

2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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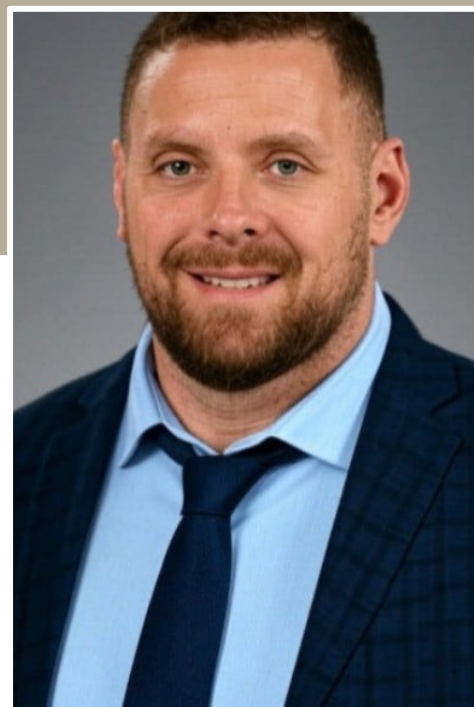
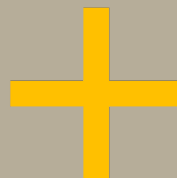
February 17-19, 2026
Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas

Keynote Speaker



February 18, 2026
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MICHAEL GOMEZ



NEVER QUIT, ALWAYS LEAD: LESSONS FROM THE RECOVERY OF AN INJURED COMBAT VETERAN TURNED CIVILIAN TO INSPIRE GREATNESS

John Michael Gomez, known as Michael, is a dedicated professional and U.S. Army veteran with a distinguished record of service, leadership, and resilience. Retiring from the Army in 2009 due to injuries sustained in Afghanistan, Michael transitioned into a successful civilian career while remaining deeply committed to supporting veterans and inspiring others to overcome challenges.

Michael earned a bachelor's degree from Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Missouri, in 2015 and furthered his education with a Master's of Business Administration from the University of Kansas in 2025. His academic achievements reflect his determination to continuously grow and excel.

From 2016 to 2024, Michael served as a key contributor at Oracle Corporation, where he played an instrumental role in developing solutions to support critical U.S. Air Force Human Resource Command missions and workflow designs. Currently, he is employed with Crawford & Company, where he leverages his expertise to deliver platform and field services, helping clients recover and rebuild after disasters.

A passionate advocate for veterans, Michael is actively involved in veteran organizations, where he supports disabled veterans in their recovery from depression and other challenges associated with transitioning to civilian life. Through hunting, fishing, and personalized guidance, he helps veterans find their "next mission" and fosters a mindset of perseverance and purpose.

Michael's personal mission is to empower others to recognize their worth and reject complacency. As a disabled veteran himself, he leads by example, demonstrating that a disability is only one part of a person's identity and not a barrier to meaningful contributions to society. His belief in resilience and service drives his work and inspires those around him.

Michael has made notable appearances in the 2023 film Tribal and on the Black Rifle Coffee - Medevac Podcast, where he shared his insights and experiences. Through his professional achievements, advocacy, and personal journey, Michael Gomez continues to make a lasting impact on his community and beyond.

***Disabled Veteran
empowering others
through experience &
resilience***

***Combat-wounded
veteran who was
awarded the
Purple Heart***

Veteran Advocate

Presented by



Tuesday, February 17, 2026

- 8AM -4PM **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**
Location: Pebble Beach Foyer
- 8-9:30AM **GIAC MEETING**
Invitation only
Location: St. Andrew's
- 9:45AM **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
Location: St. Andrew's
- 12:30PM - 4:40 PM **REGULATORY, CERTIFICATION**
Location: Pebble Beach I
Co-Chairs: Steve Strachan, Jeff Lattea
- 12:30 **WELCOME, SAFETY BRIEFING**
12:40 **PRESENTATIONS FROM CODE BODIES:**
NRC (Hammond), API (Ferguson), ASTM (Straiton), ASME (May)
Changes - last year & upcoming
- 1:30 Coffee Break
Sponsored by
- 1:45 **PRESENTATIONS FROM CERTIFICATION BODIES:**
ASNT (Lange), CINDE (Tubrett), API (Orphanides), AMPP (Evans)
Changes from last year & upcoming
- 2:45 **Coffee Break**
Sponsored by
- 3:00 **AI & ADR IN CODES & SPECS PANEL & WORKSHOP**
TBD
- 4:40 **Changeover Break**

