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PRESIDENT’S CORNER

Many members have been inquiring on the “Even Better” efforts and the company has been given the okay to move forward with the initiative. Team leads, co-leads, and team members have all been chosen and have started to meet and work on putting together their agenda and goals for going forward. An announcement should have come out from the company with names and information, and we would like to thank all of those who applied to be part of the change teams. We appreciate your willingness and interest in helping this effort. Also, if you were not picked for team leads or members, you still may be called upon to help in focus groups.

**Moves from Norwich to New London.** Norwich should be empty by the end of September with just about everyone moving into the New London site. The company is continuing to address the parking issues by adding more areas. This effort is not an easy one but is a priority for the company to address moving forward. We all hope that the move goes smoothly for everyone.

**Regarding the work scopes going forward.** The company is looking at the effects of lost work (USS Miami, 774 Hotel Services, VPM moving out, MTS coming down, and USS Springfield) and what it could mean to us. We know that the MTC has been hit hard from the latest loss of work and we will continue to work with the company to try to avoid any impacts to our Union Brothers and Sisters. There is still no Federal Budget for 2014 and we have many questions with no answers at this time.

**New tools and processes.** We are continuing our efforts with the company to be more involved in the new processes and technology changes. Doug Witt has been heading up a group of MDA folks to put together a presentation that will be flowed down to our Union members explaining our new tools and processes. It is a high level presentation that should, hopefully, educate our members on where we are today and why we are doing the things the way we are. We have each design discipline giving an example of their work, workflow, PMI, status on roles and responsibilities, issues we are facing and more. The Company and Union are working together to send people, Union and Company, to the R.U.G. one day conference in Worcester, MA. This is a mini PLM World Conference with attendees sharing NX and Team Center updates and is available for us to share our concerns and issues along with much more. We are looking to better understand the new tools and to bring back the information to the general users. - *William E. Louis, President*

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REMEMBERING OUR MEMBERS

“Solidarity is forever, our union, our bond, our memories make us strong. Let us take a moment and honor our brothers and friends.” - *Scott Gardner*

Donald Engle  
(April 15, 1952– July 13, 2013)

Randy Jacques  
(July 17, 1969 - July 15, 2013)

Emil Yanke, Retiree  
(Oct. 13, 1929 - July 19, 2013)

Paul Losacano, Retiree  
(Nov. 25, 1942 - July 20, 2013)

Robert Smith, Retiree  
(Mar. 13, 1929 - August 12, 2013)

Richard Rice, Retiree  
(Oct. 21, 1938 - August 21, 2013)

2013 RETIREE LUNCHEONS

- SEPT 12–** Richmond Country Club  
74 Sandy Pond Road, Richmond RI
- OCT 10–** New London Holiday Inn  
35 Governor Winthrop Blvd, New London CT
- NOV 14–** Ocean Beach  
1225 Ocean Avenue, New London CT
- DEC 12–** Groton Inn & Suites  
99 Gold Star Highway, Groton CT

THOMAS A. EDISON IS LAUNCHED

Daughter Sponsors Ship Named For Inventor

The Polaris-firing nuclear powered submarine Thomas A. Edison roared into the Thames River June 15,1961 to become the eleventh nuclear submarine launched by Electric Boat and the 131st undersea vessel to be built in Groton since the company located here 50 years ago.

The sponsor of the 6,900 ton ship was Mrs. John Eyre Sloane of West Orange, N.J.— the daughter of the famed inventor who the submarine is named.

A pleasantly warm June sun shone over the more than 5,000 guests assembled in the North Yard for the ceremony, which began at 11:30AM and climaxed promptly at noon when Mrs. Sloane firmly gripped the champagne bottle and broke it across the nose of the Thomas A. Edison.

A MEMORIAL FOR RANDY JACQUES

Article Written by William E. Louis

We would like to thank those in Norwich for the memorial in memory of Randy Lee Jacques. While on his way to work, on July 15 2013, he had a motorcycle accident and never made it in.

Randy’s wife, April, stopped by the memorial in Norwich to write a note on the pavement. “Thank you. Randy is looking down on all of us. His spirit will live on in our hearts forever.”



