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129 Lost as Atomic Sub Thresher Vanishes After Deep Dive Test

Navy Gives Up Hope for Vessel

Where Sub Disappeared

Lost in Disaster

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What Brought Disaster to Thresher? Expert on Sub Reviews Possibilities

Thresher's Skipper Studious, Dedicated to His Navy Job

Both My Sons, Both My Sons'

Where Sub Disappeared

On April 10, 1963, the Thresher was 220 miles east of Cape Cod, conducting diving tests. It was the first submarine to use the new HY-80 steel alloy, and the Navy was eager to determine how deep the new design could safely dive. At 9:13 a.m., while at a depth of 1,300 feet, the submarine radioed the submarine rescue ship USS Skylark, waiting above:

“Experiencing minor difficulties. Have positive up angle. Am attempting to blow (ballast tanks). Will keep you informed.”

The Thresher never surfaced, and the Navy later found the sub in six pieces on the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean. All 129 personnel on board perished.

The loss of Thresher led to an improved culture of safety in the Navy including inception of the SUBSAFE and DSS Programs.

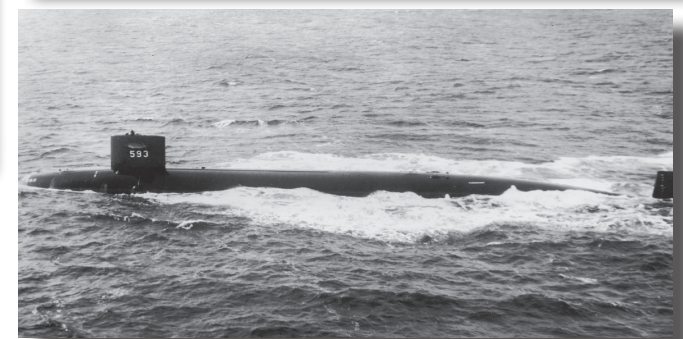
Navy Gives Up Hope for Vessel

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Navy gave up today on the nuclear-powered submarine Thresher and the 129 men who rode her down into a mile and a half of water 220 miles off Boston Wednesday.

Adm. George W. Anderson, chief of naval operations, made the announcement more than 25 hours after contact was lost during a deep diving test of the recently overhauled vessel.

“Very reluctantly I have come to the conclusion that the Thresher has indeed been lost,” Anderson said.

And President Kennedy, in a statement expressing his deep distress over the disaster, wrote an epitaph for the ship’s complement of officers, enlisted men and civilians.



Weather Makes It Tough
Navy Combs the Depths To Find Lost Thresher

129 LIVES LOST
 LEST WE FORGET

MAINE
 VT.
 N.H.
 PORTSMOUTH
 BOSTON
 MASS.
 PROVIDENCE
 CONN.
 ATLANTIC OCEAN

Where Sub Disappeared

Lost in Disaster



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MDA-UAW
LOCAL 571

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2023 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

[PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT] DAVE EVANS, FINANCIAL SECRETARY;
MARTHA FLETCHER, RECORDING SECRETARY; DAVE REAGAN, 1ST
VP; BILL LOUIS PRESIDENT; AMY STEPHENSON, 2ND VP;
AND BOB FARACI, TREASURER

Be Connected..Be Heard..Be Informed



Please Attend the MDA General
Membership Meeting & Dinner

Mystic Marriott
Monday, June 12, 2023
4:30 PM

Including a Deluxe Buffet Dinner

Raffle will be held after meeting

*Bring along an MDA member that has
not attended a General Membership meeting
this year and get a bonus raffle ticket



Please RSVP to your Union Councillor

MDA-UAW LOCAL 571 2023 MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

EVENT	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Executive Board	May 8	3:30PM	Mystic Marriott
Executive Council	May 8	4:30PM	Mystic Marriott
Executive Board	Jun 12	3:00PM	Mystic Marriott
General Membership	Jun 12	4:30PM	Mystic Marriott
Executive Board	Jul 17	3:30PM	Union Hall
Executive Board	Aug 14	3:30PM	Union Hall
Executive Board	Sep 11	3:00PM	Mystic Marriott
General Membership	Sep 11	4:30PM	Mystic Marriott
Executive Board	Oct 4	3:30PM	Mystic Marriott
Executive Council	Oct 4	4:30PM	Mystic Marriott
Executive Board	Nov 6	3:30PM	Mystic Marriott
Executive Council	Nov 6	4:30PM	Mystic Marriott
Executive Board	Dec 4	3:00PM	Mystic Marriott
General Membership	Dec 4	4:30PM	Mystic Marriott

UNION COMMUNITY ACTIVIST NETWORK TRAINING (UCAN)



Union Community Activist Network (UCAN) training is a partnership between the Southeastern Connecticut Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO and United Way of Southeastern Connecticut. This is a training course about human services available in our community.