4:50PM **NDTMA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

- 5:30PM **WELCOME RECEPTION – EXHIBITS OPEN**
Location: Bel Air | Foyer | Pine Valley
Hosted by: **EVIDENT**

EVIDENT

- 7:15PM **WOMEN IN NDT (WIN) PHOTO OP FOR NDT.NET**
Directly outside Bel Air in front of the NDTMA backdrop

FUJIFILM

- 7:30PM **NDTMA RECEPTION**
Location: Pebble Beach I-III
Sponsored by: **FUJIFILM North American Corporation Industrial Division**

7:00 – 8:30PM **JOIN THE PHOTO FUN!**

Take a souvenir photo with your colleagues at our NDT photo booth.

Location: Pebble Beach Foyer
Sponsored by: **COMET X-RAY**

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NDTMA Annual Business Meeting

Tuesday, February 17, 2026
4:50 – 5:20PM
Pebble Beach II & III

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| 1 | CALL TO ORDER | Gress |
| 2 | APPROVAL OF AGENDA
APPROVAL OF MINUTES | Gress |
| 3 | PRESIDENT'S REPORT | Gress |
| 4 | TREASURER'S UPDATE
BUDGET VOTE | Alsip |
| 5 | ELECTION OF OFFICERS
& DIRECTORS VOTE | Gress |
| 6 | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
REPORT | Miceli |
| 7 | IN MEMORIAM | Gress |
| 8 | ADJOURN | Gress |

NDTMA Member Company
Attendance at this Meeting is
Strongly Encouraged!

Exhibit Schedule

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026

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| 9AM – 4PM | MOVE IN |
| 5:30 – 7:30PM | WELCOME RECEPTION
In the Exhibit Hall |

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026

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| 12:30 – 2:00PM | LUNCHEON
In the Exhibit Hall |
| 5:00 – 7:00PM | EXHIBITS OPEN |
| 9:00AM – 5:00PM | EXHIBITS AVAILABLE
For Private Demonstrations |

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026

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| 9:00AM – 12:30PM | EXHIBITS AVAILABLE
For Private Demonstrations |
| 12:30 – 1:15PM | LUNCHEON
In the Exhibit Hall |
| 1:15PM | EXHIBIT HALL CLOSED |

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

8:00AM CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Location: Pebble Beach Foyer

4:00PM

7:45AM BREAKFAST

Hosted by: TBD

8:20AM Location: Pebble Beach

8:30AM KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Speaker: MICHAEL GOMEZ

9:30AM NEVER QUIT, ALWAYS LEAD: LESSONS FROM THE RECOVERY OF AN INJURED COMBAT VETERAN TURNED CIVILIAN TO INSPIRE GREATNESS

Sponsored by: EKOSCAN



Coffee Break

9:40AM TECHNICAL SESSION I

ROBOTICS, AUTOMATION, AI, OH MY!

12:00PM Co-Chairs: Mitch Alexander, Flynn Spears

Location: Pebble Beach

AUTOMATION AND ROBOTICS: INTEGRATING NDT INTO MODERN MANUFACTURING

Dave Seto, UTEX Scientific

NON-FERROMAGNETIC CRAWLER ROBOTS: OPPORTUNITIES, CHALLENGES AND LESSONS FROM A CONCRETE CHIMNEY

Jack Cornes, HAUSBOTS

COFFEE BREAK (10:50-11AM)

AI ADOPTION IN NDT: FROM INDUSTRY CHALLENGES TO COLLABORATIVE INSIGHTS

Domenico Bellistri, Quasset Inc./ Sprint Robotics

TBD

Jeff Baxter, EKOSCAN

9-11AM SPOUSES PROGRAM

Location: Registration Desk

Hosted by: R-CON NDT Consultants

Scheduled directly with spa

gnlvspa@goldennugget.com



12:00 –

2:00PM

EXHIBITS OPEN

LUNCHEON

Location: Bel Air | Foyer | Pine Valley

Sponsored by: Comet X-ray



2:00 –

5PM

NDT MANAGEMENT SESSION I

Co-Chairs: Jeremy Howard, Leon Bunch

Location: Pebble Beach

MASTERING DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS: RELEARNING WORKFORCE ETIQUETTE WITH A SIDE DOSE OF HUMILITY

