

Liberty Station, formerly known as the Naval Training Center San Diego, welcomed its first Navy recruits in 1923. After training as many as 50,000 recruits each year for more than 50 years, Liberty Station is now San Diego's Town Square. As you walk through the historic grounds, parks and open spaces, take a step back in time. Learn the role Franklin D. Roosevelt took in helping establish NTC. Relive the days when Bob Hope, Tommy Dorsey and Nat King Cole took the stage at Luce Auditorium. Discover how the Navy shaped the growth of San Diego as a city. Here is a link to an online [audio walking tour](#).

Arts District Liberty Station is home to:

- [Visions Art Museum](#), creating an international community of quilt and textile artists
- [New Americans Museum](#), a catalyst for the celebration of America's past and promise, by providing inspirational educational and cultural programs to honor our diverse multigenerational immigrant experiences
- The [San Diego Watercolor Society](#), promoting the appreciation of and involvement in water media painting

all of which are in a shared building and whose administrative leaders will welcome us to their special artistic homes. After reflection in their spaces, you are invited to explore Arts District Liberty Station on your own or with ICFAD and NCAA friends and colleagues.

[Sea Hive Station](#) alone is 23,000 square feet housing modern, artisan-made and vintage from more than 150 San Diego-based brands and small businesses.

A complete list of the [working studios and galleries](#) in Arts District Liberty Station is online here.

Enjoy [lunch on your own](#) in [Liberty Public Market](#) and then catch a ride independently to Balboa Park to connect with colleagues there or spend the afternoon continuing to explore Liberty Station.

Transportation to Liberty Station will depart the Manchester Grand Hyatt at 9 a.m. Wednesday and Saturday mornings. Please meet us at the side entrance of Seaport Tower on the lobby level, near Brew 30 and the Market.

We invite you to please catch a ride independently back to the conference hotel, at your leisure.