



Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg Visits CLT

Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg visited Charlotte ATCT/TRACON (CLT) on Wednesday, March 29. During his visit officials representing NATCA, Charlotte Douglas International Airport, and local FAA management gave an overview of key infrastructure projects and operations at CLT.



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Buttigieg asked NATCA FacRep Anthony Schifano and the tour team about staffing levels at CLT.

“We pointed out that even though CLT may be considered one the better staffed facilities, airplanes departing CLT have to fly into airspace in the NAS

that is understaffed,” Schifano said. “We pointed out that we currently have 1,200 fewer certified professional controllers nationwide than we had a decade ago.”

The team also reviewed construction projects at CLT, including the North End Around Taxiway (NEAT) Project, the East/West Taxiway Project, and the De-ice/holding Bay. These projects will allow for reduced carbon emissions, increased efficiency, and enhanced safety.

NATCA CLT representatives thanked Buttegieg for making air traffic control infrastructure a priority, and for this administration’s work having a significant impact on NATCA facilities across the NAS.

“Good design and wise investments can reduce the chances for close calls or crashes,” Buttegieg posted on Twitter after the visit. “American aviation is the safest in the world because we never take it for granted and we always keep working to improve it for the future.”

The tour included a briefing for Buttegieg on Automated Electronic Flight Strips (AEFS), Airport Surface Detection Equipment, Model X (ASDE-X) and how critical surface technology is to the National Airspace System (NAS). “Being able to show this technology and how it interacts with Runway Status Lights (RWSL’s) was an excellent opportunity for the Secretary to see realtime how these systems work,” Schifano said.

Look for the 19th Biennial Convention Amendment and Resolution Booklet in the Mail

NATCA’s 19th Biennial Convention will be held at The Diplomat in Hollywood, Fla., from June 19-22, 2023. The National Constitution Committee (NCC) is responsible for creating the biennial convention package, containing all the [proposed amendments](#) to the NATCA constitution, resolutions, and [policy and position statements](#). A convention package of these materials has been mailed to members in advance of the convention and should arrive by mail to members in the next few weeks.

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The booklet is also available electronically on the NATCA Convention [web page](#).

For more information, please email ncc@natca.net, or visit the NCC [web page](#).

EAP Committee Update: Register for Magellan Ascend's Finance Webinar

This month, the NATCA EAP Committee is highlighting the importance of financial well-being. Magellan Ascend is hosting a webinar to educate beginners to finance and investing on Thurs., Apr. 27 at 12 p.m. ET, and again at 3 p.m. ET. The webinar will examine how various investment accounts can help you achieve your personal savings goals. Learn how mutual funds, stocks, bonds, and other types of investments work. Pick up action steps so you can apply what you've learned.

Education for Beginners

Webinar

**Thursday, April 27
9 a.m. PT | 12 p.m. PT**

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Register for the 9 AM PT/12 PM ET webinar [here](#).

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Convention Hotel Cutoff Date is April 26

NATCA's 19th Biennial Convention will be held at The Diplomat in Hollywood, Fla., from June 19-22, 2023. Planning to attend the convention is a two-step process: (1) Registering for the convention, and (2) booking your hotel room.

For Convention, NATCA National does not pay for members' hotel rooms nor make their hotel reservations. Hotel reservations are the responsibility of the individual member and are paid for by the member or their local.

ARE YOU READY FOR CONVENTION?

1.

REGISTER FOR CONVENTION

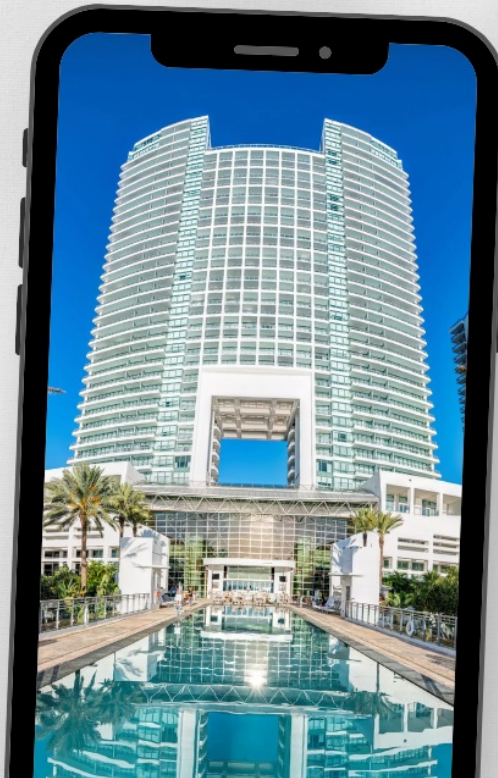
Registration for NATCA's 19th Biennial Convention is open.

2.

RESERVE YOUR HOTEL ROOM

Utilize the links provided on the website.

THE CUTOFF DATE TO BOOK YOUR ROOM IS APRIL 26.



The NATCA Convention Rate is \$249/per night, plus tax. The cutoff date to book your room is April 26.

To register for Convention, click [here](#).

To book your room, click [here](#).

If you have any questions, or if you'd like assistance booking, changing, or canceling a reservation, you can call the hotel at (855) 689-2911.

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