FAA Academy Trainees Engage with NATCA Leaders at Inspiring Meet and Greet Event

On June 12, NATCA organized a dynamic Meet and Greet event for FAA Academy trainees in Oklahoma City, offering them a unique opportunity to connect with seasoned air traffic control professionals and NATCA representatives. This event's program introduced the trainees to the numerous benefits and robust support structures of union membership, cultivating a strong sense of community and engagement from the outset of their careers.

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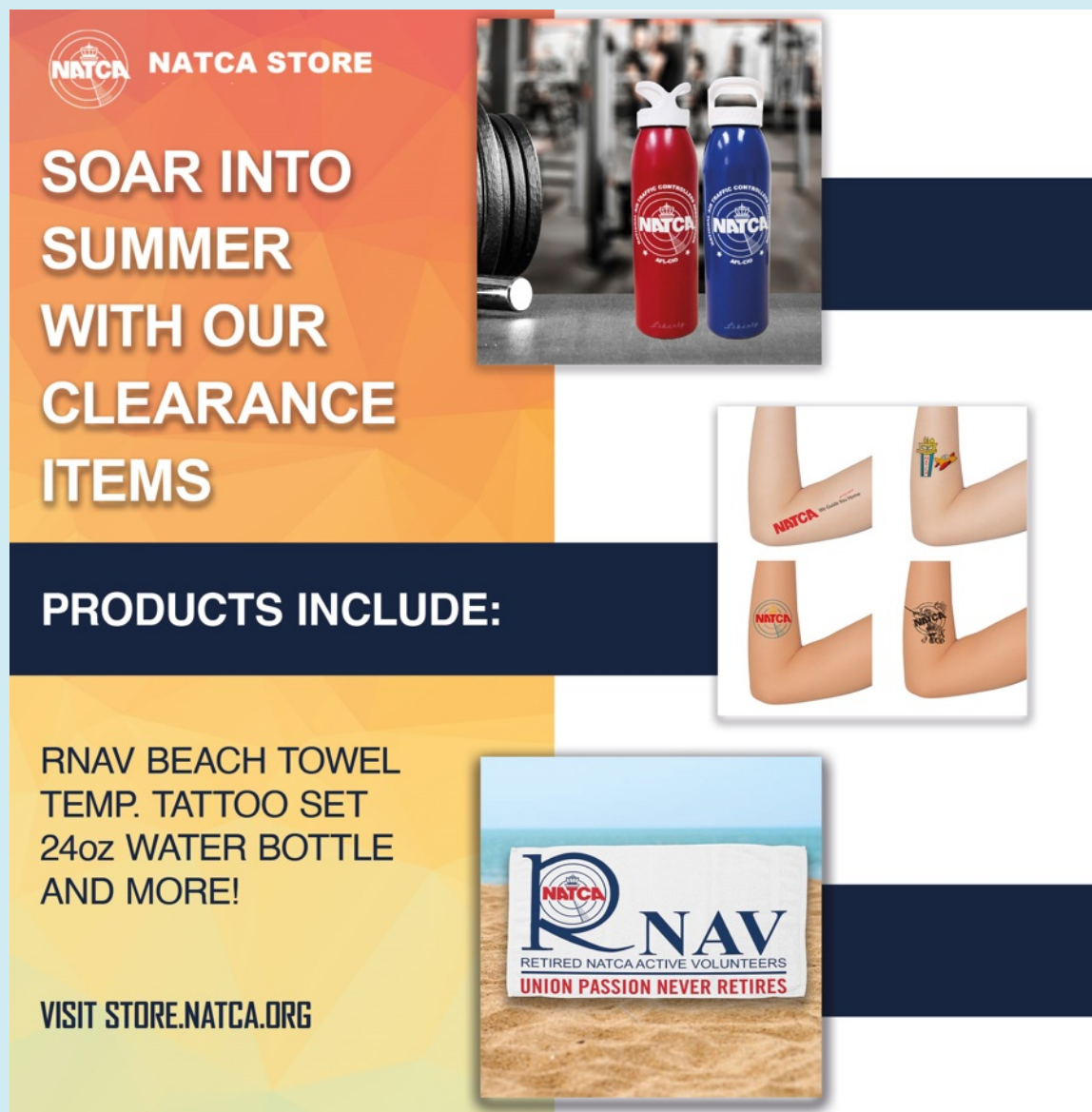
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NATCA Executive Vice President Andrew LeBovidge, National Training Representative Jamaal Haltom (Las Vegas ATCT, LAS), Albuquerque Center

(ZAB) FacRep Danny Watson, and Reloaded Committee member Charles Howell (Oakland Center, ZOA) led the discussions. They shared valuable insights and personal experiences that underscored the vital role NATCA plays in advocating for its members. With a record turnout of 48 trainees — the largest such gathering this year — the event was filled with lively questions, enthusiastic networking, and excitement about future opportunities within the Union.

NATCA is committed to hosting more events like this throughout the year to inspire, educate, and integrate Academy trainees. This initiative is an essential part of our mission to build a stronger, more informed membership that champions the interests and welfare of air traffic professionals nationwide.

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Register for CFS 2024: 2024 Early-Bird Pricing for Registrations/Tickets Available Through August 18!

Get ready to join us at Communicating for Safety (CFS) 2024! CFS is NATCA's premier aviation safety conference uniting industry leaders, innovators, and professionals. Join us from September 16-18, 2024, at The Horseshoe Las Vegas for three days of unparalleled insights into safety, technology, and relationship-building. Engage in dynamic discussions, network with peers and pioneers, and shape the future of aviation.

Registration is now open, and all registrants can take advantage of lower early-bird prices for conference registration and tickets for the Archie League Medal of Safety Awards banquet through August 18. Don't wait! Save money and secure your place now for an event that promises to elevate your expertise and connections in the skies.

Register and learn more about CFS 2024 here.

For NATCA members, registering to attend CFS is a three-step process.

Step 1: CFS Event Registration

During registration, NATCA members will be able to book their hotel room and purchase Archie League Medal of Safety Awards banquet tickets. **The hotel room block cut off is Aug. 19** After this date, rooms are no longer guaranteed and are subject to availability.

To register, click here.

Step 2: National Excused Absence List

All NATCA members must read the registration guidelines to learn how to be put onto the national excused absence list for CFS. **All NATCA members 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.

Complete the excused absence form here.

Step 3: Local Excused Absence Request Form

NATCA members should also submit a local request form to their facility. Members can download this local request form here.

General FAQs for Conference | Housing Policy FAQs for NATCA Members

Have questions about registering? Email event organizers at natcacfs@natca.net.

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