Tracey Wingard, TNT NDT

TACKLING THE OJT CHALLENGE

Theo Young, Refined NDT

COFFEE BREAK (3:10 - 3:20PM)

ETHICS: UNETHICAL USE OF YOUR NAME/SIGNATURE, CREDENTIALS, CERTIFICATION AND LEGAL REPERCUSSIONS

Toni Bailey & Kenneth Bailey, TB3

CRAFTING THE MESSAGE: HOW TO PRESENT TECHNICAL INFO TO CLIENTS, EXECUTIVES, AND BEAN COUNTERS

Jenni Steck, Jenni Steck Voice & Speech Services

COFFEE BREAK (4:20 – 4:30PM)

M&A OPTIONS & PROCESS

Mike Lange (tentative)

5PM

EXHIBITS OPEN

RECEPTION

Sponsored by: TELEDYNE ICM

Location: Bel Air | Foyer | Pine Valley



Our Mission

NDTMA promotes continuous growth and leadership development through the open exchange of management, technical, and regulatory information critical to the nondestructive testing industry.

8:00 – 8:30 AM

INTERDENOMINATIONAL PRAYER GATHERING

Location: Merion

8:15AM

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Hosted by: Sherwin Inc.

Location: Pebble Beach II & III

9:00AM – 12:00PM

TECHNICAL SESSION II

AI, ML ADR, OH MY!

Co-Chairs: John Spruiell, Erica Schumacher

Location: Pebble Beach II & III

EXPLORING THE ECONOMIC VALUE OF NDE 4.0

Jason Robbins, VisiConsult

FRAUD DETECTION, COMPLIANCE AI

Dan Tirabasso, Orbix NDE

COFFEE BREAK (10:10-10:20AM)

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BEYOND THE SURFACE: HOW 2D ADR ENHANCES INDUSTRIAL QUALITY CONTROL

Camaron Lemmer, North Star Imaging

ADR ML WITH BLENDED DATA SETS

Ben Lindner, Alynix

COFFEE BREAK (11:25 – 11:30AM)

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OPEN FILE FORMAT FOR AUTOMATION AND CUSTOMIZED SOFTWARE

Emilie Peloquin, Wabtec/EVIDENT



1:15 - 1:45PM

EXHIBITS BREAKDOWN

Bel Air | Foyer | Pine Valley

1:45 – 4PM

MANAGEMENT SESSION II

Co-Chairs: Cory Alsip, Brian Halata

Location: Pebble Beach II & III

1:45 – 3:30PM

ASSET OWNER PAINPOINT ROUNDTABLE

Gulfstream Aerospace, AAR, SpaceX, Shell

(Subject to Change)

COFFEE BREAK (3:20-3:30PM)

INSURANCE ROUNDTABLE

Speakers: Mark Tedford (Tedford), Trey Davis (GAI)

4-4:15PM

HAPPY HOUR BREAK

Pebble Beach

4:15 – 5:15PM

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS PRESENTATIONS & HAPPY HOUR

Sponsored by: North Star Imaging

Co-Chairs: Steve Strachan, Becca Hase

Location: Pebble Beach II & III

THE AGE ADVANTAGE: HOW YOUTH CAN LEAD IN AN EXPERIENCED INDUSTRY

Kellen Ruotsinoja, Comet Yxlon

Connecting the NDTs: How Academia Leads to the Industrial World

Morgan Chase, NSI



5:15PM

TBD

Patrick O'Sullivan

CLOSING AWARDS RECEPTION

Sponsored by: EVOSONIC

Location: Pebble Beach I

Innovation Award, Advocacy Award, President's Presentation, Career Advancement Award, Scholarship

End at 6:30pm

12:00 – 1:15PM

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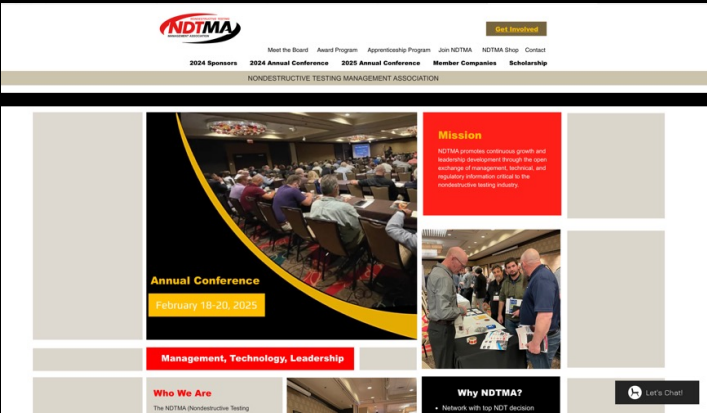
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Location: Bel Air | Foyer | Pine Valley

