



President Nick Daniels Joins EAA Radio for Interview on Becoming an Air Traffic Controller

This morning at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, NATCA President Nick Daniels, Corey Soignet (Houston Intercontinental ATCT, IAH), and Rachel Gilmore (Indianapolis Center, ZID) joined EAA Radio (96.5 FM/1210 AM) to break down how to become an air traffic controller—from walking in off the street to training at the FAA Academy. Broadcasting live from the heart of AirVenture and streaming worldwide at eairadio.net, EAA Radio gives aviation fans everywhere access to expert insights and behind-the-scenes conversations from Oshkosh.



**EAA Radio Interviews: Becoming
an Air Traffic Controller**
Oshkosh, Wisc. | July 21, 2025

NATCA Sponsors Air Traffic Control Modernization Summit

NATCA with our Union's partner organizations in the Modern Skies Coalition sponsored the [Air Traffic Control Modernization Summit](#) in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, July 15, 2025. The event brought together business leaders from across the aviation landscape, senior government leaders, and media representatives for discussions about the future of Air Traffic Control and the modernization of the National Air Space (NAS).

Throughout the day, panels focused on the future of air traffic control, how the system should be modernized, and on what timeline. Attendees were able to hear from several Congressional leaders, including Sen. Ted Cruz (Texas), Sen. Tammy Duckworth (Illinois), and U.S. Representative Rick Larsen (Wash.-2).



NATCA was represented on several panels, including one titled, "Delivering the Future ATC System: On Time, On Budget, and with Accountability." Controller Dan Hamilton (San Francisco ATCT, SFO) gave his perspective on how a modern air traffic control system must also be matched with increased and proper training on the new technology. He added that upgrades in technology will help controllers do their job more efficiently, "If it benefits the controller, it benefits everyone who uses the NAS, which is every single one of us."

NEB Meeting This Week in Bismark

NATCA's National Executive Board (NEB) is meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday in Bismark, N.D.

NATCA's President, Executive Vice President, and Regional Vice Presidents constitute the NEB. The NEB is responsible for the creation of policy for our Union between our conventions.

Find minutes from the NEB's recent meetings [here](#).



Reminder: Submit Your CFS 2025 Excused Absence Request by July 23

NATCA MEMBERS COMING TO CFS:

STEP 1 REQUEST EXCUSED
ABSENCE. Deadline is
Wednesday, July 23.

STEP 2 REGISTER FOR CFS.
Hotel room block
cutoff is Saturday,
Aug. 16.

STEP 3 LOCAL EXCUSED
ABSENCE FORM.



NATCA members planning to attend Communicating For Safety (CFS) 2025 in Las Vegas, Sept. 15-17, must do three things!

First, you must complete the National Excused Absence Request Form by Wednesday, July 23, 2025. Complete the national form [here](#).

Second, you must also register for the conference [here](#).

Finally, you must also submit a local excused absence request to your facility. (Submitting these forms does not guarantee release from your facility. Local approval is based on staffing and other factors.) Download the local request form [here](#).

There is no consequence if you submit the national and local excused absence request forms and later find that you cannot attend.

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