



NATCA Recognizes AAPI Heritage Month

NATCA is proud to recognize Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month. This annual celebration is observed in May because it marks the anniversary of some important dates: the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants to the United States on May 7, 1843 and the completion of the transcontinental railroad, which Chinese immigrants helped build, on May 10, 1869.



NATCA celebrates the contributions and influence of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islander Americans to the United States, the labor movement, and our Union.

You can read more about AAPI labor activists throughout history [here](#).

NATCA Hosts FAA Academy Meet and Greet in Oklahoma City

On April 24, NATCA held a Meet and Greet for FAA Academy trainees in Oklahoma City to connect with established air traffic control professionals and NATCA representatives. The event is designed to introduce trainees to the benefits and support structures of union membership, fostering a sense of community and engagement from the start of their careers.



FAA Academy Meet & Greet Oklahoma City | April 2024

Eastern Regional Vice President Brian Shallenberger, Reloaded Committee Southwest Region Representative Saja Cox (Oklahoma City ATCT), and Tulsa ATCT Vice President Andrew Karkiewicz led the discussions, sharing insights and experiences that highlighted the crucial role of NATCA in advocating for its members. With 22 trainees in attendance, the event featured questions, networking, and enthusiasm about future possibilities within the Union.

NATCA plans to host more such events to inspire, educate, and integrate Academy attendees throughout the year. This initiative is a key part of our mission to build a stronger, more informed community that advances the interests and welfare of air traffic professionals nationwide.

NATCA Member Meets with U.S. Representatives

Sam Graves, Buddy Carter, and Mike Collins

Paul Konosky (DeKalb-Peachtree ATCT, PDK) recently met with U.S. Representatives Sam Graves (Mo.-6), Buddy Carter (Ga.-1), and Mike Collins (Ga.-10). He thanked them all for their support on the FAA Reauthorization. Konosky also had a discussion about Rep. Collins' flying experience, as Collins is working to get his private pilot's license.



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