



Santa Joins NATCA NCE Members for Solidarity Event

St. Louis/Lambert ATCT (STL) hosted a Solidarity Event to view the newly released movie "Top Gun: Maverick." NATCA President Rich Santa attended and spoke with members from STL, St. Louis TRACON (T75), Spirit of St. Louis ATCT (SUS), and St. Louis Downtown ATCT (CPS).

"It was awesome to get to spend time with local Central Region members and especially while celebrating a movie related to aviation," Central Regional Vice President Aaron Merrick said. "We're always excited about the opportunity to build solidarity, face-to-face, with other local facilities and our Union leadership."



**St. Louis/Lambert ATCT (STL)
Solidarity Event**

St. Louis | June 2022

Excused Absence Deadline for CFS is July 20

Registration is open for Communicating For Safety (CFS) 2022! CFS 2022 returns to Bally's Las Vegas, site of our previous four conferences, on Sept. 12-14 to bring together our members, representatives from the FAA, and leaders of the aviation community to discuss safety and modernization topics. The CFS agenda is full of engaging panels for the aviation industry's leading conference about safety, technology, and building relationships.



For NATCA members, the deadline for being on the national excused absence list is July 20. Learn more [here](#).

Register now [here](#).

2021 Archie League Medal of Safety Award Spotlight: Noah Walker, Greensboro ATCT (GSO)

At approximately 8:30 p.m. on March 9, 2021, Greensboro ATCT (GSO) member Noah Walker was working the approaches into Greensboro, N.C., from the tower cab, as the positions were combined and the radar position was moved to the tower. Walker was lining up a Lifeguard aircraft to the final for Runway 14. Just before he instructed the pilot to contact the tower, he noticed lights that appeared to be another aircraft in conflict.

Walker asked the tower controller if he was talking to an aircraft, but the controller confirmed he was not. Walker determined it was a drone flying near the arrival corridor for runway 14. Since the controllers could not predict the erratic behavior of this very large drone, they had no choice but to suspend operations at GSO until they could be reasonably sure the drone no longer presented a threat.

Walker's actions on this night prevented a collision and ensured the safety of the users in the airspace. NATCA is proud to recognize his professionalism and skill to identify the hazard even though it did not appear on radar. It led one pilot to comment on frequency, "Thanks for looking out for us." Walker will be honored on June 17 in New Orleans with the Archie League Medal of Safety Award for the Southern Region.



2021 WINNER SOUTHERN REGION



Photo: Noah Walker

Read more [here](#). | Listen to an episode of The NATCA Podcast [here](#), featuring a conversation with Walker.

Save the Date: Archie League, NRX Awards Presentation June 17 to be Live Streamed

The banner features a blurred background of a camera lens and bokeh lights. On the left, there are two circular logos: the Archie League Medal of Safety and the NATCA Region X logo. The text "2020 and 2021 Awards to be Live Streamed on natca.org" is prominently displayed in white. At the bottom, a dark blue bar contains the text "Friday, June 17 starting at Noon CDT" and the NATCA logo.

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Save the date! NATCA will be honoring members on June 17 at noon CDT in New Orleans with the prestigious 2020 & 2021 Archie League Medal of Safety Awards & the Region X Commitment to Safety Awards. Plan to watch as we live stream this event on our Union's [website](#).

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