



Committee for NATCA's 2025 Convention in San Francisco Holds First Planning Meeting

Western Pacific Regional Vice President (NWP RVP) Joel Ortiz and Planning Committee Chair Charles Howell recently convened the first meeting for the planning committee for NATCA's 2025 Convention that will take place in San Francisco in May of 2025. The group spent two days discussing the budget, reviewing lists of tasks that need to be accomplished, establishing deadlines for that work, and scheduling planning meetings for the next 18 months.



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Regarding the effort, NWP RVP Joel Ortiz stated, "NATCA has a great committee working to plan NATCA's next Convention. The members of

NATCA's Western Pacific Region look forward to welcoming our Union's delegates to San Francisco in May 2025. We will share more information in coming months when we announce registration for the event. I already am confident that this event will end up being one of NATCA's best, most memorable conventions."

Participants in this meeting (left to right in the photo) included Chris Martinez (Myrtle Beach ATCT, MYR), Andrew LeBovidge (NATCA EVP), Jen Rivera (Indianapolis Center, ZID), Mindy Soranno (NATCA Meeting Planning and Events Representative), Kelly Richardson (former NATCA Deputy Director for Public Affairs), Charles Howell (Oakland Center, ZOA), Corrie Conrad (Portland ATCT, PDX), Miguel Lluch (San Francisco ATCT, SFO), Joel Ortiz (NWP RVP), Amanda Richardson (Oakland Center, ZOA), Jamie Lee Nuss (San Francisco Tower, SFO), Kristin Simms (Oakland ATCT, OAK), Amy Sayers (Fort Lauderdale ATCT, FLL), and Thom Metzger (NATCA Director of Public Affairs).

NATCA Member Attends Army-Navy Football Watch Party with Senator Britt

Jeffrey Duckworth (Birmingham ATCT, BHM) and his wife recently attended a football watch party for the Army-Navy game hosted by U.S. Senator Katie Britt of Alabama. Senator Britt and Jeffrey discussed the importance of passing a multi-year FAA reauthorization bill into law, while also connecting over stories about their families and life in Alabama. U.S. Senator Joni Ernst of Iowa also stopped by to say hello and exchange pleasantries with the Duckworths' table.



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Senator Britt and her husband, Wesley Britt, were both grateful for the Duckworths willingness to drive from Birmingham to attend her event and extended an invitation to connect again soon.

CLT NATCA Members Donate Toys to Community Effort

In a heartwarming display of community engagement, retired Charlotte ATCT (CLT) NATCA member Bob Szymkiewicz, along with other CLT members and the NATCA Charitable Foundation (NCF), contributed toys to the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department (CMPD). The effort is aimed at fostering positive interactions and building trust between law enforcement officers and young residents in Charlotte.

During the month of December, CMPD officers carried a special cargo in their patrol cars – bags filled with toys. Officers in areas around Charlotte, particularly low-income housing areas, gave out the toys and gifts to initiate friendly conversations with families and children in these communities.



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The assortment of gifts includes sports equipment, art supplies, sticker books, and coloring books. By engaging with children in a non-threatening and friendly manner, CMPD hopes to build a foundation of trust and respect with the younger generation.

The efforts of Szymkiewicz and CLT highlight the positive role each of us can play in supporting our local community. Through NCF, NATCA members and

their family and friends give and volunteer to make a big impact and help bring smiles to those in need. Learn more [here](#).

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