Photo Courtesy Of: Crystal Bednarz

RETIREES

|               |                     |               |                 |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| MAY 31, 2013  | WILLIAM CRANDALL    | JULY 24, 2013 | PAUL PESCATELLO |
| MAY 31, 2013  | JAMES PROCIOSUS     | JULY 26, 2013 | AGOSTINHO SILVA |
| MAY 31, 2013  | GALE HOY            | JULY 31, 2013 | LLOYD AUXIER    |
| MAY 31, 2013  | WILLIAM FISKE       | JULY 31, 2013 | PAUL BERGEL     |
| JUNE 18, 2013 | PAUL HARRINGTON     | JULY 31, 2013 | JAMES VOCOLINA  |
| JUNE 26, 2013 | JOSEPH POST JR.     | AUG. 19, 2013 | VIRGINIA PAYNE  |
| JUNE 28, 2013 | ROCCO GENTILELLA    | AUG. 21, 2013 | SHARON CLARKE   |
| JUNE 28, 2013 | CHARLES SHINDELL JR | AUG. 22, 2013 | RONNIE ODDO     |

ON BEHALF OF LOCAL 571 WE’D LIKE TO SAY

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND BEST OF LUCK

WITH YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS!

Principal speaker at the ceremony was James H. Wakelin, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research and Development who cited the achievements of Thomas A. Edison and said he was sure the inventor would be proud to have the ship bear his name.

“This ship is a part of a terribly sure weapons system, a system with the single purpose of defeating those who are bold enough or foolish enough to initiate a general nuclear war.” Frank Pace Jr., chairman of the board of General Dynamics Corporation, termed the launching of the Edison “another brick in the edifice of peace this nation seeks to erect.”

Pace escorted Mrs. Sloane from the rostrum to the sponsor’s platform for the christening. Mrs. Sloane paused briefly for the benefit of photographers, but at the conclusion of the countdown broke the champagne bottle with a solid hit.

Guests were welcomed to the launching by Division General Manager Carleton Shugg, who pointed out that June 14, just one day prior to the launching of the Edison, marked the ninth anniversary of the laying of the keel of the USS Nautilus by then President Harry S. Truman.

Shugg told the guests that Edison would have been proud of the technological achievements that have taken place since.

End of Part 1 of 2

(Excerpts for this article were obtained from the June 1961 issue of “The EB Scope” VOL. VIII NO. 6. Thomas Alva Edison was one of the most famous inventors of all time. Edison had a submarine named after him because he was an original member of the U.S. Navy’s first Naval Consulting Board—later to become the Office of Naval Research. The 2nd part of this article will cover Edison’s achievements in anti-submarine warfare during World War I.) — *Bob McClung*





President William E. Louis presenting Karl Carter with the 2013 Flag Day Button.  
Photo Courtesy Of: EB Photography Dept.

Hi my name is Karl Carter and I work at Electric Boat. Prior to working here at EB, I proudly served twenty years in the United States Navy, sailing on some of the submarines that were built here at Electric Boat.

I started with Electric Boat in the Ships Test Organization (STO Department 272) for about one year. After which I transferred to the Research and Development Department 431 where I have been for the last nine years, giving me a total of ten years and counting with Electric Boat. You may have seen me around the shipyard; I'm that easy going, cooperative, and approachable co-worker that is a pleasure to work with and I also display and wear the Flag Day buttons around my neck.

Yes, that's right, the Flag Day buttons that the MDA union gives to the members here at Electric Boat. I'm American-born and raised to believe in my country's values, beliefs and freedoms. Learning about our flag from grade school and showing respect for my country make it very easy for me to wear the Flag Day buttons. I'm not overly patriotic, but would like to believe that I'm above average when it comes to my patriotism. I have not only worn my buttons here at work, I have worn them in many local establishments, receiving questions and compliments for wearing the buttons. Only because I forgot I was wearing my badge (smile). I have a Flag Day button for every year that I have been a member of the MDA which gives me a count of nine, and I have made jokes about my ten year button being made of gold or being three times the size of the others (smile). I did not start wearing these for any special attention, just thought it to be a cool place to collect my Flag Day buttons. If you see me with my buttons you will notice the older buttons having more of an antique or aged look. So I will continue to wear my buttons with honor and pride.—  
*Karl S. Carter, T/A MECH TEST, D431*

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SUGGESTIONS FOR HOW THIS  
NEWSLETTER CAN BE  
IMPROVED,  
PLEASE CONTACT  
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ALL IDEAS ARE WELCOME!**

"Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by General John Logan, National commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service."  
— [www.usmemorialday.org](http://www.usmemorialday.org), History Section

Seen in the photo, is Camron C. Louis raising the flag at the MDA-UAW Union Hall. I am proud to see him taking part in observing our fallen heroes and remembering their sacrifices for all of us.  
— *William E. Louis*

Photo Courtesy Of: William E. Louis



### UAW/General Dynamics Council Conference May 13-16, 2013

The UAW/General Dynamics Council Conference was held May 13 through May 16, 2013. This year, our representatives were: Barry Bayly, International Representative with Region 9A and Wayne Burgess, Financial Secretary with the MDA-UAW Local 571.

These conferences are held bi-annually as a means to update the attendees on any new developments at General Dynamic's facilities which are represented by UAW locals. Representatives from the local unions and company reps meet and discuss new developments and have the opportunity to ask questions on issues they may not have a full understanding of.

This year's conference was well attended and much of the discussion was centered on the transition of the Employee Health and Insurance Plan to Fidelity. All employee plan information is now accessible at [gdbenefits.com](http://gdbenefits.com).

The company also gave a business update including discussion on the international business sector, United States job locations and workload.

Leadership of the council would like to hold one of its upcoming conferences in Groton, CT with the possibility of having an Electric Boat shipyard tour.— *Wayne Burgess, MDA-UAW Financial Secretary*



Photo Courtesy Of: Barb Barnes

**The Three Servicemen**

Located in Washington D.C. this bronze statue, which was created by Frederick Hart, goes along with the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

The figures featured in the sculpture represent both U.S. Marines and Army personnel who served our country during the Vietnam conflict.

The statue faces the Vietnam Memorial Wall, with the soldiers looking on at the names of those we lost in the war.

### MDA-UAW LOCAL 571 2013 MEETING SCHEDULE

| EVENT              | DATE   | TIME    | PLACE               |
|--------------------|--------|---------|---------------------|
| Executive Board    | Sep 09 | 3:00 PM | Groton Inn & Suites |
| General Membership | Sep 09 | 4:30 PM | Groton Inn & Suites |
| Executive Board    | Oct 07 | 3:00 PM | Union Hall          |
| Executive Council  | Oct 07 | 4:30 PM | Union Hall          |
| Executive Board    | Nov 04 | 3:00 PM | Union Hall          |
| Executive Council  | Nov 04 | 4:30 PM | Union Hall          |
| Executive Board    | Dec 02 | 3:00 PM | Ocean Beach         |
| General Membership | Dec 02 | 4:30 PM | Ocean Beach         |

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January-April, May-August, September-December.  
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April, August and December.  
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Contributions will be considered for the next newsletter.*

- THE NEXT ISSUE:
- Recreation Committee
  - 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pete Johnson Memorial Golf
  - MDA Family Night at Dodd Stadium
  - MDA Dinner Dance

### DEATH BY CHOCOLATE TRIFLE



1 Package Fudge Brownie Mix  
Kahlua or Tia Maria (Optional)  
3 Packages Jello: Dark Fudge Chocolate Mousse Mix  
4 Heath Candy Bars or Skor Bars  
16 oz. Tub Cool Whip

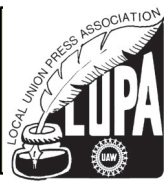
Bake brownie mix following package instructions. After brownies are baked, poke finger size holes into brownies and fill holes with Kahlua or Tia Maria. Let stand.

Make the 3 packages of Jello mousse mix and set aside.

Crush candy bars in wrappers with a mallet. Bring out Cool Whip. Assemble in large trifle bowl as you would a trifle.

Layer broken clumps of brownie mix, then add a layer of Jello, sprinkle with candy bars, and add a layer of Cool Whip. Continue layers, topping with Cool Whip. Make a day in advance. Cover and refrigerate.

Recipe From: Dorinda Eiden



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## USS TAYLOR (DD/DDE 468) 2012 REUNION PROCLAMATION

### A Proclamation

Flanked by two oceans and the Gulf of Mexico, Americans have long looked to the sea as a source of security and prosperity. Ingrained in this great maritime history is the story of USS *Taylor* – a Fletcher-class destroyer of the United States Navy, named for Rear Admiral William Rogers Taylor. She was laid down on August 28, 1941 at Bath, Maine, by the Bath Iron Works Corporation (later Bath Iron Works, a business unit of General Dynamics); launched on June 7, 1942; and commissioned on August 28, 1942 at the Charlestown Navy Yard.

