

NATCA Members Prepare for Oshkosh with SimVenture, Showcasing Expertise and Dedication

In preparation for EAA AirVenture Oshkosh fly-in convention in Oshkosh, Wisc., NATCA members helped put on the EAA SimVenture program, held from July 11-14. This online simulation event featured live pilots and air traffic controllers working together to virtually replicate the annual fly-in at Oshkosh, providing a vital training tool for pilots and controllers alike.

"EAA SimVenture is an excellent training tool and helps prepare pilots for the actual event," Oshkosh FacRep Nick Luce said. "The collaboration between pilots and air traffic controllers over the web was seamless, mirroring real-world scenarios."

NATCA members annually put on their renowned pink shirts reflecting their role at Oshkosh, and are known for their expertise and calm, encouraging communication, helping pilots navigate safely through the intense air traffic.











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"I watched the livestream of the operation, and it was a testament to the dedication and professionalism of our NATCA members," Luce said. "This event highlighted the safety and preparedness we strive for, ultimately benefiting pilot expectations and performance."

The EAA SimVenture program reinforced the importance of preparation and coordination, showcasing the dedication of NATCA members and their critical role in ensuring the safety and success of aviation events.

NATCA Member Attends Labor Event with U.S. Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon

Philadelphia ATCT (PHL) member Brandy Willis represented NATCA at the Mary Gay Scanlon Labor Community Happy Hour last month. During the event, Willis had a conversation with U.S. Representative Mary Gay Scanlon (Penn.-5).

"As soon as I told her I was a NATCA member, she said she was hopeful that the FAA Reauthorization Act would pass later that week," Willis said. "She expressed her appreciation for the support of labor unions in her district."



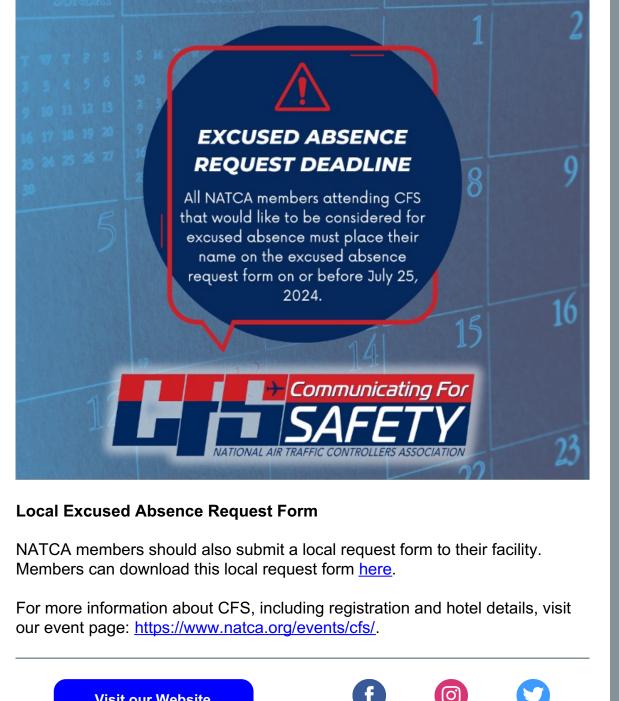
Other labor union leaders also attended the event, including Lane Conley, a local PHL Professional Aviation Safety Specialists (PASS) union member. Willis was enthusiastic about the opportunity to build relationships and support those who align with NATCA.

Thinking About Attending CFS? The Deadline to Request an Excused Absence Is July 25

This year's Communicating for Safety Conference takes place Sept. 16-18 at the Horseshoe Las Vegas. All NATCA members attending CFS that would like to be considered for excused absence must place their name on the excused absence request form on or before July 25, 2024.

- There are no consequences for requesting an excused absence only to find out later you can't attend.
- Placing your name on the Excused Absence Request Form is NOT an automatic approval and release from your facility to attend. This is determined locally based on staffing and other circumstances.

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