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JANUARY

The union signed an MOA regarding members assigned to Norfolk, Virginia.

Gain Share Earned and Stretch Goal hours were met. All eligible employees received $750.00.

FEBRUARY

The Gemma Moran Center food collection was held Tuesday, February 27, 2007 at Foxwoods, where MDA-UAW Local 571members and their spouses helped sort and move 24,163 lbs of food items.

The Trustees completed the semi-annual audit for July through December 2006 and the appropriate paperwork was filed with the International.

MARCH

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Groton Fire Marshal performed the yearly inspection of the union building with the locals Safety Committee Chairman.

The 2nd Annual Recognition Reception was held on Wednesday March 28, 2007 at the Groton Inn and Suites.

The union voted “to re-instate the equivalent amount of dues paid by a member during the time he/she was called to active duty from the start of Operation Freedom”.

All laid off members have been recalled.

 APRIL

The AFL-CIO Worker’s Memorial Ceremony was held at Washington Park in Groton, CT on April 28, 2007.

The Local voted to sponsor a “ Hole” and “Green” for the Gemma E. Moran United Way/Labor Food Center Golf Tournament held June 12, 2006 at Stonington Country Club in Stonington, CT.

The union signed an MOA for the Performance Award Program for 2007.

The Local was well represented for the Labor Lobby Day at the Capitol in Hartford.

MAY

The union signed a MOA for EWA to Aberdeen, Maryland.

A Health Care rally was held May 5th, 2007 in Hartford, CT. with local 571 members attending.

Three officers attended the General Dynamics Council Conference May 7th and 8th in Gettysburg, PA.

Three JTC members attended the Catia Operators Exchange Conference May 29 thru March 3, 2007 in Las Vegas, NV.

JUNE

A retirement seminar was held at the Colonel Ledyard School with a question and answer opportunity for those members planning to retire in the near future.

The 37th annual UAW Region 9A Golf Tournament was held June 24th, 2007 at the Stanley Golf Course in New Britain CT.

The Local awarded 6 John F. Saffomilla & E. Roy Colville $2,000.00 scholarship awards. The recipients were James B. Gancarz, son of member Norman M. Gancarz, Andrew J. Gervasini, son of member John F. Gervasini, Jason M. Wadecki son of member Thomas J. Wadecki, Joshua S. Rowland, son of member Kenneth Rowland, Kaitlin M. Rychlec, daughter of member Patricia C. Rychlec and Laura A. Servedio, daughter of member Vito F. Servedio.

For the 18th consecutive year, Flag Day buttons were distributed to the membership.

House Armed Services Committee, which CT. Congressman Joe Courtney is a member, approved a defense budget, which included $588 million for advanced procurement for a 2nd Virginia Class submarine. The Senate Armed Services Committee approved their budget which included $470 million for advanced procurement for a 2nd Virginia Class Submarine and urges the navy to go to 2 a year in 2010in lieu of 2012. They also approved $25 million for Research and Design of the next generation Missile submarine.

The local had two graduated from the Southeastern Ct Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO and the United Way of SECT UCAN training held May 15, 17, 22 & 24 at the United Way of SECT.

The local was represented at the Eastern Seaboard Apprentice Conference in Washington, D.C.

The officers attended the UAW Region 9A joint conference in Cromwell CT.

 JULY

The 2007 Family Day Picnic at Lake Compounce had the biggest turnout in the history of the event and all 972 in attendance persevered and enjoyed the barbeque, attractions and comradery.

AUGUST

The union signed a MOA for members traveling to Newport News, VA from July through September 2007.

SEPTEMBER

The 14th annual golf tournament was held at Cedar Ridge Golf Course. There were 32 teams with two shotgun starts. The tournament was dedicated in memory of Pete Johnson, past 1st VP, who passed away in November of 2005.

Twelve (12) MDA-UAW members, along with salaried employees, sorted and moved 30,329lbs of food items for the Gemma Moran Food Bank at Mohegan Sun on September 7, 2007.

United Way Day of Caring event was completed at The Big Brothers Big Sisters on Septembers 8, 2007. Volunteers completed painting the entire exterior of the building in addition to completing some minor landscaping.

The Trustees Completed the semi annual audit for January – June 2007 and filed the appropriate paper work with the International.

Two officers attended the UAW Region 9A leadership conference in Hyannis Mass.

 OCTOBER

The Local was well represented at the AFL-CIO convention in New Haven, CT.

Repair, replacement and the addition of new electrical work for the union office were completed.

Two officers attended the UAW General Dynamics Council conference in Pittsburgh Penn.

NOVEMBER

The 10th Annual Region 9A Veterans Dinner Dance was held at the Wellesley Inn & Suites in Elmsford, NY.

The 2007 Electric Boat Community Service drive was held with participation from the Local.

Painting of the union building interior was completed.

Members were notified that an outside vendor has been hired by the company to perform an insurance dependent survey.

Congress approved a $471 billion defense spending bill for 2008 including $3.1 billion for attack submarines (SSN), including $588 million above the president's request to begin advance purchases that could lead to increased submarine production by 2010, rather than 2012 as currently planned. The bill included $5 million to begin research on the advanced concepts and capabilities for the next class of ballistic missile submarine (SSBN).

Officers and members of the local participated in the Foxwoods organizing drive.

DECEMBER

The Annual MDA-UAW Local 571 Holiday Dinner Dance was held at the Groton Motor Inn on December 1, 2007.

Turkeys were distributed at the plant to all employees. All unclaimed turkeys were donated to the Gemma E. Moran United Way/ Labor Food Center.

The Local 571 Retiree Holiday luncheon was held at the Groton Inn & Suites, Groton, CT.