Carrying a complement of nine officers and 264 enlisted, USS *Taylor* was assigned to the Pacific for World War II, taking part in the Battle of Leyte Gulf in October 1944. In January 1945, this great ship rammed and sunk a submarine in Lingayen Gulf. For her valorous service in WWII, USS *Taylor* formed part of the defensive screen flotilla about the USS *Missouri*, and as such was one of the first American warships to enter Tokyo Bay for the Japanese surrender. Her conversion into an anti-submarine warfare escort and reclassification as DDE-468 on March 26, 1949 would prepare her for a life renewed in protecting our nation. USS *Taylor* was reverted to DD-468 on June 30, 1962, transferred to Italy in 1969 before being decommissioned in January 1971.

*Taylor* earned 15 battle stars during World War II, placing her among the highest decorated US ships of the Second World War. In addition, she earned two battle stars for her Korean War service, and six battle stars for Vietnam War service, where she served in the Gulf of Tonkin and conducted air and surface surveillance and naval bombardment in support of troops ashore.

The servicemen who were deployed aboard USS *Taylor* and the many other maritime industry workers who supported this ship during her time in service have made significant contributions to our leadership in the global marketplace, and to our nation's security.

On this day, we celebrate all those who proudly served aboard USS *Taylor*. The work of these servicemen onboard this great ship during WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and the Cold War Era chronicles our history as a maritime nation and naval power, demonstrating the importance of the maritime industry and sea power.

The USS *Taylor* Reunion Association has authorized and requested that a regular celebration for USS *Taylor* be held, and that those leaders within the maritime industry issue a proclamation calling for its appropriate observance.

Therefore, on behalf of General Dynamics' shipyards, we NASSCO, welcome the USS *Taylor* Reunion Association to San Diego, and do hereby proclaim October 17, 2012, as USS *Taylor* Reunion Day. We call upon the people involved in the United States maritime industrial base to mark this observance by honoring the service and dedication of all those who served aboard the great ship USS *Taylor*.






Photo Courtesy of Pat Clay

In October of 2012, I had the privilege of attending my ship's reunion in San Diego, CA. I served aboard the USS Taylor DD 468 and was deployed to Vietnam in the years of 1967, 1968 and 1969. At our reunion's farewell dinner, representatives from NASSCO shipyard presented a proclamation to the reunion association.

This proclamation was given on behalf of all General Dynamics shipyards as a way of thanking the Taylor crew members for their service.—Wayne Burgess



### ICE CREAM SOCIAL RAISES MONEY FOR TROOPS

Article Written by Carol A. Mauro

Everyone loves ice cream, right? Well when summertime rolled around and the hot dogs and hamburgers were a-plenty at picnics, who wanted them at work? Not the Friends at Electric Boat's Troop Support Group! There was some innovative thinking and instead they decided to boost their fund-raising efforts with an Ice Cream Social – BRILLIANT!

I had the pleasure of talking with Don DiGenova for the August 15<sup>th</sup> 2013 Ice Cream Social held in the New London Cafeteria. He went on to tell me how The Friends at Electric Boat Troop Support Group was founded to demonstrate their support for the troops in Afghanistan, Iraq and other locations worldwide by supporting the morale of our locally-deployed service personnel.

And so it began in the fall of 2004 with the support of a fellow co-worker who deployed to Iraq that same year. Don DiGenova and Bill Dodge questioned what they could do. They began by holding small pot-luck lunches on occasion at the Groton location. When they started to get larger in number, management said they should hold them in the Cafeteria. Turned out, that was the best thing that could have happened to their effort.

"EB has been very supportive of everyone off the clock" said Don. He went on to state "It's as grass roots as you can get. That's what people do it for – so many sacrifices for us by being over there; it's a way to give back".

The "Friends at EB" as it has come to be known, hosted hot dog and chili luncheons to raise funds to ship care packages overseas to an increasing list of co-workers, friends and family members called to combat duty including the individual augment sailors deployed from the New London Sub Base.

Because of their very successful efforts, by

December of 2006, The Electric Boat News Magazine featured an article titled "EB Employees Play Santa, Send Care Packages to Troops Deployed in Iraq Afghanistan", commending them for being highly organized.

