



ACTION: Tell Us Why it is Critical to Properly Staff Air Traffic Control!

NATCA's members understand that air traffic controllers and other aviation safety professionals are vital to maintaining a safe and efficient National Airspace System. Our Union's members demonstrate their commitment to the important role we play in Americans' daily lives every day, by safely moving over 45,000 flights, over 2.9 million people, and over 61,000 tons of cargo around the country every day. And they perform these essential services in critically outdated and understaffed facilities where many controllers are required to work 10-hour days, six days a week, while using decades-old technology. The FAA operates many air traffic control facilities that are between 25-60 years old, have exceeded their expected lifecycles, and have experienced major issues or safety concerns for the workforce.

The FAA is approximately 3,800 controllers short of where it needs to be. NATCA supports Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy's plan to supercharge controller hiring and is proud to have worked with him on recruitment and retention. Even with the Secretary's supercharged hiring effort, it will take years to fully resolve the current staffing crisis. Therefore, it's critical that we continue communicating about the importance of max hiring of air traffic controllers in coming years.

Similarly, Secretary Duffy and Congress have committed to updating the systems and facilities for air traffic control. Although a down payment has been made to update many systems, we need to work to make sure those precious resources are used to improve the safety of the system, increase capacity within the airspace, save tax-payer dollars, and improve working conditions for controllers.

The American flying public and the hardworking men and women who do this work deserve better! NATCA is working to share this information with the American public.

TELL YOUR STORY!



**Record & submit videos describing
in your own words the effects of
mandatory overtime and what it is
like to perform your work with
outdated tech in decades-old facilities.
natca.org/submit-video**

That's where you come in: Share your story! NATCA has a tool where you can record and submit a video explaining the importance of investing in aviation safety. In your own words, tell us:

- how mandatory overtime affects you and your family,
- the physical toll that long hours take on you over time, or
- what is like to use outdated technology and work in decades-old facilities.

[Click here](#) to get more information and access the form to upload a video. Please note that by submitting a video through this form, NATCA may use your video on its social media pages and/or share it with elected officials as a part of our advocacy efforts.

CFS 2025: Save Now, Be There in September

Communicating for Safety (CFS) 2025 is NATCA's premier aviation safety event, where controllers, engineers, pilots, and industry leaders come together to tackle real-world safety challenges and shape the future of the National Airspace System.

Register today and lock in early bird pricing for your conference badge and Archie League Awards Banquet ticket. Rates increase after Aug. 15.

[Learn more and register.](#)



NATCA Welcomes New Union Members!



NATCA would like to welcome 172 members whose applications were processed in the last two weeks. In all, 157 new memberships were processed, and 15 members returned to our Union. Welcome to the NATCA family!

Alaskan Region:

Region X, Cont.

- Bryce Evison (Flight Services Station FAI, FS2)

Central Region:

- John Cooper (Waterloo ATCT, ALO)
- David-Johnathan Johnson (ALO)
- Nike Jarrell (Kansas City Downtown Tower, MKC)
- Darren Rojohn (MKC)
- Jonathan Billigmeier (Omaha ATCT, OMA)
- Xavier Galyardt (OMA)
- Ryan Marusa (Spirit of St. Louis ATCT, SUS)
- Ryan Frazier (Kansas City Center, ZKC)
- Cole Luedtke (ZKC)
- Nataie Razey (ZKC)

Eastern Region:

- Kyle Whitter (Andrews ATCT, ADW)
- James Quinton (Allegheny ATCT, AGC)
- Frank Reyes (Charlottesville ATCT, CHO)
- William Shifflett (CHO)
- Michael Stagner (Niagara Falls ATCT, IAG)
- Kelly Moore (Wilmington ATCT, ILG)
- Kristian Cox (Lynchburg FCT, LYH)
- Caitlyn Patton (Harrisburg International ATCT, MDT)
- Matthew Knisley (MDT)
- Jackson Lovier (MDT)
- Nicholas Warmuth (Richmond ATCT, RIC)
- Jonathan Rendon (Syracuse ATCT, SYR)
- Philip Taylor (SYR)
- Weston Beebe (Washington Center, ZDC)
- Ranan Cheng (ZDC)
- Emily Jo (ZDC)
- Arnold Ndasi (ZDC)
- Christian Peterson (ZDC)
- Sharmin Sultana (New York Center, ZNY)

