



From Your National Officers

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We want to thank DC-based NAPA member **Dan Treadwell** (ATO) as well as **Eva Ngai** (ANG), **Peter Nguyen** (AFN), **Thong Vu** (AFN), and **Sharon Hunt** (ASH) for staffing a job fair table at Washington Adventist University last Thursday. Dan, a trained recruiter for the FAA who has been a lead coordinator for recruiting events for FAPAC and NAPA, worked with FAA Human Resource Management and FAPAC to coordinate this event. (Many NAPA members, including your national officers, are also in the FAA chapter of the Federal Asian Pacific American Coalition.) Dan, Eva, Peter, Thong, and Sharon answered questions from students about FAA job opportunities for a few hours to promote careers in aviation and with the federal government. Thanks for volunteering!

In a way, we're all recruiters. We have family and friends who ask us what it's like to work at the FAA and these are the same people who we can best assess whether or not they would be a good fit for a career in government. Dan said staffing a table at a job fair is one way we could gain a better understanding about our recruitment practices and procedures, so we could be better advocates for recruiting outside of these events. Our informal recruiting opportunities include around the table at Thanksgiving, at a church event, with classmates at night school, or at your motorcycle club... really, at any of our outside-work interactions. For members who might not be able to volunteers at a job fair but are still interested in learning about our hiring process, Dan recommends signing up for a Recruiting Course (FAA30200470) when it's offered. You could log in to eLMS and express interest in this training so you could be notified about future offerings.

NAPA member **Zena Huen** (ATO) reports that one area that we could immediately help in is encouraging well qualified engineers and electronics technicians to join the agency. **Vaughn Turner**, vice president for ATO's Technical Operations Services and a longtime and cherished NAPA supporter, has asked us to help spread the word that Tech Ops is hiring – and there are more than [170 locations where we have job opportunities](#) for highly specialized technical skills (check announcement dates for application deadlines). The Airway Transportation Systems Specialist is one of our core job series in the FAA and they come from a proud tradition of keeping our nation's air navigation systems (radars, radios, computers, engine generators, facilities) up so that we can operate our safe and efficient aviation system. There are many opportunities for this career field as it experiences heavy anticipated retirements and the FAA transitions to NextGen operations.

As we head into Thanksgiving and a season of celebration and sharing, we hope you have some downtime to share with family and friends. If you're traveling, have safe travels and may you get to your destination on time. And whether you're traveling or hosting, help the FAA spread the word about our near-term job opportunities.

In service to our organization,
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