

List of Holidays and Historical NATCA Events 2026 and 2027

2026

January

1	New Year's Day
19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

February: Black History Month

14	Valentine's Day
16	President's Day
17	Ramadan
Week of the 23rd	National Engineers' Week

March: Women's History Month

Week of the 2nd	Women of Aviation Week
8	International Women's Day
8	Daylight Savings Time Begins
17	St. Patrick's Day

April: Month of the Aviation and Aerospace Child

1	Passover
5	Easter
22	Earth Day

May: Mental Health Awareness Month

1	International Workers' Day
4-6	NATCA in Washington, Washington, DC
10	Mother's Day
25	Memorial Day

June: Pride Month

14	Flag Day
19	Juneteenth
19	NATCA's Anniversary (1987)
21	Father's Day
23	Women in Engineering Day

July

4	Independence Day
20-26	EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh, WI

August

19	National Aviation Day
19-25	National Aviation Week
26	Women's Equality Day

September: Suicide Prevention Month

7	Labor Day
11	September 11 Remembrance
14-16	NATCA Communicating for Safety, Las Vegas, NV

October

12	Indigenous People's Day
20	International Day of the Air Traffic Controller
31	Halloween

November: Aviation History Month

1	Daylight Savings Time Ends
11	Veterans' Day
26	Thanksgiving

December

4	Hanukkah Begins
7	International Civil Aviation Day
7-9	NATCA Activism and Training Expo, Las Vegas, NV
25	Christmas
26	Kwanzaa
31	New Year's Eve

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Important NATCA and Aviation Events

January 2 – FLRA certified NATCA as exclusive bargaining representative of the Drug Abatement Division/Compliance and Enforcement Branch Inspectors (2002)

January 4 – FLRA certified NATCA as exclusive bargaining representative of the FAA Regional Counsel's Office/Legal Division (2000)

January 5 – Controllers file petition with the FLRA requesting NATCA as their bargaining representative (1987)

January 11 – First NATCA regional & facility representative organizational meeting (1986)

January 25 - FLRA certified NATCA as exclusive bargaining representative of the AFN bargaining unit in the FAA's Office of Finance & Management (2016)

January 31 - FLRA certified NATCA as exclusive bargaining representative of Flight Procedures Team (2013)

February 21 – NLRB certified NATCA as exclusive bargaining representative of the Union's first contract tower, Central Wisconsin Tower in Mosinee, WI (1997)

March 23 - FLRA certified NATCA as exclusive bargaining representative of NOTAMs (1999)

April 7 – Blue Book Multi-Unit CBA became effective, ending the imposed work rules for the multi-unit employees (2011)

April 28 – NATCA issued charter as a direct affiliate of the AFL-CIO (1998)

May 1 – First contract between NATCA and the FAA went into effect (1989) May 14 – First Airway Traffic Conference, Chicago (1939)

May 20 – Charles Lindbergh piloted first solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean (1927) May 25 - FLRA certified NATCA as exclusive bargaining representative of Traffic Management Coordinators (2000)

June 1 - FLRA certified NATCA as exclusive bargaining representative of FAA automation specialists (2000)

June 2 – Purple Book consolidated CBA became effective (2013)

June 11 – FLRA ballot count for NATCA representation of air traffic controllers won by over 70 percent (1987)

June 19 - FLRA certified NATCA as exclusive bargaining representative of FAA controllers (1987) June 30 – United/TWA collision leads to establishment of FAA (1956)

July 10 – Imposed work rules are implemented by FAA against Multi-Unit (2005) July 18 – NATCA elected first national officers (1988)

July 24 – Slate Book CBA became effective (2016)

August 3 – More than 12,000 PATCO air traffic controllers went on strike after months of failed negotiations with the federal government (1981)

August 12 – The Clinton administration announced controllers fired for participating in the

PATCO strike could apply for reemployment (1993)

August 15 – NATCA Charitable Foundation officially incorporated (1994)

August 21 – First use of an electronic beacon for night operations (1923) August 31 - FLRA certified NATCA as exclusive bargaining representative of the Airports Division (2000)

September 3 – Imposed work rules are implemented by FAA on air traffic controllers, traffic management coordinators/specialists, and NOTAM specialists (2006)

September 4 - FLRA certified NATCA as exclusive bargaining representative of Flight Service Specialists (2008)

September 6 - FLRA certified NATCA as exclusive bargaining representative of first local in Dept. Of Defense (1990)

September 11 – The Sept 11 terrorist attacks prompted the first NAS shut down in history (2001)

September 12 - FLRA certified NATCA as exclusive bargaining representative of Aircraft Certification Specialists (2000)

September 20 – NATCA's first lobby week began (1993)

September 27 – First demonstration of radar signatures at Anacostia NAS, Washington, DC (1922)

September 28 – NATCA establishes its political action committee (PAC) (1989)

October 1 – Reclass implemented (1998), Red Book CBA became effective, ending the imposed work rules (2009)

October 22 – AFGE filed a petition for AATCC New England, requesting a regional unit when 40 percent of all controllers signed petitions (1984)

October 26 - FLRA certified NATCA as exclusive bargaining representative of Aviation Technical System Specialists (2010)

November 10 - FLRA certified NATCA as exclusive bargaining representative of Engineers & Architects (1997)

December 1 – Newark becomes the airlines' first "Air Traffic Control Station" (1935)

December 16 – NATCA logo is adopted (1985)

December 17 – Orville and Wilbur Wright execute first sustained flight in Kitty Hawk, NC (1903)