



Paul Rinaldi
President
National Air Traffic Controllers Association

Paul Rinaldi began his three-year term as the sixth president of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association in October 2009. In March 2012, Rinaldi was re-elected by acclamation. An 18-year veteran air traffic controller from Washington-Dulles Tower, Rinaldi served three years as executive vice president prior to being elected as union president.

Rinaldi has served NATCA in a variety of roles since the beginning of his air traffic controller career. In 1991, Rinaldi was immediately drawn to representing the hard-working men and women at IAD. He was elected as vice president of the facility's local NATCA chapter in 1995 and became the facility representative a year later. In 2003, Rinaldi accepted the challenge to represent the entire Eastern Region and agreed to serve as the region's alternate vice president.

Rinaldi has spent his entire Federal Aviation Administration career working tirelessly on behalf of union members. His leadership as IAD facility representative resulted in 100 percent of the bargaining unit members becoming dues-paying NATCA members. Because of his experience and knowledge in labor relations, Rinaldi was asked on two occasions to serve as a member of NATCA's National Contract Team.

Rinaldi has also served the union as an Eastern Region Third Level Grievance Team member, a trained arbitration advocate since 2000, and an air safety investigator from 1997 to 2006. In addition, he served many responsibilities in the opening of the Potomac Consolidated Terminal Radar Approach Control facility, which brought together control of the terminal airspace for the entire Washington, D.C. area under one roof.

Enjoying unprecedented success with winning grievances on behalf of NATCA members both locally and regionally, Rinaldi has negotiated countless agreements with the agency on a variety of issues, all resulting in a better quality of life for the membership. Moreover, Rinaldi has extensive congressional and media experience and has been an outspoken advocate for air traffic controllers on the national stage.

Rinaldi attended the University of Dayton from 1983-86, where he majored in business management and is currently in the process of completing his degree. Prior to embarking on his career as an air traffic controller, he was a manager for a securities courier company in New York City from 1987-91.

Rinaldi, a native of Island Park, N.Y., resides in Manassas, Va., with his wife, Debra, sons, Anthony and Nicholas, and daughter, Olivia.