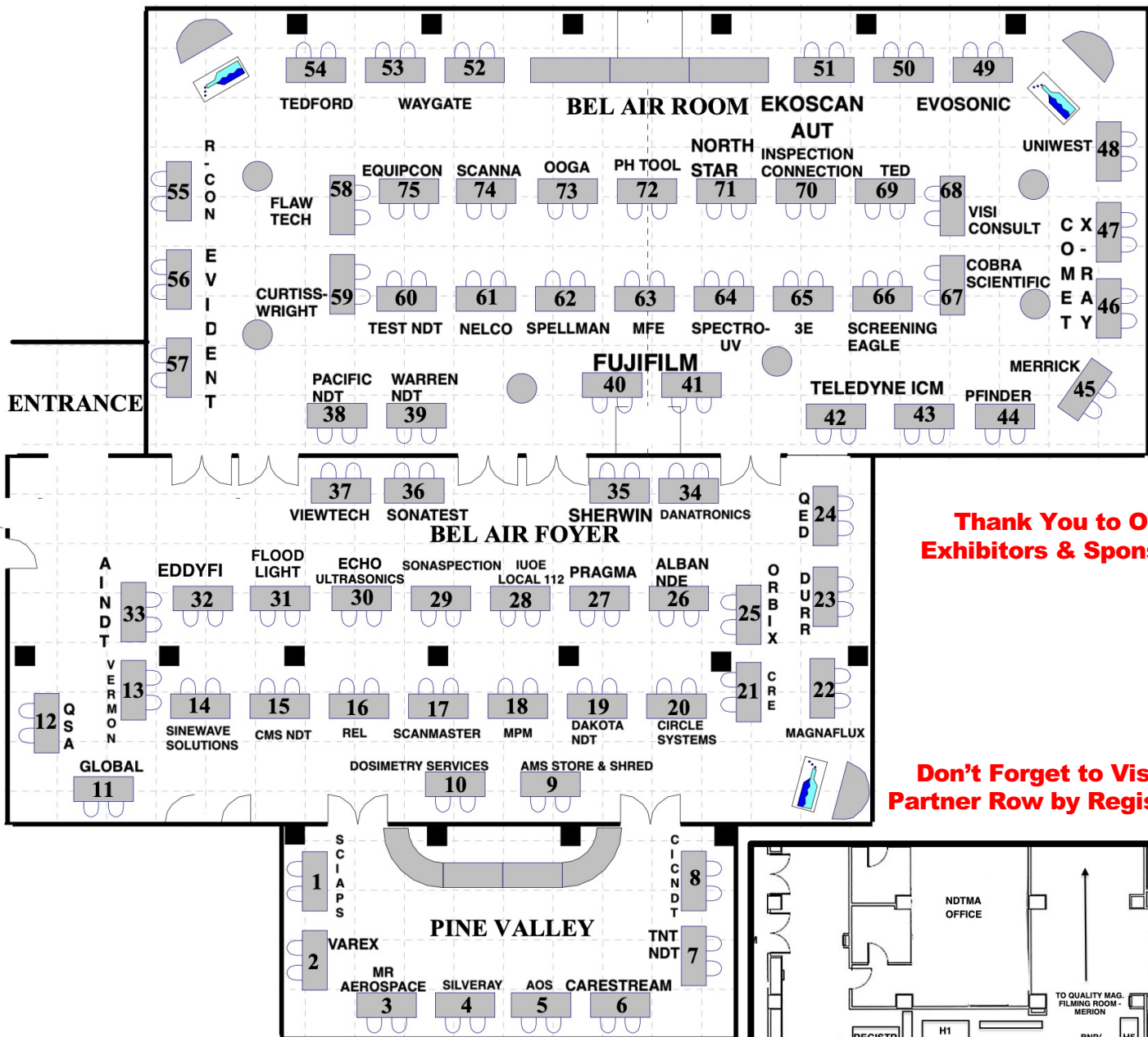


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2026 NDTMA Exhibits



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