They're focus has mainly been sending care packages which is typically done four times a year at Easter, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, the Fall and especially at Christmas. Since its inception, they have shipped over 4,200 care packages containing over 40,000 pounds of care items and paid over a staggering \$27,000 in shipping costs. As Don DiGenova stated, "shipping is approximately one third of our expenses". But they haven't just supported Troops directly - they have also supported two local Boy Scout Troop Support Eagle Projects and provided over 4,000 pounds of school supplies to the children of Al Kasik, Iraq and shipping baseball equipment to the Philippines to support our combat on Terrorism there. In addition, several hundred stuffed animals were shipped to a friend of an EB Employee who then distributed them to local children in Afghanistan several years ago.

There was a large effort for SSG Jon Meadows, an EB employee who worked in Security and most recently in the Transportation Dept. (D545) for more than 10 years. After being injured in his recent tour of duty in Afghanistan, Jon is now recuperating. Because of all the additional financial burdens he and his family have had to deal with, Troop Support events were held in Groton organized by Bill Dodge and in Norwich organized by Marilyn Melesko as well as New London that were organized by Don DiGenova.

On Thursday August 15, 2013 the Troop Support Ice Cream Social in New London raised \$825. This money will be used to support Sgt David Tupper & family.

Don went on to say that "As Troops start to make the transition home, efforts will be focused on them. Friends at EB will be working with Wounded Warriors, Work Vessels for Veterans and Grossman's Seafood. We assist other organizations, and those organizations assist us".

Significant contributions have been received from the following local businesses:

- Frito Lay of Norwich for providing chips for free or reduced cost
- Mohegan Sun for providing dozens of cases of soda
- The Girls Scouts for providing thousands of boxes of cookies and cards to go along with the care packages

- Ocean State Job Lots, Walmart and Foxwoods have all provided items to help fill the care packages.
- Our own volunteers who provide soda and desserts.

In addition to the list above, the New London food service provider, Eurest, has provided ice cream, apple pies, pizza and hot dogs at a very good price.

At Waterford Dental Health for our Troop Support efforts, new customers can take \$50 dollars off the bill and they donate \$50 dollars to Friends at EB. Contact Todd Rich for cards or more information at 867-1947.

Many thanks to all who participated, especially those who donated their time and labor to making it happen. Keep in mind that all the people who donate their time, whether setting up, serving or breaking down have done so on their own time. Some of the key players are (in no particular order): Mike Bonin, Ken Burrows, Sara Burns, Charles Cocca, Chris DiGenova, Vic Fetter, Pauleatha Glover, Ray Hamilton, Nate Kirmmse, John Kressley, Briget Little, Kayla Mineau, Marilyn Moran, Shelley Nobile, Todd Rich, Deb Sealey, Steve Stewart, Tim Taylor, Jim Williamson and Sue Denoia. Other volunteers include Deanna Willbanks and Jennifer Navin, but volunteers are always needed!

Please contact Don DiGenova at 867-1887 in New London, Bill Dodge at 433-6202 in Groton for more information on how you can help. All pictures for the August 15<sup>th</sup> Event can be found on our FaceBook page.



From left to right are : Bill Dodge, Don DiGenova and Todd Rich

*"In the food line, managers, sailors, union members, and other employees rub elbows and contribute to the well-being of those who serve our country in uniform." - Tim Kesling*



### SOLIDARITY DAY PICNIC

On July 27, 2013 the MDA hosted its 4th Annual Solidarity Picnic at Washington Park in Groton, CT. Attendees enjoyed food, provided by Old Tymes Restaurant of Norwich, CT.

There was also plenty of fun to be had for all ages! Activities included 2 moonwalks, dunk tank, games, raffles, and much more! Children were especially able to enjoy face painting and a stilts walker making balloon hats for all.

More pictures from the event can be found online at our website located at <http://region9a.uaw.org/local571>.



Photos By: Pat Clay and William E. Louis

### LAKE COMPOUNCE FAMILY DAY

On June 29th, 2013 MDA members and their families enjoyed a day full of rides, food, and fun at Lake Compounce in Bristol, CT. From waterslides, to roller coasters, to the merry-go-round there was plenty of fun to be had for all ages.

More photos from this event can be found at our website located at <http://region9a.uaw.org/local571>.

