



NATCA Supports Capital-area Boy Scouts' Honorees & Community Service



Boy Scouts People Who Move America Event

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NATCA leaders joined the National Capital Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America and transportation community members in celebrating the honorees of the Council's People Who Move America Good Scout Award. The award honors outstanding leaders in the trade and transportation industry who exemplify the ideals of the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives.

NATCA was a sponsor of the awards event, in support of the Boy Scouts commitment and contributions to the Capital area. The award ceremony highlighted the Boy Scouts' work on behalf of the community over the last year, including education and charitable work. The 2022 honorees were

House Aviation Subcommittee Chairman Rick Larsen, D-Wash.; American Trucking Associations President and CEO Chris Spear; and National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association President and CEO Michael Johnson.

Representing NATCA at the event (pictured left to right) were Washington Center (ZDC) members Lillian Izquierdo and Raine Ralston, Political and Legislative Representative Annika Olson, Executive Vice President Andrew LeBovidge, and Senior Social Media Representative Meagan Roper.

NATCA Leaders Tour West Virginia Facilities & Celebrate Solidarity

NATCA members from around West Virginia gathered at the Appalachian Power Park Stadium for a NATCA solidarity event and to meet with NATCA President Rich Santa, Eastern Regional Vice President Brian Shallenberger, and other members of the Eastern Region leadership team.

The event was planned by Charleston (WV) ATCT (CRW) FacRep Jason Kotzbauer with collaboration from Clarksburg ATCT (CKB) FacRep Jordan Scott and Huntington ATCT (HTS) FacRep Quintarius "Q" Searcy. About 40 NATCA members and family attended.

"Thank you to all the West Virginia NATCA members and their families that came out to the solidarity event," Shallenberger said. "Getting our members together and discussing important issues that face our Union and our profession is the key to our success. This event was held just a few days prior to Labor Day, and it's clear to see the passion and activism our members in West Virginia have for their Union."



West Virginia Solidarity Event

Charleston, WV | Aug. 2022

In addition to the NATCA solidarity event, Santa, Shallenberger, and the leadership team toured all three facilities (CRW, CKB, and HTS) the next day and were able to continue conversations with members about facility-specific issues.

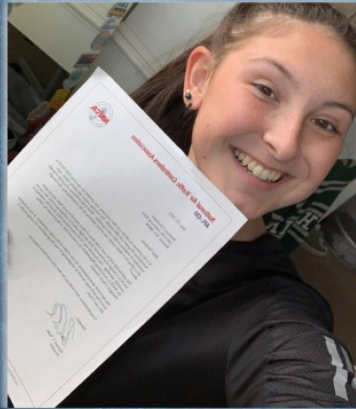
The location of the event was an hour north of the location of the Battle of Blair Mountain – one of the largest labor uprisings in American history. Read more about the story about sacrifices that were made for labor rights [here](#).

NATCA Scholarship Winner Madison Chouinard's Essay: "The Butterfly Effect"

Every year, NATCA offers a scholarship program for spouses, children, stepchildren, and legally adopted children of active, retired, and deceased members in good standing for at least two consecutive years. This scholarship is for full-time attendance at accredited colleges and universities within the United States and its territories for an undergraduate degree program.

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Advocating in a group is bound to grab more attention and to get more people to listen, but will never be a movement without a singular person speaking up.



— 2022 NATCA Scholarship
winner Madison Chouinard, child
of Seattle Center (ZSE) member
Erich Chouinard



Unions empower people to negotiate together and advocate for better conditions and policies on local, state, and national levels, working to achieve a brighter future for everyone. For 2022, students were asked to write in response to the prompt: “What is the difference between a group of people advocating for a cause versus one person speaking up for something they feel strongly about?”

Madison Chouinard, child of Seattle Center (ZSE) member Erich Chouinard, is among this year’s 20 winners of a \$1,000 scholarship. Read the essay that Madison submitted [here](#).

Excused Absences for Voting in the Upcoming Midterm Elections



BUEs may request up to four (4) hours of excused absence to vote on election day or on an early voting day.

On March 24, 2022, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) issued guidance and direction to federal agencies to implement Executive Order No. 14019 "Promoting Access to Voting," with the intent of expanding the federal government's policy of granting employees time off to participate in the democratic process. On June 22, 2022, NATCA and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) signed a [memorandum of understanding \(MOU\) regarding the implementation of Executive Order No. 14019](#).

Under the MOU, bargaining unit employees (BUEs) may request up to four (4) hours of excused absence to vote on election day or on an early voting day. BUEs may request excused absence for:

- Federal general elections;
- Primaries and caucuses;
- State, local, municipal, tribal, and territorial level elections;
- Special congressional elections that are not held on the date of a federal general election;
- Serving as a non-partisan poll worker (including training); and
- Participating in non-partisan observer activities at the federal, state, local (i.e., county, and municipal), tribal, and territorial level (including training).

BUEs may use excused absence for travel time to and from their polling location but may not use excused absence during a non-workday or during overtime work hours. The FAA will grant requests for excused absence subject to staffing and workload and will make necessary operational adjustments to accommodate a BUE's request. BUEs may use excused absence for the purposes outlined in the MOU multiple times per year but are limited to four (4) hours per election event.

NATCA Activism and Training Expo (ATX) Registration is Open

Registration for our Union's first Activism and Training Expo (ATX) is open. The Expo will take place from Dec. 12-16, at Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas. Registration closes Nov. 1, and the NEB-issued Expo Travel Policy applies. To read the travel policy click [here](#).



This five-day event will showcase NATCA's training courses along with briefings and education by many of our committee and Article 114 reps regarding projects throughout the National Airspace System (NAS). Planned to be a biennial event, ATX will enable motivated NATCA members to increase their knowledge on a variety of work- and safety-related topics and expand our Union's influence.

Whether you can attend for the entire five days, only one, or any number of days in between, the Expo is a chance to sharpen your skills as a NATCA member and a leader.

You can build your own agenda and attend classes based on your personal interests or follow prebuilt sets of classes to complete specific tracks. Sessions will be arranged into smaller modules, allowing attendees to experience all that NATCA offers. The sessions will help you identify opportunities to get involved in our Union that best match your strengths.

Learn more about ATX [here](#). | To register click [here](#).

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