

From the Desk of President Rich Santa: Record Traffic Projected for Fourth of July Travel Week

Brothers and Sisters,

As we enter the height of another busy summer travel season, the TSA reported this week that it expects to screen more than 32 million passengers from Thursday, June 27 through Monday, July 8. These travelers will board more than 53,600 flights over this period – a projected increase of 5 percent when compared to last year.



This upcoming very busy week is on top of the record 2.99 million passengers who were moved through the National Airspace System (NAS) on Sunday, June 23, a day that broke a previous record set in May.

There is no denying that we are in the middle one of the busiest travel seasons on record. Summer is usually a peak travel season. But we are not just seeing flight and passenger numbers return to pre-COVID levels. We're setting new all-time records.

Air traffic controllers and other aviation safety professionals are on the frontline every day, keeping the NAS the safest airspace in the world and making all of this travel possible. NATCA's slogan is "We Guide You Home." Our Union's members demonstrate that this is true, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. You answer the bell no matter what the challenge and do your job with a level of expertise and professionalism that is second to none in the aviation industry. You are what makes our Union special.

It is for these reasons that I want to take this opportunity to thank you for all your hard work, especially those who are sacrificing time with their families this Independence Day to help so many others make it safely to their destinations. Thank you!

Happy Fourth of July!

In Solidarity,

Rich Santa NATCA President

NATCA Unity & Solidarity Shine at Indy Pride Parade

NATCA Indianapolis Center (ZID) members lit up the streets with joy and pride as they represented our Union during the Indy Pride Parade on June 8. Amidst the cheers and rainbow-colored flags, they showcased the spirit of solidarity and unity that are hallmarks of NATCA.





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For NATCA members, this event is a reaffirmation of our Union's commitment to equality and fairness. Our members' presence at Indy Pride was a testament to the ongoing fight against discrimination. NATCA members know that the strongest protections, including those for LGBTQ+ rights in the workplace,

Registration for NATCA's 20th Biennial Convention Is Now Open

Registration for NATCA's 20th Biennial Convention is now open. Register today and plan to be at the Marriott Marquis in San Francisco from May 9-11, 2025, with the opening ceremony taking place on the evening of May 8. Early registrants will get the best prices on all Convention events.

Please do not register NATCA members as guests. NATCA members must be registered as separate attendees to receive the proper credentialing.

Click <u>here</u> to register for the Convention and buy tickets for evening events. Purchase tickets before March 10, 2025, for lowest event ticket pricing!

Room reservations can be made directly during the Convention registration process. The cutoff date and time to book your room is April 14, 2025, at 5 p.m. PDT or when our Union's room block is sold out.



For additional information and updates, visit www.natca.org/events/convention.







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