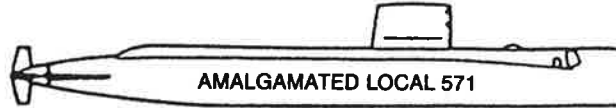




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General Dynamics Rakes in Billions—Still Offers Us Crumbs

General Dynamics' quarterly report came out today, and boy is it a doozy! Last quarter alone, General Dynamics made over **\$1.3 billion in profit**—a 22% increase from last year's first quarter. They're not hurting for money. In fact, they're swimming in it. So what did they do with those profits? In just **one quarter**, they handed **\$600 million to shareholders in stock buybacks** and another **\$383 million in dividends**—nearly **\$1 billion** funneled almost exclusively to Wall Street and top executives. That's 3.5 times more than the union's proposals cost for the entire new contract. And they made it in just one quarter!

There's no way to sugar coat it - the executives running the show are just plain greedy. The drafters who design the submarines that power their profits—us—are still getting offered table scraps, with insufficient raises, no protection from inflation, no pensions for all, and no share of the profits. While we fight for fairness, the executives are cashing in. It's clear who they value, and it's not the people doing the work.

Brothers and Sisters—It's Working

By now we all know management's so-called "best and final" offer was a bad deal. That's why **hundreds of us rallied at the gates**, then **voted to authorize a strike if needed**, and most recently **turned out 1,200 strong to rally with UAW President Shawn Fain**. We put the company on notice—and guess what? **They heard us**.

This week, **the company reached out and requested a small-table meeting** with the bargaining committee. That meeting happened today. Management signaled they're now willing to adjust their "final" offer and asked where the union stands. We told them exactly what we've been saying all along: **our last counter is on the table—pensions for all, COLA, and profit sharing have to be bargained in good faith**. And our members have been telling them loud and clear: **we won't stop until we get a fair contract**. Still, the company isn't making serious movements and hasn't put it on paper. We have to keep turning up the heat.

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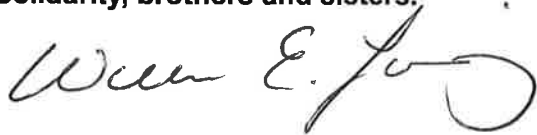
Martha J. Fletcher, Recording Secretary
Dave W. Evans, Financial Secretary
Robert J. Faraci, Treasurer

Next Stop: MAY DAY

We've got them on the ropes—but we need to keep pushing. That's why we're building toward an even **bigger rally on Thursday, May 1—May Day**, the international day of worker solidarity. **Location to be announced.** This is how we keep pressing the company and showing them that *we won't stop until we reach a fair deal!*

Let's keep making them realize it.

Solidarity, brothers and sisters.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Warren E. Ford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "F" at the end.