traffic control tower [and the Central Florida TRACON] and met with the workers who are facing the impacts of [staffing] shortages while working to keep flight operations running safely and efficiently,” said Rep. Frost. “To keep our skies safe, Congress must invest in our FAA workers and infrastructure on the ground.”

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## **The Union Plus Hometown Heroes Contest is ON: A \$40K Grand Prize Could be Yours!**

It's the 5th year of Union Plus's Unions Power America program — and Union Plus is going all out to celebrate. This summer, they're honoring hometown heroes, those union members, who make us proud to be union members. As part of the celebration, there will be \$150,000 in cash prizes, plus some



unbelievable travel is up for grabs.

The question is: Who's your Hometown Hero? It could be your coworker who keeps everyone on track; the retiree who never stopped giving back; or the member that's always organizing, mentoring, and stepping up to help. It could even be you!

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The prizes include:

- One grand prize of \$40,000, plus a \$15,000 Collette travel voucher,
- Two first prizes of \$20,000, plus a 5-night Hilton stay in Hawaii,
- Two second prizes of \$10,000, and
- 25 additional prizes of \$2,000 each.

If you've been waiting for the right moment to celebrate someone who deserves it, this is it. Entries are open now through July 8.

See rules and enter [here](#).

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