Great Lakes Region:

- Josh Moore (EAC)
- Steven Stewart (EAC)
- Matthew Winfield (EAC)
- Lawson Bordley (Engineer/Alaska Region, EAL)
- Matthew Leo (Engineer/Eastern Region, EEA)
- Ran Sun (EEA)
- Andrea Jimenez (New York Aircraft Certification Office, EE1)
- Jody Bedell (Engineer/Great Lakes Region, EGL)
- Michela Durette (EGL)
- Douglas Hill (EGL)
- Douglas Meller (EGL)
- Alan Ramirez (EGL)
- Mitchell Estep (FAA HQ Staff, EHQ)
- Brenda Shapiro (EHQ)
- Daniel Flores (Engineer/Northwest Mountain Region, ENM)
- Aaron Gropper (ENM)
- Kevin Pham (ENM)
- Jennifer Ledford (Engineer/Southern Region, ESO)
- Jason Brayshaw (Engineer/Western Pacific Region, EWP)
- Kevin Jungling (EWP)
- Leticia Rodriguez (EWP)

Southern Region:

- Melissa Mehr (Asheville ATCT, AVL)
- Steven Rios (Charleston ATCT, CHS)
- Salome Manjavidze (Key West ATCT, EYW)
- Tyler Fennell (Greer ATCT, GSP)
- Rachel St. Louis (GSP)
- Ryan McIlhenny (Wilmington ATCT, ILM)
- Maximilian Strauser (ILM)
- Charles Thompson (ILM)
- Tristan Hamrick (Lexington ATCT, LEX)
- Abraham Ramirez (Gwinnett ATCT, LZU)

- Kimberly Andrews (Ann Arbor ATCT, ARB)
- Caleb Sidock (Kalamazoo ATCT, AZO)
- Peter Cooper (Columbus ATCT, CMH)
- Tyler Decker (CMH)
- Good Le (CMH)
- Andrea Gortze (Eden Prairie Flying Cloud ATCT, FCM)
- Ryan Nash (Lafayette Purdue University Airport ATCT, LAF)
- Kelly Price (Milwaukee ATCT, MKE)
- Joseph Warhurst (MKE)
- Owen Fitzgerald (Midway ATCT, MDW)
- Slade Rosamond (Pontiac ATCT, PTK)
- Matthew Ross (PTK)
- Vladislav Penchuk (Rochester Municipal TRACAB, RST)
- Andrew Calabro (Springfield ATCT, SPI)
- Ty Plummer (SPI)
- Lane Koba-Nelson (Toledo ATCT, TOL)
- Marcos Bravo (Chicago Center, ZAU)
- Abigail Breazeale (ZAU)
- Christopher Britton (ZAU)
- Reid Burens (ZAU)
- Tristin Davis (ZAU)
- Ryan Lehman (ZAU)
- Jasmine Lopez-Ramirez (ZAU)
- Zachary Parsons (ZAU)
- Osman Rivas-bu (ZAU)
- Allison Slattery (ZAU)
- Ethan Smith (ZAU)
- Naomi Tomasi (ZAU)
- Scott Aaron (Indianapolis Center, ZID)
- Nicholas Mabardy (ZID)
- Curtis Smith (ZID)
- Nicholas Kannenberg (ZID)
- Reeve Craig (Minneapolis Center, ZMP)
- Tyler Lay (ZMP)
- Emilio Santoyo Lopez (ZMP)
- Trinity Sorensen (ZMP)
- Kooper Koster (Cleveland Center, ZOB)