Photos By: William E. Louis



### 2013 FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP AT BLACK LAKE

Since the opening of the Walter and May Reuther UAW Family Education Center many UAW members have participated in the Family Scholarship program. This year several families from the MDA attended the program from July 7th to July 12th, 2013.



Photos By: Families at Black Lake

Attendees were able to enjoy workshops for the adults and plenty of activities for the children. Shannon Cave stated, “my experience in Black Lake brought self-awareness of my own misconceptions about the current and continued need for unions. I’m happy to be enlightened.”

### 2013 CAREER PATHWAYS PROGRAM



Photo By: EB Photography Dept.

Career Pathways in a Union sponsored joint labor-management initiative at Electric Boat that offers a dynamic summer work and learning opportunity to High School students in our region. Through the program’s paid summer internships, carefully selected High School Juniors were given the opportunity to work side-by-side with experienced MDA-UAW Local 571 Designers and exposed to our drafting standards, procedures, and modeling techniques from July 8 thru August 16, 2013.



Photo By: Pat Clay

### FREEDOM WALK

On June 22, 2013 members of MDA-UAW Local 571 took part in the 50th anniversary march in honor of the original Walk to Freedom led in Detroit by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The march celebrated what is known as the original debut of the “I Have a Dream Speech.” A speech where King told thousands that it was time for society to get serious about providing equal opportunities for all regarding jobs, education, and more.

Photos By: William E. Louis



MDA-UAW Local 571 John F. Saffomilla and E. Roy Colville Scholarship Program  
Article written by: Patricia Clay, Recording Secretary, MDA-UAW Local 571



Since the early 1970's, numerous children of our brothers and sisters have received financial assistance through the MDA-UAW Local 571 John F. Saffomilla and E. Roy Colville Scholarship Program.

In honor of our former Presidents, the John F. Saffomilla and E. Roy Colville \$2,000.00 Scholarship Program was established. This program awards six (6) scholarship winners each year. The process starts in February of each year and the deadline for entries is the end of April. A union notice and applications can be found on our website, with your Grievance Representatives and at the union office (only one scholarship per family, per year). We also send our scholarship information to seventeen schools in Connecticut and Rhode Island.

Once the application deadline has past, we have a panel of judges who evaluate all the applicants and select our winners. There are six winners announced, usually in the May time frame. A runner up selected by the judges as well.

This year, we had fifteen (15) applicants for the Scholarship Program. To quote Mark Sullivan, one of the judges, "Each of these students are very accomplished both in the classroom as well as their community and give every indication they will continue that track in college and the career that follows. Congratulations to the local for both attracting such qualified applicants and choosing to recognize them in such a positive manner". This sums up how we at the union office feel about this program as well.

Within the application process includes a two page essay on: "How do unions improve the quality of life for working people and their families?" This year, like other years, applicants had very interesting and informative essays on unions. Mentioned some thoughts of our young people...

"Unions primarily benefit their members, that is, the workers. They help give the workers a voice in the workplace, similar to how the people have a say in a democracy. Unions are able to compromise with their employers to raise wages for the workers, and because of this, union members are known to have higher wages than non-union members".

"Because my father is a member of the MDA, he has been provided with a higher salary and an eight hour shift so he can be home to spend quality time with his family at three thirty. Not only is he provided with these, but also dental and medical insurance along with a solid 401K retirement plan; things a lot of new workers for big businesses are not provided with today. Not only does he have an outstanding working environment, but he also has the ability to make our home life the best it possibly can be".



Photo Courtesy Of FreeDigitalPhotos.net

"My Mother has been a member of the MDA-UAW Local 571 for 11 years. During that time she has had the security of guaranteed yearly wage increases. She also has the ability to purchase medical, dental, vision and life insurance for our family. My family has benefited greatly from having quality, affordable insurance. In addition, I have really enjoyed the MDA summer outings at Lake Compounce. My sister and I have looked forward to this event every summer for many years".

"In my household, we're safe in the knowledge that the unions listen to the people and fights for what we need. Even today, unions fight to get good wages for workers and they and their families can live off of. With the rising cost of living in the country, it's a constant battle that only the unions are successful in fighter for. Perhaps most important, though, is the safety and security that unions have brought to the workplace. Every seventh grade student in Connecticut learns about the horrific incident at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory, when 146 men and women were killed due to the unsafe practices being enforced in the building. Locked in, the workers had no choice but to jump from several stories up or be burned. After that day, which brought New York City to its knees, people listened to the unions."