The attendees are informed about all of the services offered for those in need, and how they can help people find them. UCAN training classes will be held May 9th, 11th, 16th, and 18th from 6-9 PM. United Way of Southeastern Connecticut in Ledyard hosts the UCAN course. Please contact Jim Newman 860-433-2558 or Peter Crizer 860-433-2706 for more information.

GET INVOLVED
If you would like to
volunteer or get
involved in any of our
committees, events
or volunteer efforts
contact, the Union Hall



Local Union Communication Association



JOHN F SAFFOMILLA & E.ROY COLVILLE SCHOLARSHIP NOTICE



The MDA-UAW Local 571 is pleased to announce the availability of eight (8) annual John F. Saffomilla and E. Roy Colville Scholarship Awards of \$2,500.00 each to graduating high school seniors, pursuing a higher education, who meet the qualifying guidelines.

Eligibility to apply for these scholarship awards is limited to graduating high school seniors whose parent, grand parent, or legal guardian is a Local 571 member in good standing. Applications for the scholarship awards for 2023 are available from your Grievance Representative or click [HERE](#)

Each student applicant's high school academic and social achievements are the most important considerations in choosing the winners; however, it should be noted that in the selection process a significant emphasis and/or tie breaker factor will be placed on the financial need of the students.

Student applicants should take care to provide all the information requested of them on the application form. Additionally, they

should check with their high school guidance departments in sufficient time prior to the deadline to ensure that their school has forwarded the required data to our scholarship committee. The deadline for the return of application forms and supporting data from school guidance departments is Friday, April 28, 2023 and this is firm.

The following guidelines will prevail in selecting the recipients and awarding the scholarships:

1

All applications must be received by mail only, at the MDA-UAW Local 571 Office, P. O. Box 7275, Groton, CT 06340 Attn: Recording Secretary, no later than Friday, April 28, 2023. No hand-carried applications will be accepted.

2

All timely applications will be reviewed and eight recipients will be selected by an impartial panel of judges non-associated with MDA Union. Incomplete or late applications will not be processed.

3

The scholarship awards will consist of eight awards of two thousand, five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) each.

4

One (1) runner-up will be selected by the impartial committee in the event one of the winners becomes disqualified.

5

Upon proof of enrollment with student ID #, the \$2,500.00 awards will be mailed directly to the college that each winner attends.



MDA-UAW Local 571 Union Hall, 394 Toll Gate Rd, Groton, CT 06340 (860)448-0552



ROBERT DALY JR (MEMBER)

Robert C. Daly Jr., 62, of Groton, CT, entered into eternal rest on February 27, 2023. He was a Sr Designer at EB. He will be remembered for his kindness, generosity and being a caring soul.





VETERANS COMMITTEE



MDA VETERANS COMMITTEE SPONSORS VETERANS STEAK DINNER MARCH 25, 2023



The MDA Veterans Committee used proceeds raised from the 2022 Veterans Day Cornhole Tournament, sale of challenge coins, and the MDA retirees monthly donations to sponsor a full course steak dinner that served over 120 veterans. The dinner was held at the American Legion Hall Post 91 located in Moosup, CT on March 25, 2023.



Bethany Dervetski-Ryder
Provisioning II, D472

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
HOMETOWN: EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN
SECURITY FORCES
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 5 yrs
WHAT MOTIVATED YOU TO JOIN:
I wanted to see the world.
.LOCATION OF BASIC TRAINING/BOOT CAMP:
Lackland AFB, San Antonio TX
STATIONED LOCATION(S): Aviano AB, Aviano, Italy and Rhein-Main AB, Frankfurt, all with the Presidential Seal on them.
Germany

RANK YOU ARE MOST PROUD TO EARN: E4 Senior Airman
MEDALS OR AWARDS: Achievement, Nato, & Nat.Def.Svce Medal, NCO Prof. Military Educ. Ribbon, Longevity Svce Award, Outstanding Unit Award with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Good Conduct & Commendation Medal.
MY MILITARY STORY: While stationed in Italy, President Clinton flew into Aviano while I was on a mobile patrol. I got the opportunity to be part of increased base security and to see Air Force One up close on the flight line.
I was given a book of matches, a small box of M&Ms and a coin

SALUTE OUR VETERANS



Dennis Dwyer

Retired Material Specialist, D447

USARMY (ACTIVE & RESERVE) & ARMY NAT. GUARD

HOMETOWN: STONINGTON, CT

SPECIAL FORCES OPER. DETACHMENT COMMANDER

LENGTH OF SERVICE: 42 yrs (12 yrs enlisted, 25 yrs Officer, 5 yrs Reserve)

WHAT MOTIVATED YOU TO JOIN: - I joined the CT Nat. Guard in High School to fulfill my military obligation.

