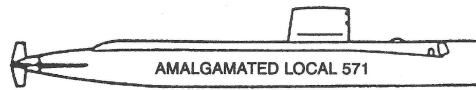




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MDA-UAW Local 571
General Membership Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2026

June 4, 2026

President William E. Louis called the meeting to order. Our Chaplain George Earley asked to keep in our thoughts, recently deceased member Gary Collins, retirees Dan Castano and Ronald Meadows, past members, retirees, family members and our Veterans past and present then led us in an invocation. Our MDA Veteran's Committee presented Colors, followed by the National Anthem. Special guests joining this meeting, our 9A Regional Servicing Rep. Jose Melara, EB Benefits Reps. Tabitha Martin and Alicia Kelley, Veterans Equine Therapeutic Services (VETS) Zach Nielson and Thor Torgerson, President of UAW Local 2121 at Foxwoods David Church and our members via zoom in Newport News, Virginia.

President William E. Louis asked for a motion to accept the May 4, 2026 Executive Council Meeting Minutes as circulated and posted. Motion made (Anne Wurzbacher), seconded (Thomas Clancy) and passed to accept.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Robert Faraci read the Treasurers Report. A motion was made (James Newman), seconded (Mark Ciliano) and passed to accept the report.

Correspondance

From the UAW Region 9A , Leadership Development Sessions to be held online, July-December 2026.

From the UAW International, a Save the Date for the UAW Women's & TOP Conference, August 9-14, 2026 at the Marriott Marquis, Houston, Texas.

Officer Reports:

1st Vice President Gregory Maynard reported no new Step 3 grievances filed.

2nd Vice President Craig Kelley reported filed U-0006-26 excessive discipline. A member received a 3-day suspension for violation of rules and regulations for improper conduct. Another member received a 5-day suspension and a last chance memo for violation of rules and regulations for improper conduct.

Recording Secretary Martha Fletcher reported no new Step 3 grievances filed. A member received a finale written warning for lost time.

Financial Secretary Dave Evans reported no new Step 3 grievances filed.

Treasurer Robert Faraci reported filed U-0005-26, member denied 30-day leave of absence until FTO has been exhausted.

Standing Committee Reports:

Election Committee Chair Anne Wurzbacher reported Nominations were held Tuesday May 19, 2026 at 6:00am through 4:00pm Tuesday, May 26, 2026 to fill Councillor positions in each of these locations: Three (3) in Bldg. 802 (Tower A) and One (1) Groton Shipyard. Below are the results:

Bldg. 802 - * John Lombardo

Groton Shipyard - * Benjamin Young

* Denotes winner. No election required.

As a reminder, there are open councillor positions in Building 802 (Tower A), Building 221 and Poheganut. If you would like to be a councillor for Bldg. 802, please reach out to Bill Louis. For Poheganut and Bldg. 221 an election notice will be distributed shortly.

Nominations were held for the 1st & 2nd Vice President positions:

The election for MDA-UAW Local 571 Executive Board Member position of 2nd Vice President will take place by mail in ballot, or for those who prefer to vote in person, at the MDA UAW Local 571 Union Hall on Tuesday, July 7, 2026 from 6:30 A.M. until 4:15 P.M. as set forth by the Membership at the General Membership Meeting on June 1, 2026.

Candidates nominated at the General Membership meeting on Monday, June 1, 2026:

1st Vice President:

***Greg Maynard**

2nd Vice President:

Craig Kelley

Jeff Carver

***Denotes winner, no election required.**

Recreation Committee Chair Anne Wurzbacher reported on the upcoming events:

Lake Compounce Family Outing will be held on July 11 with ticket sales the last two weeks of June. Tickets are \$20 each for included immediate family members. Children 3 and under are free. Additional tickets for friends or non-immediate family will be \$75.

Dodd Stadium Baseball Night and BBQ on July 24. Tickets will be \$10/per person and \$5 for kids 12 and under. This will be a Christmas in July event where we will be collecting new, unwrapped toys to help local children in need.

Annual Solidarity Picnic will be August 15. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. The food trucks were a big hit last year so we decided to go that direction again. There will be some returning trucks and some new options.