"Before the creation of the union, families all over the United States suffered the hardships of work, the lack of adequate family time, and the terribly low wages and tough hours. In turn, this caused a great deal of strife within these families, and made a person's work almost completely take over their life. However, when the union was finally created, employees could finally work reasonable hours for a tantamount amount of money, and have the ability to speak out and have their voices be heard, therefore making a person's work life much easier and further improving the lives of both the workers and their families tremendously."

"Unions can organize skilled, local workers to provide people with local jobs which, in turn, sustain the local economy. Unions can negotiate adequate and reasonable benefits to ensure that the employee's best interests are addressed while supplying the employer with a known quantity of skilled workers. If needed, unions have the ability to defend the individual as well as the membership as a whole through an independent review of cases and to offer legal counsel. Unions can also negotiate larger cases with might impact a larger group of individuals and possibly lead the way to change in the policies of their associated companies."

**Bravo and well said by all. To us, it is clear that some of our children of the future understand the importance of a union as we do. Our children are our future and the MDA-UAW Local 571 is proud to contribute to their education.**



UAW Veterans' Conference at Black Lake

Article By: Ken Rowland, First Vice President

Photos Courtesy Of Ken Rowland



During a great late summer week myself and Grievance Representative Jack Bond attended the annual UAW Veterans' Conference at the Walter & May Reuther UAW Family Education Center at Black Lake in Onaway Michigan August 25 thru 30, 2013. We attended workshops on issues ranging from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Legislative Initiatives, Benefits & Medical, and Veterans' Committee functions. Speakers at the conference included Maurice "Pops" Alexander who served under General George Patton in WWII in France. Pops gave an enthralling speech, regaling the audience with tales of the "Army of Deceit", which used piped in sounds of tanks and artillery to confuse the enemy about the strength and location of Allied forces. Another story concerned his encounter with General Patton (their blood, his guts) in Germany while preparing to cross the Elbe River. Retired Army Major General Robert Smith III, chief of the Veterans Services Division talked about programs available for veterans and legislation pending. Lawrence Millben and William Henderson, two members of the famed Tuskegee Airmen also gave interesting speeches. In 1948 Lawrence won the first "Top Gun" competition held. Special guest speakers were the 7 surviving (of the 9) Baese Brothers, who served the country in conflicts ranging from WWII to Korea and Vietnam. Each of the brothers, the oldest of whom was 92, related stories of their roles in the military and the comrades they served with.

The theme of the conference "Home of the Free, Because of the Brave" was one of gratitude to those who have served and sacrificed for our country, many making the ultimate sacrifice, in order that we have the freedoms and liberties we are afforded today. We owe it to those Veterans to inform them of programs available to help with any service related maladies they may have, and to help Veterans in our communities by reaching out with support and taking time to thank them for their service.

Relating the experience at Black Lake would not be possible without the efforts of former UAW President Walter Reuther, who led the effort to build the Walter and May Reuther UAW Family Education Center, a retreat for union members and their families where the focus can be on our members and the issues facing them. The Reuther brothers, Roy, Walter and Victor, were all champions in the fight to establish the UAW as the bargaining agent for workers at General Motors. This fight led to assassination attempts on both Walter and Victor. Thank you to the Reuthers and all the other leaders of the UAW whose sacrifice helped us to achieve the benefits we have today as UAW members.



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National WWII Memorial

The Washington D.C. Memorial opened on April 29, 2004 and is the only 20th Century event commemorated on the National Mall's central axis.

"The World War II Memorial honors the 16 million who served in the armed forces of the U.S., the more than 400,000 who died, and all who supported the war effort from home. Symbolic of the defining event of the 20th century the memorial is a monument to the spirit, sacrifice, and commitment of the American people."

- [wwiimemorial.com](http://www.wwiimemorial.com)





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**ANSWER TO LAST ISSUE'S CRYPTOQUOTE:**

"WE'RE GOING TO REACH OUT TO A MUCH BROADER BASE IN AMERICA AND MAKE  
SURE THAT A FAR GREATER NUMBER OF PEOPLE ARE AWARE OF THE  
UNFAIR TREATMENT OF WORKERS." - BOB KING

