

### President Santa & EVP LeBovidge Meet With Detroit TRACON Members

NATCA President Rich Santa and Executive Vice President Andrew LeBovidge attended a Detroit TRACON (D21) membership meeting in March. Santa and LeBovidge met with members to answer their questions and discuss issues at the national level with local members.

"The D21 members were excited to hear directly from our Union's top leaders about issues that affect not just them, but NATCA's membership and the National Airspace System at large," D21 FacRep Alex Huttenga said. "They answered questions and helped many of our members better understand NATCA's work on pressing issues, including staffing."



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Detroit TRACON (D21) is a Level 10 facility commissioned in March 1986. The aviation safety professionals there are responsible for approximately 40 miles, surrounding Detroit Metro/Wayne County ATCT (DTW), and up to 17,000 feet, including a portion of Canada. They interact with many facilities in the surrounding area, including Toledo Express ATCT (TOL), Lansing ATCT (LAN), Flint Bishop ATCT (FNT), and Cleveland Hopkins ATCT (CLE).

### New Feature Film Highlights 2010 Archie League Award-Winning Save

"This is like something out of a movie," said former Southern Regional Vice President Victor Santor (who became a retired NATCA member in 2016) from the Communicating for Safety stage in 2010 as he presented the Archie League Medal of Safety Award for the Southern Region to the Florida controllers who saved the lives of four passengers of a Super King Air 200 when its pilot died during the flight.

Now, that story has become a feature film starring Dennis Quaid called "On a Wing and a Prayer." It premiered on Prime Video on April 7 and is currently available for streaming.



Miami Center (ZMA) controllers Jessica Anaya and Nathan Henkels and Fort Myers ATCT (RSW) controllers Dan Favio and Carey Meadows (currently at Standiford ATCT, SDF) were honored with the award for their teamwork and quick thinking in assisting passenger Doug White, whom Quaid will portray in the film.

Read the full story of the award-winning event, read the transcript of the save, and watch the Archie League presentation video <u>here</u>.

Watch the official trailer for the filmhere.

Read more about the upcoming filmhere.

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#### **Step 2: Convention Hotel Registration**

For Convention, NATCA National does not pay for members' hotel rooms nor

make their hotel reservations. Hotel reservations are the responsibility of the individual member and are paid for by the member or their local.

The NATCA Convention Rate is \$249/per night, plus tax. **The cutoff date to book your room is April 26.** 

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