



COMMUNICATING FOR SAFETY 2022

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TUESDAY HIGHLIGHTS

NATCA Executive Vice President Andrew LeBovidge Opens Day Two of CFS



Yesterday morning's CFS activities began with a keynote address from NATCA Executive Vice President Andrew LeBovidge. LeBovidge and other speakers shared their inspiring stories and expertise. Tuesday's CFS agenda offered more opportunities for attendees to learn and grow as NATCA members and other aviation professionals participated in thought-provoking panels about the critical challenges faced by aviation safety professionals.

Thank You to Tuesday's Other Keynote Speakers

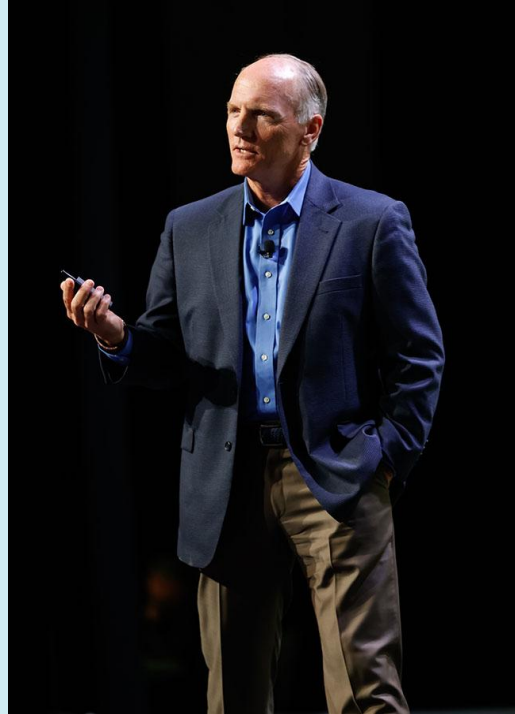


David Seymour

NATCA was pleased to welcome American Airlines Chief Operating Officer David Seymour to the CFS stage.

Seymour leads all of American Airlines' operations including airport operations, flight operations, technical operations, flight service, safety, cargo operations and the Integrated Operations Center, where the airline's daily operations are managed. An Army Ranger, Airborne officer, and former Operations Officer for the U.S. Army Parachute Team "Golden Knights," Seymour shared lessons from his long career in aviation and leadership with our CFS attendees.

Read more about Seymour [here](#).



Richard McSpadden

NATCA welcomed former Air Force Thunderbirds commander and AOPA (Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association) Air Safety Institute (ASI) Senior Vice President Richard McSpadden to the CFS 2022 main stage. At ASI, he leads a team of certified flight instructors and content creators who develop and distribute free aviation safety material in order to advance general aviation safety industrywide. ASI material is accessed 12 million times annually through its social media and their website.

McSpadden delivered a keynote address to CFS attendees, titled, "Under Pressure: The Mind of a Pilot in Distress."

Read more about McSpadden [here](#).

Tuesday Panels Focus on Using Collaboration to Address NAS Challenges



Looking Ahead: Transforming the NAS to Meet New Challenges

Former NATCA President Paul Rinaldi moderated the panel of aviation industry leaders on the CFS main stage this morning. Panelists included United Executive Vice President and Chief Customer Officer Linda Jojo, General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA) President and CEO Pete Bunce, FAA's Management Advisory Council member and Former FAA Deputy Administrator Linda Daschle, Association for Uncrewed Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) President and CEO Brian Wynne, and American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) President and CEO Todd Hauptli.



Pilot/Controller Panels

The Pilot/Controller Communications panel remains one of the most highly anticipated discussions at CFS. This year, CFS hosted three separate discussions on key hot topics for today's National Airspace System (NAS), with NATCA and industry panelists. The panels included:

- Is it Active or Not: A Look at Special Use Airspace.
- Pilot Controller Communication: Working Together.
- Reporting: How I Contribute to Safety.

Click [here](#) to read more about the panel topics and participants.



