



NATCA Commemorates the 23rd Anniversary of 9/11

Today marks 23 years since the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. We remember those who lost their lives and commend the aviation safety professionals that were on duty that day for their bravery and hard work.

After an unprecedented shutdown of the National Airspace System (NAS) was ordered, NATCA's members across the country sprang into action to order every aircraft in their airspace to land immediately. Controllers guided 700 aircraft to land in the first four minutes, 2,800 in the first hour, and over 4,500 within the first three hours. More than million passengers landed without incident.



While many of the men and women, who were working that day and who completed that heroic effort, are no longer controlling traffic 23 years later, it fills us with great pride to honor their legacy and thank them for handling such a terrible event seamlessly, professionally, and safely.

Twenty-three years later, our nation still thanks those working that day for their steadfast dedication to the flying public and the safety of the NAS.

As we get further away from that tragic day, [our archive](#) is a vital way to recount the important role that controllers played in protecting our nation from possible further attacks. We invite any member, active or retired, interested in sharing a statement describing their experiences working on 9/11 to send their email accounts to publicaffairs@natca.org.

NATCA Recognizes National Hispanic Heritage Month

National Hispanic Heritage Month begins on Sunday, Sept. 15 and lasts through Tuesday, Oct. 15. It began as a week-long celebration in 1968 under President Lyndon B. Johnson, and was expanded to a month-long celebration in 1988. The next four weeks provide us a time to recognize the contributions

and influence of Hispanic Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States.



Ahead of National Hispanic Heritage Month, NATCA President Rich Santa and Union members attended the National Hispanic Coalition of Federal Aviation Employees (NHCFAE) Annual Training Conference. Read more about it on our [website](#).

Don't Forget to Return Your Ballots for the Runoff Election for NATCA's President and Executive Vice President

As a result of none of the three candidates in the races for president and executive vice president receiving a majority of the votes cast during the July 30 ballot count in the 2024 NATCA National Election, a runoff election among the two candidates who received the most votes for each of those positions commenced last month.

Runoff ballots were mailed to NATCA members' home addresses on Aug. 16. These ballots must be returned to the National Election Committee (NEC)'s post office box in Washington, D.C., by 9 a.m. EDT on Oct. 4. The NEC will collect the runoff ballots from the post office box and conduct the runoff ballot count on that same day.

DON'T FORGET TO MAIL YOUR RUNOFF ELECTION BALLOT!

- Ballots must be received by 9 a.m. EDT on Oct. 4.
- If you did not receive a ballot, contact natcaelection2024@natca.org by Sept. 16



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The candidates for president on the runoff ballot are Nick Daniels and Rich Santa.

The candidates for executive vice president on the runoff ballot are Mick Devine and Jamaal Haltom.

All active NATCA members in good standing are eligible to vote in the runoff election, regardless of whether you voted in the initial races for president and executive vice president.

Any new member who joins NATCA on or before Sept. 18 will be mailed a runoff ballot. Any member who doesn't receive a runoff ballot or needs a duplicate runoff ballot for any other reason can make a request for a duplicate runoff ballot by sending an email to natcaelection2024@natca.org by Sept. 16. A request for a duplicate runoff ballot should include the member's name, facility, and current home mailing address.

Members with questions about the election process may contact the National Election Committee at nec@members.natca.org.

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NATCA's group long-term disability insurance from Unum provides all-important peace of mind in the event you lose your medical or are disabled.

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Why leave your career and your financial stability unprotected?



Open enrollment for NATCA group long-term disability program from Unum is open.

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