

In air traffic control, EXPERIENCE MATTERS

“Day in and day out, the best work that NATCA controllers do is a result of their experience. Our President’s Award winner for 2008, John Charlton, is the epitome of experience. He’s a pilot himself and that allowed him to provide unbelievably effective service to a young student pilot of a Cessna who was shaken after numerous missed approaches into Lake Charles Airport.”

-NATCA President Patrick Forrey



John Charlton



The National Air Traffic Controllers Association salutes John Charlton, a veteran controller from Lake Charles, La., Tower with over a decade of experience, who last year came to the aid of a young student pilot trying to land. John’s exceptional skill and calm professionalism ensured a safe outcome to a dangerous situation, drew praise from airport officials and earned him NATCA’s highest honor at its annual Archie League Medal of Safety awards celebration.