No Train, No Gain: The Road Back

NATCA National Training Representative Jamaal Haltom and FAA Vice President of Safety and Technical Training Frank McIntosh moderated a panel on the main stage titled "No Train, No Gain: The Road Back," with panelists FAA



Mistakes Happen: But They Don't Have to be Repeated

NATCA National Runway Safety Representative Bridget Singratanakul moderated a panel on the main stage titled "Mistakes Happen: But They Don't Have to be Repeated," with panelists AOPA Air Safety Institute Senior

Central Service Area Director of Operations Hope Kubala, NATCA Southwest Regional Vice President Nick Daniels, NATCA Dallas/Fort Worth TRACON (D10) FacRep Steve Prichard, and D10 Air Traffic Manager Nick Fannin.

Panelists emphasized how NATCA's members and leadership have emphasized the necessity of a commitment to effective, regular training in pursuit of excellence.

Vice President Richard McSpadden, NATCA National Human Performance Representative Aaron Katz, and Corporate Pilot Sheri "Sharki" Kontra.

Congratulations to our Awards Luncheon Winners!



At yesterday's CFS Awards luncheon, aviation safety professionals from around the National Airspace System (NAS) were honored with the following awards:

Steve Hansen Safety Advocate Award

Named for the former Chairman of the NATCA National Safety Committee, the Steve Hansen Safety Advocate Award is presented to NATCA members who have made extraordinary achievements and have worked tirelessly on NATCA's behalf to be a leader in furthering the cause of aviation safety. While each winner has contributed their skills, dedication, and work ethic in different ways, with varying areas of expertise, there is one thing that ties them all together: they are all passionate about safety and aviation. Congratulations to the following NATCA members honored with this award:

Steve Hansen Safety Advocate Award for 2021
Engineers Northwest Mountain (ENM) FacRep Don Schmeichel



Pictured (left to right): NATCA Executive Vice President Andrew LeBovidge, 2021 Hansen Award winner NATCA's Region X Representative to the National Safety Committee Don Schmeichel (Engineers Northwest Mountain, ENM), and NATCA President Rich Santa

Steve Hansen Safety Advocate Award for 2022
Indianapolis Center (ZID) member Michelle Trudeau



Pictured (left to right): LeBovidge, 2022 Hansen Award winner NATCA National Partnership for Safety Representative Michelle Trudeau (Indianapolis Center, ZID), and Santa

NATCA Excellence in Training Award

In 2019, as a demonstration of NATCA's commitment to our members' pursuit of ongoing and effective professional development throughout their aviation careers, our Union established a new award: the Excellence in Training Award. This award is given to members who exemplify this commitment to effective and ongoing training and learning in their local, in their region, and/or at the national level.

NATCA President Rich Santa presented the awards for 2020, 2021, and 2022 today at the 2022 Awards Luncheon:

2020: Elisa Muise (Boston Center, ZBW)

2021: Marc Schneider (Indianapolis Center, ZID)

2022: Tom Marynik (Albuquerque Center, ZAB)



Pictured (left to right): LeBovidge, 2021 Excellence in Training Award winner Marc Schneider (Indianapolis Center, ZID), NATCA National Training Representative Jamaal Haltom (Las Vegas ATCT, LAS), and Santa

NATCA Professionalism Award

The goal of NATCA's Professional Standards program is to maintain and promote professionalism across all of NATCA's bargaining units. NATCA members achieve that through a commitment to safety and through upholding the public's trust. They work to inspire, motivate, provide personal examples of our professionalism to others, and maintain the highest standard of excellence. They know their actions represent all of their fellow professionals, and we work to bring honor and respect to all that they do. The NATCA National Professional Standards Committee (PSC) created the "NATCA National Professionalism Award" as a means to recognize the actions of those who continually strive to achieve these goals.

NATCA National Professional Standards Workgroup members Chris Keyes,

Lydia Baune, and Patrick Carter presented the 2020, 2021, and 2022 winners with NATCA National Professionalism Awards.

