

relations, including exchange of data and information among the member companies; and to limit membership to those who will maintain and conduct all operations in such manner as to reflect credit as to individual business ethics, responsibilities, and sound standards and as to reflect credit on the organization of National AeroSpace Services Association.

NATIONAL AEROSPACE SERVICES ASSOCIATION

PURPOSE—FUNCTION—HISTORY

National AeroSpace Services Association (NASSA) is a national trade association representing, as a group, companies which are engaged in various aviation and space service-type activities. In behalf of this industry, NASSA maintains direct contact with the Pentagon, Congress, Federal Aviation Agency, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Small Business Administration, and other government agencies on matters of specific interest and importance to the NASSA membership. NASSA's work is directed at enhancing a favorable business climate for the aerospace services industry—both commercially and under contract with the government. One of its continuing missions—use of civil enterprise for such aerospace services which industry can accomplish more economically and efficiently within the framework of maintaining the strongest possible national security.

Among the varied aerospace services accomplished by NASSA member companies are the following:

- Airframe and engine maintenance, modification, overhaul, and repair.
- Missile maintenance and support services, such as range instrumentation, collection of missile in flight data, and training support.
- Aircraft flight and technical training.
- Maintenance, modification, overhaul, and repair of aerospace electronics equipment.
- Into-plane refueling.
- Air base management and housekeeping functions.
- Fixed-base operations, aviation sales and supply, and other aerospace services for commercial industry and the government under contract.

As focal point of the aerospace services industry, NASSA brings together into a national trade association companies with common interests and goals which are of benefit to this specific industry. A primary objective is to advance the use of the contract concept with the Armed Services and other government agencies. This stimulates additional business for the entire industry.

NASSA works with the Armed Forces on policy and procurement matters. It annually holds symposiums with the services which provide an ideal forum for exchange of information between military officials and contractors. Key officials from the Armed Forces, Congress, and the Federal Aviation Agency address the association at its Annual Meeting, held in the spring each year in Washington. Special committees are formed for pertinent tasks when required. NASSA strives continually to keep its membership alert to contract opportunities. It has an efficient system of reporting all matters of interest to member companies.

NASSA was incorporated as a non-profit trade association on December 9, 1942, as Aeronautical Training Society. Its organization was stimulated and approved by Gen H. H. (Hap) Arnold to serve the Army Air Corps during World War II as an association of contract primary flight training schools. Some 60 of these civilian-operated schools trained nearly 200,000 cadets in the World War II effort.

Aeronautical Training Society performed a similar function during the Korean Conflict. From 1952 through 1960, more than 40,000 Air Force pilots received their primary flight training at contract schools. Thousands of pilots from friendly foreign nations were also trained under contract at these schools. On April 29, 1960, it merged with The Aircraft Service Association, which had been established during the Korean War to serve major companies engaged in aircraft overhaul and maintenance. The new organization was called National Aeronautical Services Association.

The association's name underwent slight change on April 10, 1963, when it became known as National AeroSpace Services Association.