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**NATCA WELCOMES NEW TOWER TO UNION**

LOS ALAMITOS, Calif. - Controllers at Los Alamitos Army Airfield voted unanimously in an election yesterday for NATCA representation, under the supervision of the Federal Labor Relations Authority. NATCA welcomes its first Department of Defense acquirement in ten years, joining Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point in North Carolina and John Rogers Field in Kalaeoa, Hawaii.

Los Alamitos Airfield (SLI) opened in 1941 in its current location, previously located in Long Beach. Located in the Los Angeles basin between Santa Ana and Long Beach airports SLI handles both helicopters and jets in some of the busiest airspace in the world - also servicing Air Force One when it doesn't land at LAX.

Said NATCA Western Pacific Regional Vice President Hamid Ghaffari: "The Los Alamitos Controllers are joining a family of controllers who have banded together to further aviation safety and safely guide the flying public home. I know I speak on behalf of NATCA members when I welcome these new members to our family, pledge to serve and protect them the best way that NATCA can."

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