

APPRENTICESHIP

Honoring Richard Battaini, Employing and Training Generations of Ironworkers

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His positive impact is seen on jobsites throughout the San Francisco Bay Area wherever there are Sheedy Cranes or man hoists present. It is likely that many of the ironworkers who erected those cranes or those man hoists got their start thanks to Richard Battaini, who for generations has employed and trained ironworkers. That is why the Ironworkers San Francisco Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (JATC) recently honored Battaini with a plaque for his more than 30 years of service.

For more than 30 years, Battaini has worked on the management side with the Ironworkers (JATC), representing Sheedy Crane, a union contractor. Members of the JATC oversee the ironworkers' 4 year Apprenticeship Program that includes safety, technical and hands on training. The Ironworkers state-approved training criteria includes structural, reinforcing, architectural, rigging and welder training as well as many safety and health related courses.



Pictured from left to right are Linda Knox (DAS), Ed Reyes (local 377 Business Agent), Mitchell Kettle (Coordinator), Richard Battaini, Don Zampa (President Ironworkers, California & Vicinity District Council), Dick Zampa (Apprenticeship Director).

The Ironworkers Union has a proud history that has evolved since 1896 and we are proud that Richard Battaini is keeping that history going. For more information about becoming an Ironworker Apprentice, please visit our website: UniversityofIron.org.