- Paul Paintner (Memphis TRACON, M03)
- Matthew Rodriguez (Ormand Beach ATCT, OMN)
- Ryan Fisher (West Palm Beach ATCT, PBI)
- Andrei Giuglea (PBI)
- Riley Pfeiffer (Raleigh-Durham ATCT, RDU)
- Caleb Rowles (Standiford ATCT, SDF)
- Christopher Mauro (Sarasota ATCT, SRQ)
- Joey Herbert (Tuscaloosa ATCT, TCL)
- Carson Thornton (Tampa ATCT, TPA)
- Zachery Zimmer-Donahue (Knoxville ATCT, TYS)
- Danielle Sayles (Jacksonville Center, ZJX)
- Luke Weisberg (Miami Center, ZMA)
- William Matthews (Memphis Center, ZME)

Southwest Region:

- Rebecca Nobles (Waco ATCT, ACT)
- Christopher McWhorter (Amarillo ATCT, AMA)
- Stephen Wolkomir (Dallas Love ATCT, DAL)
- Samuel Whitlock (For Worth Meacham ATCT, FTW)
- Shane Maldonado (FTW)
- Benjamin Rogers (Longview ATCT, GGG)
- Jason Doak (Midland ATCT, MAF)
- Ethan Verret (New Orleans ATCT, MSY)
- Devon Moses (MSY)
- Jason Forbes (Roswell ATCT, ROW)
- Joaquin Palenzuela (Albuquerque Center, ZAB)
- Kyle Berry (ZAB)
- Ashley Diaz (ZAB)
- Aaliyah Jackman (ZAB)
- Victoria Zeno (ZAB)
- Matthew Dixon (Fort Worth Center, ZFW)
- Deven Hammond (ZFW)

New England Region:

- Randell Dutton (Lebanon ATCT, LEB)
- Dylan Berube (Providence ATCT, PVD)
- Emily Ross (PVD)
- Christopher Fitzpatrick (Yankee TRACON, Y90)
- Michael Ingram (Boston Center, ZBW)
- Adam Revoir (ZBW)

Northwest Mountain Region:

- Haley Martin (Aspen TRACAB, ASE)
- Derek Wallace (Billings ATCT, BIL)
- Andrew Dallas (Boise ATCT, BOI)
- Kathleen Singleton (Paine ATCT, PAE)
- Hunter Avila (Portland TRACON, P80)
- Jacob Brown (Denver Center, ZDV)
- Tyler Cervantes (ZDV)
- Michael Darflinger (ZDV)
- Austin Reynolds (ZDV)
- Angel Diaz (Salt Lake City Center, ZLC)

Region X:

- John Blue (Engineer/Aeronautical Center, EAC)
- Paul Canales (EAC)
- Tamara Fox (EAC)
- Christopher Johnson (EAC)
- Daniel Mavis (EAC)

- Roberto Rivera (ZFW)
- Valdemar Ramirez (Houston Center, ZHU)
- Jackson Richter (ZHU)
- Alexander Womack (ZHU)
- Ronald Johnson (ZHU)

Western Pacific Region:

- Ryan Little (Burbank ATCT, BUR)
- Timothy Krieger (Chandler ATCT, CHD)
- Thomas Lilly (Palomar ATCT, CRQ)
- Andrew Lowman (Grand Canyon ATCT, GCN)
- Robert Volk (GCN)
- Edgar Alcala (Oakland ATCT, OAK)
- Luis Martinez (OAK)
- David Ponciano (Kahului ATCT, OGG)
- Collin Liao (Palo Alto ATCT, PAO)
- Sean Cannon (Scottsdale ATCT, SDL)
- Freddy Wang (San Jose ATCT, SJO)
- Torin Russell-Weddington (Sacramento ATCT, SMF)
- Brandon Rosales (John Wayne ATCT, SNA)
- Jacob Welty (SNA)
- Jordan Calderon (Tucson TRACON, U90)
- Matthew Stark (U90)
- Bryan Kimball (Los Angeles Center, ZLA)
- Michael Ramirez (ZLA)

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