



NATCA Joins NBCFAE's 47th National Training Conference to Empower FAA Employees

The National Black Coalition of Federal Aviation Employees (NBCFAE) held its 47th National Training Conference from Aug. 11-14 in Arlington, Va. The event, themed "Blueprint: Igniting Your Success," brought together a diverse group of professionals dedicated to advancing equal opportunities within the FAA. NATCA proudly sponsored the event and hosted an informational booth.

Representing NATCA at the conference, Mylinka Brogdon (Atlanta Center, ZTL), Aubrey Farrar (Washington National ATCT, DCA), and Darrin Johnson (DCA), engaged with NBCFAE attendees, sharing their experiences as air traffic controllers and offering insights into aviation safety careers. Their participation exemplified NATCA's commitment to supporting and promoting diversity within the aviation industry.



Founded in 1976, NBCFAE is the largest employee association within the FAA, dedicated to promoting equal opportunity, providing support, and advocating for African Americans, minorities, and women in the aviation industry.

NBCFAE's training conferences are a vital resource for FAA employees, offering training opportunities that are essential for professional growth and the achievement of the coalition's mission. These conferences, held in various FAA facilities and major cities nationwide, are integral to fostering the success of employees and the broader aviation community.

Welcome to Our Newest Members

Welcome to NATCA's newest members! Let's give a warm welcome to these sisters and brothers joining our NATCA family! We encourage NATCA members to reach out in their facilities to these new members, share your experiences, and help integrate them into our Union activities. Your guidance is invaluable in fostering our new members' growth and involvement. Together, we can ensure our members are well-informed and ready to advance our commitment to safety and advocacy in the skies. In the spirit of solidarity, here's to strengthening our Union with fresh perspectives and energy.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



Central Region

Denten Brinkerhoff (Waterloo ATCT, ALO)
Samuel Dolezal (Kansas City Center, ZKC)

Eastern Region

Salomon Caicedo (Allentown ATCT, ABE)
Justin Dornak (Manassas ATCT, HEF)
Jesse Macfarlane (Atlantic City ATCT, ACY)
Shannon Shuey (Allentown ATCT, ABE)
Kelli Wells (Washington Center, ZDC)

Great Lakes Region

Alex Barna (Chicago Center, ZAU)
Austin Bunce (Cleveland Center, ZOB)
Peter Flores (Ann Arbor ATCT, ARB)
David Gough (Chicago Center, ZAU)
John Knipp (Chicago Center, ZAU)
Milenko Mirkovic (Chicago Center, ZAU)
Jacob Olmscheid (Minneapolis Center, ZMP)

Region X

Alexander Cruz-Noriega
(Engineer/Southern Region, ESO)

Southwest Region

Chazz Arroyo (Fort Worth Center, ZFW)
Dayson Dereta (Fort Worth Center, ZFW)
David Forsberg (Clinton/Sherman ATCT, CSM)
Andre Lambrinides (Fort Worth Center, ZFW)
Lon Levy (Houston Center, ZHU)
Jamal Perry (Abilene ATCT, ABI)
Richard Smith (Abilene ATCT, ABI)

Western Pacific Region

Mark Bravo (Livermore ATCT, LVK)
John Brine (Burbank ATCT, BUR)
Christian Cullen (Livermore ATCT, LVK)
Adan Esqueda (Stockton ATCT, SCK)

Matthew Sammartino (Chicago Center, ZAU)
Jaiden Schallhorn (Chicago Center, ZAU)

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"I remember first hearing from the FAA flight surgeon that concussions are an automatic 6-month disqualification, and I remember breaking down into tears." Denver ATCT (DEN) member Meryn Holbrook didn't expect to fall off her mountain bike and suffer a medically disqualifying concussion, but she found peace of mind knowing Unum long term disability insurance also covered her overtime and differentials during that period of time.

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"In 2020, I fell off of my mountain bike while riding on a sidewalk. I was not wearing a helmet, and I cracked my skull and sustained a bad concussion. I remember first hearing from the FAA flight surgeon that concussions are an automatic 6-month disqualification and I remember breaking down into tears. It was then that I was reminded of my NATCA Unum Disability Insurance."

**-Meryn Holbrook
(Denver ATCT, DEN)**

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