2020

- Jonathan Davis (Kahului ATCT, OGG)
- Roy Guerrero (Chicago Midway ATCT, MDW)
- LaKecia Shuron (Reading ATCT, RDG)

2021

- Eric Mauro (Merrill Field ATCT, MRI)
- Natasha Poepoe (Denver TRACON, D01)
- Michelle Trudeau (Indianapolis Center, ZID)
- Jennifer Dickinson (Boston ATCT, BOS)

2022

- Dale Burton (Kahului ATCT, OGG)
- Robert O'Reilly (Houston TRACON, I90)
- Kevin Maney (New York TRACON, N90)
- Dawn Forde (New York Aircraft Certification Office, EE1)



Pictured (left to right): LeBovidge; National Professional Standards Representatives Christopher Keyes (Washington Center, ZDC), Patrick Carter (Dallas/Fort Worth TRACON, D10), and Lydia Baune (Spokane ATCT, GEG); award winners LaKecia Shuron (Reading ATCT, RDG), Roy Guerrero (Chicago Midway ATCT, MDW), and Jonathan Davis (Kahului ATCT, OGG); and Santa



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James L. Oberstar Sentinel of Safety Award

NATCA created the Sentinel of Safety Award as a way to honor aviation

leaders outside NATCA who have displayed outstanding achievement in the advancement of aviation safety. On Oct. 2, 2014, at its Biennial Convention in Minneapolis, NATCA proudly renamed the award to honor Congressman Jim Oberstar, who was a tireless advocate for aviation, air traffic control, and NATCA during his tenure in Congress and as the Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

NATCA President Rich Santa presented the award to the former Chief Operating Officer of the FAA's Air Traffic Organization (ATO) Teri Bristol.



Pictured (left to right): LeBovidge, former Chief Operating Officer of the FAA's Air Traffic Organization (ATO) Teri Bristol, and Santa

Raytheon Controllers of the Year

Established by NATCA CFS Grand Benefactor sponsor and partner Raytheon, the award honors controllers for outstanding efforts to improve air traffic control quality, safety, or efficiency. Raytheon Director of Executive Strategy and Business Development Rachel Jackson presented the awards at the Awards Luncheon to NATCA National NextGen Representative Adam Rhodes and NATCA National Weather Representative Eric Avila.



Pictured (left to right): LeBovidge, Raytheon Air Traffic Systems Director Chris Rogers, Raytheon Air Traffic Controllers of the Year NATCA National NextGen Representative Adam Rhodes and NATCA National Weather Representative Eric Avila, and Raytheon Director of Executive Strategy and Business Development Rachel Jackson, and Santa

AOPA Air Safety Institute Flight Assist Commendation

To a pilot in trouble, there is often no more helpful cockpit resource than the air traffic controller on the other end of the radio. That's why the AOPA (Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association) Foundation's Air Safety Institute joined in today's CFS Awards Luncheon to present NATCA member controllers with Air Safety Institute Flight Assist Commendations. Congratulations to the following NATCA members honored with this award:

- Patrick Carr (Greensboro ATCT, GSO)
- Ryan Hampton (Greensboro ATCT, GSO)
- Matt Freidel (Anchorage Center, ZAN)
- Timothy Salamon (Portland TRACON, P80)
- Jesse Ramsey (Kansas City Center, ZKC)
- Chelsea Arias (Washington Center, ZDC)
- Amber Bailey (Washington Center, ZDC)
- James Ennis (Washington Center, ZDC)
- Dylan Mcloughlin (Washington Center, ZDC)
- Christopher Corapi (Greater Cincinnati ATCT, CVG)



Pictured (left to right): LeBovidge, Flight Assist Commendation winner Ryan Hampton (Greensboro ATCT, GSO), AOPA ASI Vice President Richard McSpadden, winner Chelsea Arias (Washington Center, ZDC), winner Christopher Corapi (Greater Cincinnati ATCT, CVG), and Santa.

PREVIEW OF WEDNESDAY

Today, our programming includes two panels on technological innovations affecting the NAS and breakout sessions for attendees in the afternoon.

You can view a detailed agenda and watch a live stream of the general session on the main stage by clicking below.

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Later tonight, we will present our final awards of CFS 2022 at the 18th annual Archie League Medal of Safety Awards Banquet. This awards program also will be streamed live on the CFS web page.



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