Event Flyers can be found: <https://region9a.uaw.org/local571/events>

Community Service Co-Chair James Newman reported:

Groton Fire: We have had a major fire here in Groton over the past weekend displacing over 50 residents. We help fund the American Red Cross, Disaster relief as one of the UWSECT programs. The American Red Cross responds to these disasters immediately to ensure shelter is set up for a safe place for the families displaced and to address their urgent and emergency needs such as shelter, medication, clothing, food and water. They coordinate with case management, nurses, pharmacies and any other needs that need addressing. They will also coordinate with partner agencies and local emergency management to make sure efforts are being coordinated for the clients. I would encourage any of our MDA Members or EB Employee impacted by this event to reach out to any of us on the Community Services Committee if they need additional assistance or just to talk to someone. We also have EAP available for counseling services free of charge to any EB employees and their families even if they are not covered by EB Medical plans. If members would like to make a monetary donation to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, we will share the link or the QR code.

Thursday June 25th, UNFI Food Show Food Collection: Volunteers are invited for the next food collection after the UNFI Food Show at the Mohegan Sun, Earth Expo Center. This is open for EB employees, friends and family members. **Due to safety concerns age restrictions do apply to this event only!** (*High school age youth are welcome, age 15 and greater with an adult chaperone*). Volunteer certificates are available for volunteer hours. We expect to collect 25,000 to 30,000 pounds of food to be packed and sent back to the Gemma E Moran United Way Labor Food Center in 2 short hours. Please wear your United Way T-shirt if you have them. We will have some available if you need one. Please RSVP with one of our committee members listed below and online at <https://uwsect.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need 1261195> Registration will start at 2:45 and we will start packing food after a quick briefing and photo opportunity as soon as they open the doors approximately at 3:00. (Attach flyer)

Christmas in July: Thank you to everyone who came with a new unwrapped toy to the meeting today. We are working out the final details for the collection throughout the shipyard and the drop points. We have several spots already with volunteers to have a collection box and we will have a date and time to make the rounds with EB Transportation collecting all the unwrapped gifts where we will have an EB Photographer with us taking pictures. (Attach flyer)

Day of Caring Event: May 16th the Electric Boat Employees Community Services Association hosted a day of caring event at the East Lyme Giving Garden. Friends, family and garden volunteers, weeded garden beds, dug trenches by the hoop houses and got space ready for summer planting. The East Lyme Giving Garden was founded 5 years ago and last year donated over 14,000 lbs. of fresh produce to the Gemma E. Moran United Way Labor Food Center. They are one of 3 giving gardens in Southeastern CT. These fruits, vegetables and fresh herbs are distributed throughout Southeastern CT by partner agency food lockers and Mobile Food Pantries.

UCAN Training: This year's UCAN (Union Community Activist Network) training was held May 12-May 21. We would like to thank the following MDA members (Cecil Carter, Janet Morse, Jessica Price, Niki Provatas and Cristin Rezendez) for dedicating their time and efforts to learn about how we can be ready to help our members and their families when they do not know where to turn for services for themselves or their family members in times of need or just someone to talk to where everything is kept confidential to get the help they need.

EBECSA Campaign 2026: We continue to plan for the 2026 Campaign in October. If you're interested in joining our campaign team, please let us know ASAP. We are looking for volunteers in all CT locations, and we will do our best to use our volunteers in their normal work sites.

Please contact Peter Crizer, (860) 433-2706, Kim Deschamps, (860) 433-7552 JoAnna McClenathan, via Teams or (860) 867-4587, or Jim Newman (860) 433-2558 if you have any questions or would like to sign up for any volunteer opportunities or notifications.

Insurance Benefits Edward Nevins reported:

EB & MDA Insurance Committee monthly meeting: On 5/27 we held our monthly benefits meeting and welcomed Jennifer Fine who introduced herself and spoke about what she does for employees in her role as EB on-site health coach; we discussed Ascent Hearing who offers employees, family and retirees more choices and discounts on hearing services, Sedgwick disability improving claims processing, upcoming Wellness events-Blood drive & Health Fairs.

EB Heath Fair:

The annual EB health fairs scheduled for June 9 Thru June 16

- Tuesday, June 9, 6-6pm Groton Shipyard
- Wednesday, June 10, 8-2pm New London Cafeteria
- Thursday, June 11, 8-12pm, Kings Highway
- Friday, June 12, 8-12pm (88-3 Cafeteria), Tech Center
- Monday, June 15, 10-12pm, Bldg. 605 Cafeteria
- Tuesday, June 16, 11-1pm, Eagle Park Cafeteria

EB Pharmacy:

The EB Pharmacy is a full-service Walgreens pharmacy that provides more than prescriptions. For your convenience they have expanded hours and onsite delivery locations

to make it easier. The EB Pharmacy is available to employee and dependents. It costs less than a retail pharmacy, 90 day refills in one visit, discount over the counter products, Dimensions Diabetes Program and Free Generics available for many maintenance medications.

