NATCA Sponsors 74th Annual Wright Memorial Dinner, December 16, 2022

On Dec. 16, Executive Vice President Andrew LeBovidge and other members of our NATCA Family attended the National Aeronautic Association (NAA)’s 74th Annual Wright Memorial Dinner, of which NATCA was a sponsor.

PHOTO (left to right): NATCA Web Administrator Julian Weaver and his wife, NATCA Political and Legislative Representative Annika Olson and her guest, NATCA Executive Vice President Andrew LeBovidge

During the event, the NAA awards the Wright Brothers Memorial Trophy to a
living American for their significant public service within the aviation industry in the United States. This year, the NAA selected former astronaut and a retired U.S. Air Force colonel Eileen Collins to receive this honor. You can learn more about Collins in an interview here.

NATCA Drug and Alcohol Training Held in Las Vegas

National NATCA Drug and Alcohol Training took place at Bally’s Las Vegas, Nov. 6-7, with instructors Martin Ramirez, (Los Angeles Center, ZLA) Vice Chair of the NATCA National Drug and Alcohol Committee (DAC), and Northwest Mountain Regional DAC Representative Jamie Sanders (Denver Centennial ATCT, APA). The Drug and Alcohol course is a comprehensive introduction in preparing NATCA representatives to respond to any and all issues concerning drug and alcohol matters.

During the class, instructors discussed the basic rules, regulations, and equipment representatives may encounter while providing representation. They also discussed what follows a drug or alcohol related incident. The two-day course prepares NATCA representatives for situations from the most basic to the most unusual in order to serve the membership confidently and competently.

“The attendees came well prepared, were actively engaged, and many great discussions were had,” Sanders said. “Truly a great group of NATCA Reps!”

Union-Made in America Holiday Gift Ideas

The holidays are right around the corner. If you’re still shopping for gifts, check out the AFL-CIO’s website for holiday gift ideas that carry a union label and are made in America.
There are a wide range of gift possibilities, from clothes, games, sports equipment, and more, made by members of UNITE HERE, the Boilermakers (IBB), the Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers (BCTGM), the Machinists (IAM), the United Steelworkers (USW), the Teamsters (IBT), the UAW, the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW), the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union-UFCAW (RWDSU-UFCW), and the United Farm Workers (UFW).

If you’re shipping gifts this year, use a union carrier like the U.S. Postal Service or UPS.

View the full list of union-made gifts here.

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**Save the Date: Deadline to Submit Amendments to the NATCA Constitution & Resolutions for NATCA’s 19th Biennial Convention**

NATCA’s 19th Biennial Convention will be held at The Diplomat in Hollywood, Fla. from June 19-22, 2023. The planning committee is looking forward to welcoming NATCA brothers and sisters to southern Florida for what promises to be a great event!
The 19th Biennial Convention Amendment/Resolution submission deadline is Feb. 20, 2023. Pursuant to Article XIV, Section 1, and Article VIII, Section 7, of the NATCA Constitution, all proposed amendments to the National Constitution and resolutions shall be submitted through the Executive Vice President one-hundred and twenty (120) days prior to the Convention. The deadline for submitting proposed amendments and resolutions for the upcoming convention is 11:59 p.m. EST on Monday, February 20, 2023. Proposed amendments and resolutions should be submitted to Executive Vice President Andrew LeBovidge at alebovidge@natca.org.

All proposed amendments and resolutions will be submitted to the membership as part of a constitutional amendment package that will be mailed on or before April 20, 2023.

Read the full details of the amendment and resolution requirements and procedures here.