



## **Tune in Tonight for President Nick Daniels on CNN Newsroom Saturday, Starting at 7 p.m. EST**

NATCA President Nick Daniels is scheduled to join Jessica Dean tonight on CNN Newsroom Saturday. The show begins at 7 p.m. EST/6 p.m. CST. For those unable to watch live, NATCA will share clips from the interview as they become available.



## **TUNE IN NATCA MEDIA APPEARANCE**

**Starting at approximately 7 p.m. EST,  
NATCA President Nick Daniels will be on**



## **President Nick Daniels on NBC Nightly News**

Yesterday evening, NBC Nightly News broadcast an interview of NATCA President Nick Daniels by Lester Holt that took place earlier on Friday at National Airport. The interview covered controller staffing shortages and the stringent hiring standards for the job. Here is a transcript of the promo for that interview from NBC News' Instagram channel:

**Daniels:** *I want to make sure that everyone understands, we are at the all-time low in staffing. We do need a reform in budgeting in order to modernize this system. And we do want to recruit the best and brightest along as, you know, the President of the United States said. We want to work with him. That's going to include needing to engage in talking about pay, benefits, and the stresses that this job brings.*

**Holt:** *So could this be a wake-up call to some extent?*

**Daniels:** *Yes. Absolutely. I think any chance that we have to talk about the fragility of the air traffic system and the ways to improve it, we should be out doing that.*



Watch the promo of the interview on NBC News'Instagram channel [here](#). | Watch the interview as it was broadcast on NBC Night News last night [here](#).

## NATCA and Controllers in the News

Below is a sample of other prominent news coverage featuring NATCA:

*The Washington Post* | [National Airport has long struggled to manage helicopter traffic, records show](#)

Nick Daniels, president of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association, said chronic understaffing is putting serious strains on the system — and it's a problem that won't be solved quickly. "Right now, we have only 10,800 certified professional controllers doing this job every day where we should have 14,335 doing it to staff the system," he said. "A lot of that is overcome by controllers working six-day workweeks and 60 hours within that week, which leads to fatigue and exhaustion." The FAA has stepped up hiring, but even if the agency hires the maximum number of controllers each year, he



said, it would take eight years for the system to catch up with today's needs.

*The Washington Post* | [Army helicopter was alerted to plane's presence two minutes before collision](#)

Air traffic controllers twice alerted the crew of a U.S. Army helicopter to the presence of an inbound American Airlines jet, with the first warning issued two minutes before the aircraft collided Wednesday night near Reagan National Airport, radio transmissions show.

*The Hill* | [Air traffic controllers union responds to Trump's DEI attacks](#)

The air traffic controllers union responded Friday to claims by President Trump this week that diversity programs contributed to the fatal crash in Washington Wednesday night. "Air traffic controllers earn the prestigious and elite status of being a fully certified professional controller after successfully completing a series of rigorous training milestones. The standards to achieve certifications are not based on race or gender," Nick Daniels, president of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA), said in a statement.

*Flying* | [NATCA Head Defends Controllers After Trump Blames Fatal Midair on DEI Policies](#)

The president of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA) refuted President Donald Trump's suggestion that diversity policies were to blame for a collision between an American Eagle flight and a U.S. Army Black Hawk near Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (KDCA) on Wednesday night.

Associated Press | [Air traffic controllers were initially offered buyouts and told to consider leaving government](#)

Just a day before a deadly midair collision at Reagan National Airport outside Washington, D.C., employees at the Federal Aviation Administration were sent an offer to resign with eight months' pay.

*New York Times* | [Official Email Urges Federal Workers to Find 'Higher Productivity' Jobs](#)

The most challenging day in decades for air traffic controllers, safety inspectors and other Federal Aviation Administration employees started with profound questions about a deadly crash the night before — and ended with an email urging them to resign from their jobs.

Facebook Live

NATCA also encourages you to watch our [Facebook Live video](#) from Thursday evening where NATCA President Nick Daniels answered questions from Deputy Public Affairs Director Galen Munroe, shedding a light on the challenges that face our profession.

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