Transferring a Prescription is simple: Just call the pharmacy, provide prescription number, pharmacy name and phone. The EB pharmacy will take it from there. ***You can reach the EB pharmacy at 1-888-578-3457. <https://www.ebfamilywellnesscenter.com/>***

EB Pharmacy Drug Take Back:

On April 25th the Groton & Quonset Point pharmacies collected over 600 bottles/containers of unneeded medications and can be disposed of safely. The estimate for pills/capsules collected was estimated to be just under 100 thousand. ***PROPER DISPOSAL OF MEDICATIONS IS IMPORTANT, ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT TAKE SHOTS-DISPOSAL OF NEEDLES.***

Fidelity:

Fidelity has been available via phone offering 1:1 appointment for pre-retirees. Your able to consult with an experienced representative to help you develop your own comprehensive plan that integrates your workplace retirement goals. If you're interested, you can contact the EB benefits office to see when the next classes will be available. Past registrations at www.gdbenefits.com (click library and then workshops).

Blood Drive:

The blood drive is being held in NL with American Red Cross June 3rd & 4th from 8:30am to 1:30pm, schedule appointment at 1-800-RED-CROSS, sponsor code GDEB.

For Questions or Concerns feel free to contact the EB Benefits Committee:

If you have insurance questions or concerns, feel free to contact any one on the benefits committee including; Tony Giordano 860-867-2458, (NL); Mark Ciliano at 860-303-2952(Retired), Jim Newman at 433-2558 (Groton), and/or Chairman Ed Nevins at 867-2563 (NL).

Absentee Committee Chair Wayne Carbone MDA-UAW Local 571 Absentee Committee reported that the following Executive Board or Executive Council Members were absent from the Executive Board/Executive Council meeting held May 4, 2026 at the Mystic Marriott Hotel, 625 North Road, Groton CT 06340.

Mark Ciliano (5/0), Karen Hensley (2/1), JoAnna McClenathan (1/0), Holly Montbriand (4/0), Thomas Montgomery (2/0), Eric Straub (1/0), Sarah Tetreault (2/0), Velma Williams (1/0) and Justin Winans (3/0).

(X/X) – Indicates number of Meetings the Member has been absent/ Indicates number of Meetings the Member has been late.

When a member of the Executive Board/Executive Council is recorded as being absent in the meeting minutes, per the UAW Constitution, it does not reflect whether the absence is excused or un-excused.

Three lateness's more than 15 minutes each is considered as one un-excused absence. If you feel you were reported in error, please submit in writing to the Absentee Committee the reason you feel the error was made.

The Absentee Committee would like to stress the importance of regular monthly meeting attendance for all E-Board members, E-Council members and Committee Chairs.

If you are unable to attend a meeting, please contact, in advance, any one of the Absentee Committee members: Wayne Carbone (Chair): WCARBONE@GDEB.COM Work: (860) 867-2691 / Cell: (860) 857-6426, Anthony (Tony) Giordano Jr.: AGIORDAN@GDEB.COM (860) 867-2458, Eric Straub ESTRAUB@GDEB.COM: Work: (860) 867-2284 / Cell: (860) 501-2230. The Officer of the Absentee Committee is Martha Fletcher RECORDSEC571@GMAIL.COM, (860) 448-0552 / Cell: (860) 608-1301.

Women's Committee Co-Chair JoAnna McClenathan reported the women's committee met on May 14th at the MDA hall. The committee reviewed our goals at this meeting and determined that we would like to focus on ways to empower the women of the membership and encourage them to take on more active roles and leadership positions. We've also begun the planning process for several community service events, a coffee and crafts social, as well as educational workshops and outings.

Our Next meeting will be June 11th, if you are interested in joining the women's committee or receiving information on upcoming events, please reach out to Pam Gonski or JoAnna McClenathan to have your name added to our email list.

Chaplaincy Committee Chair George Earley recently returned from attending the UAW Chaplaincy Conference at Black Lake, Michigan. Each locals Chaplain in attendance received a model car that they then each signed and was asked to present the car to their Regional Director. George was able to present the car for our Director Brandon Mancilla to Jose Melara to give to Brandon.

