



## Happy Martin Luther King Jr. Day

On Jan. 16, we honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a social activist and Baptist minister who was a key leader in the American civil rights movement from the mid-1950s until his assassination in 1968. He was an inspirational proponent of organized, nonviolent resistance, and used these tactics to seek an end to racism, poverty, and injustice.

Dr. King saw the civil rights movement and the labor movement as partners in the fight for progress. During his final days, King traveled to Memphis to stand in solidarity with striking African American sanitation workers who belonged to AFSCME Local 1733.



NATCA understands the importance of unions in guaranteeing fair wages, benefits, and good working conditions. We're proud of our members for advocating to improve our professions and protect the National Airspace System.

As we reflect on the life and legacy of Dr. King, let us not forget what he taught us about the power of collective action. We must continue to advocate for each other because, as Dr. King said, "whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

Read more about King's work with AFSCME and other labor movements [here](#).

## National Finance Committee Presents Award for Dedication & Service

Last month, National Finance Committee (NFC) Eastern Region (NEA) member Chris Mitrotasios (Newark ATCT, EWR) met with Brian Gardner (Allegheny ATCT, AGC) for a facility audit. During the visit, on behalf of the NFC, Mitrotasios presented Gardner, who was previously chair of the NFC, with an award for his dedication and service to the committee, which is responsible for the oversight of finances for NATCA, both nationally and locally.



**Finance Committee Thanks Brian Gardner**  
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"As chair of the NFC, Brian led the committee through the pandemic, completely revamping the audit process and ensuring NATCA's locals were filing their forms on time with the Department of Labor and Internal Revenue

Service,” Mitrotasios said. “We thank Brian for his 9 years of expertise, leadership, and brotherhood.”

## **Congratulations to Our Newest NATCA FacReps!**

The NATCA Onboarding Committee welcomes and thanks all new NATCA leaders who have recently taken office for their terms as FacReps at their local facilities.



### **Alaska**

Janet Mulder (Anchorage ATCT, ANC)

### **Great Lakes**

Stephen Castor (Terre Haute ATCT, HUF)

### **Northwest Mountain**

Austin Bumgarner (Casper ATCT, CPR)

Christopher Hastings (Pueblo ATCT, PUB)

### **Southern**

Jeremy Mixon (Montgomery ATCT, MGM)

### **Southwest**

Thurman Whitworth (Easterwood Federal Contract Tower, CLL)

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