Member Wayne Carbone presented to the Membership an MDA-UAW Local 571 Veteran's Bell. Wayne was the facilitator of a project worked in conjunction with Mr. Matthew Wrobel of Meriden, Idaho. Wayne met Matthew through one of the Facebook Groups that they both belong to. They share a common interest in Military History and as such, collect Military Memorabilia. During conversation Matthew discovered that Wayne worked for Electric Boat and he mentioned that he had been to Groton several years ago as a member of the State of Idaho Commissioning Committee for the U.S.S. Idaho. Matthew shared with Wayne some pictures of a Ship's Bell that he had made with several other Veterans in his circle of friends. This bell was presented to the Officers and Crew of the U.S.S. Idaho on the day of her Christening, March 16, 2024.

Matthew told Wayne the story behind the bell and how it was part of a project that he began in 2018. He said how he started out by collecting American Flags from the Citizens of Idaho through various Veteran Groups that needed retiring. Over a short period of time Matthew

was supplied with approximately 25,000 American Flags that would be retired by incineration. Prior to burning the flags Matthew removed the grommets from the flags. The second step of the project involved removing all traces of material from the grommets by burning. Once that was done, any steel or aluminum grommets were removed and only brass grommets remained. The grommets were then polished by tumbling and then the brass grommets were then melted with some spent rifle casings that were used during Burial Ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, Americas most Hallowed Ground. Every batch of melted grommets contained some of these spent casings. Matthew and his friends then made sand molds and cast 17 bells. Of those 17 rough cast bells only 5 have been finished and presented to various people and/or organizations.

In conversation Wayne had mentioned to Matthew the many Veteran orientated events that the MDA-UAW Local 571 had sponsored, such as, Stand Down, Turkey Distribution at Christmas, Several Ruck hikes, Stuff the Buckets in Rhode Island for homeless Vets in Pennsylvania, sponsorship for V.E.T.S. (Veterans Equine Therapeutic Services) Golf Tournaments, several Toy Drives, Veterans Pheasant Hunts, Wreaths across America and certainly without a doubt our premier annual event, The Cornhole Tournament which has raised in excess of \$100,000.00 in the first five years. Every cent raised was distributed to Veteran Organizations throughout the Country.

Matthew was very impressed with what we do for Veterans and said that he would be quite honored to make a Bell for the Union. An agreement was reached between Wayne and Matthew, and the bell started its transformation from a sand casting to a polished bell in the shape of a Ships Bell. Several Vet friends of Matthews were involved in forging the hardware and making the wood mount as it is a wall hanging bell and not a desktop model. It took approximately 40-man hours to do the finish work.

Matthew delivered the bell to Wayne when he was in town once again for the Commissioning of the U.S.S. Idaho, April 25, 2026.

Wayne presented the bell to Thomas Montgomery, our Veteran's Committee Chairman asking it that committee would accept caretakers' duties of the Bell. Tom accepted on behalf of the committee. Tom then presented the Bell to Union President William "Bill" Louis.

The Bell that was made for the Union is one of five completed bells and is in the same fashion as the bell presented to the U.S.S. Idaho on her Christening. Our Union is the only non-veteran organization to be presented with one and it should be considered a great honor as it was given in recognition of our dedication to Veteran's needs.

This Bell would not have been possible without the support of our Union Brothers and Sisters and each and every one of you owns a piece of the Bell. The plaque on the bell reads as follows.

MDA-UAW Local 571

Veteran's Bell

Donated by those who shall remain in the shadows

to the Women and Men of the MDA Local 571
who have proudly worn the uniforms of the Armed Services,
both in times of Peace and War.

This bell was forged by Matthew Worbel
using grommets from over 300 US
Flags, as well as rifle casings fired during
Burial Ceremonies conducted at Arlington National Cemetery.

Ringling this bell rings the spirit of all MDA 571 Veterans,
Past, Present and Future.

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Old Business

If you are interested in purchasing apparel, outside of the two free items, the Union covers 50% of the cost. We have a new logo, many styles and colors. There is a new catalog with new apparel and logos. Your 2-free items are still available for members who have not received them. If interested, please contact Kristen at the Union Office, 860-448-0552. Orders are slowly coming in and we will contact you and make arrangements to get your order to you.

Thank you to those who came out and supported the ConnectiCOSH annual awards night held May 15, 2026 at the Casa Mia Hawthorne Inn, Berlin CT.

The UAW Veterans conference will take place August 9 – 14 at the Black Lake UAW Family Education Center, Onaway, MI.

The Annual Solidarity Family Day Picnic will be held August 15th. We want to recognize all for our 2025 successful contract.

The UAW Constitutional Convention is June 15-18. Hotel, airfare and registration is all set.

The CT AFL-CIO Sixteenth Biennial Political convention will be held June 25 and 26, 2026 at the Omni New Haven Hotel.

September 18, 2026 is the Veterans Rocky Hill Stand Down.

New Business

Save the date. The women's conference will be held August 9 – 14 at the Marriott Marquis, Houston TX. We would like to approve sending up to 6 members. A motion was made (JoAnna McClenathan), seconded (Thomas Clancy) and passed to accept.

November 7, 2026 will be our Region 9A Veterans Dinner Dance at LaLuna's in New London, CT.

We would like a motion to support MDA retiree, Don Buell, with \$250 toward his DJ services for the event. A motion was made (Robert Canova), seconded (Dave Evans) and passed to accept.

Women's committee will be getting together to make blankets for Women's Shelters. a motion made for up to \$1,000.00 for supplies (David Smallridge), seconded (Aaron Hayes) and passed to accept.

"Run to Home Base" has a team of Electric Boat Employees many being our members, raising funds for Veterans. A motion was made for \$800.00 to purchase dog tag challenge coins for participating team members (Jeffrey Carver), seconded (Thomas Montgomery) and passed to accept.

MDA-UAW is the Event Title Sponsor for the V.E.T.S. 2026 Golf Classic to be held September 28th, which was approved for \$10,000.00 back in January. A motion was made to contribute an additional \$5,000.00 to help the event bring more funds towards this generous organization helping our Veterans. (Craig Kelley), seconded (Aaron Hayes) and passed to accept.

A motion was made to suspend July and August E-Council Meetings (Anne Wurzbacher), seconded (Cristin Rezendez) and passed to accept. A reminder that the E-Board will still meet July and August at the Union Hall.

For the Good of the Union

We have ratified a new DXC 5-year contract.

Anyone who has a dozing infraction on their record, prior to ratification older then 2 years, has had the infraction removed. Going forward, dozing infractions are removed after 2-years of the occurrence. You can call office to confirm your name.

Thursday, July 2nd, will be our Scholarship Winner's Recognition Dinner at Tony D's.

Tabatha Martin and Alicia Kelley from EB Benefits gave a presentation on the Wellness and Optum Programs.

William Louis presented Todd Stiles (42 years, Eng. Support) with his retirement watch. Carol Canova has announced her retirement. George Hunold was in attendance tonight and was presented his watch at his retirement party held May 29th.

John Lomardo and Ben Young were sworn as new councillors in their geographical areas and Greg Maynard as 1st Vice President by Region 9A Servicing Rep., Jose Melara.

Zach Neilson and Thor Torgersen from the Veterans Equine Therapeutic Services (V.E.T.S.) presented member Wayne Carbone with a Plaque that enters Wayne into the 300 Society – a growing circle of committed supporters who have stepped forward to embody the Spartan ideal: strength, unity and purpose in service of something greater than themselves.

Dave Church, President of Local 2121 at Foxwoods has retired and has given his resignation as president of his local.

Flag Day Pins have been distributed to Councillors and Grievance Reps.

We still have Veteran Challenge Coins for sale.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO MDA-UAW LOCAL 571

BADGE	NAME	DEPT.	BADGE	NAME	DEPT.
162396	SARAH MOYNIHAN	403	152011	ZACHERY CLOUDAS *	456
176847	MEAGHAN YANKOWSKI	373	169047	ADRIAN ALDO	404
231385	LINSEY HARRELLE	447	176752	ALLYSON ZORNAK	403
176485	CARSON FOLEY	453	177173	LOGAN DOHERTY	456
177172	KEVIN GRIFFIN	453	172780	VIRALEE CRESPO	472
177095	LISA CHRISTINA	473	176754	PETER REIDER	403
175970	ACE ALBAN	403	176936	CHERIMICOL DEAN	462
177152	JAMIE COSTA	436	177208	ASHLEY EDOUARD	452
156727	ZACHARY TYLER	448	177354	JARED KRUEGER	459
150921	XAVIER KIBBEY *	456	225350	RASHAD MARSHALL	451
151016	GEORGE GREENO	447			

***Reinstated**

A motion was made to accept the application for membership for new and reinstatements (Aaron Hayes), seconded (Daniel Champagne) and passed to accept.

A motion was made to adjourn (Gregory Allard), seconded (David Evans) and passed to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Fletcher

Recording Secretary Martha Fletcher

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