LOCATION OF BASIC TRAINING/BOOT CAMP: Fort Dix, New Jersey

STATIONED LOCATION(S): Fort(s) Benning, Lee, Campbell, Bragg, Wainwright, and Bad Tolz, Germany

RANK YOU ARE MOST PROUD TO EARN:

SFC-Drill Sgt, & CPT- Spec. Forces "A Team" Commander

MEDALS OR AWARDS: Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom, Unified Endeavor, Afganistan Support Medals

MY MILITARY STORY :I graduated from Airborne & Pathfinder School and would soon attend Army Ranger training. I volunteered and completed Special Forces Green Beret Training. My Army career would further allow me to receive my Master Airborne Wings, Air Assault training, and graduate from the Army's Commanding General Staff College. I was fortunate to be on Parachute Jump Status for over 30 years during my military career.

I had a very exciting career in both the Army and at Electric Boat.



Jessica Goodwin

Tech Writer, D403

CT ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

HOMETOWN: ENFIELD, CT

52C20 (HVAC)

LENGTH OF SERVICE: 9 yrs

WHAT MOTIVATED YOU TO JOIN:

Tuition waiver

.LOCATION OF BASIC TRAINING/

BOOT CAMP:

Ft. Jackson, SC

STATIONED LOCATION(S): Windsor

Locks, CT (712th Maint. Co.) and

Southington, CT (F Co. 186)

RANK YOU ARE MOST PROUD TO

EARN:

E6

MY MILITARY STORY :

I had been in just over a year and a half when the towers fell. That day changed a lot. My younger brother (LCpl Philip A. Johnson) decided to join the Marines when he was of age because of my service and our country under threat.

On September 3, 2006 he made the ultimate sacrifice. I finished my contract and ETSed on 11 May 08.

U.S. NAVY



VETERAN

Lew Clark

Tech Editor, D403

UNITED STATES NAVY

HOMETOWN: CLEVELAND, OH

ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN

LENGTH OF SERVICE: 8 1/2 yrs

WHAT MOTIVATED YOU TO JOIN:

Wanted to serve my country

.LOCATION OF BASIC TRAINING/

BOOT CAMP:

Recruit Training Center (RTC), Great Lakes, IL

STATIONED LOCATION(S): Submarine

Base NL, USS Cavalla (SSN684)

RANK YOU ARE MOST PROUD TO

EARN: Submarine Qualified

MY MILITARY STORY :

I was stationed aboard the USS Cavalla and we held the Battle "E" award all 4 years I was stationed aboard. The Battle "E" (Effectiveness) recognizes sustained fast and winning performance in an operational environment within a command over a year long evaluation.

I was the one who guided the torpedos and missiles to a target. I dropped a missile 25 miles away within 100 yards of the designated target.



IN THE KNOW

NEW



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Contact Karen Heroux @ the
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860-448-0552 to order today

"RUN TO HOME BASE"

2023 EB TEAM LOOKING FOR NEW TEAM MEMBERS

The "Run to Home Base" is an annual fundraiser providing vital funds for the clinical care and support for our veterans and their families.

In 2022, EB team "Team Fast Attack" raised \$40,766. In 2023 the team name is "General Dynamics New England". Registration fees are covered by the company and the MDA-UAW is sponsoring a free bus transportation to participants of this event in Boston.

***Our 2023 Goal is \$60,000 with the aspiration of
exceeding \$100,000!!***

Saturday, July 22nd, 2023

8am Race Start

Fenway Park - Boston

9K run or 5K run/walk ending with the unforgettable experience of crossing "home base" at historic Fenway Park

Home Base

A national nonprofit
dedicated to healing the
invisible wounds of war
for Veterans of all eras!

**2023 Run to Home Base
by Raytheon Technologies
Saturday, July 22nd
Fenway Park**

**Team Name: General Dynamics New England
Team Captain: Jeff Carver**

Fundraiser Links:

<https://runtohomebase.org/support/#JEFFRTHB2023>

<https://runtohomebase.org/support/#GD-NEWENGLAND>

email Jeff to receive more info or join the team!
jcarver@gdeb.com



UPCOMING EVENT



2023 LAKE COMPOUNCE FAMILY DAY PICNIC Saturday, June 17, 2023

MDA RECREATION COMMITTEE NOTICE

Ticket Sale Dates & Locations

LOCATION	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Eagle Park	May 24	11:30-12:30 PM	Cafeteria
Groton	May 25	11:30-12:30 PM	88 Cafe
New London	May 30	11:30-12:30 PM	Cafeteria
Kings Highway	May 31	11:30-12:30 PM	Cafeteria
Long Hill Rd			
Shaws Cove			
2nd Shift			
Retirees			Call Union Hall
Satelite Areas			860-448-0552
Work from Home			

\$20.00
PER TICKET
see page 2 for event sign-up & ticket purchase restrictions

TICKET INCLUDES PARKING, LUNCH, DINNER, & WATER PARK

CHILDREN UNDER 3 ARE FREE

Recreation Committee Members

TICKETS ARE ONLY VALID FOR DAY OF EVENT

TICKETS ARE NON-TRANSFERRABLE

Ticket Sales/Refunds through June 9, 2023

Amy Stephenson (Officer)	860-448-0552
Anne Wurzbacher (Chair)	7-4901
Lauren Daigneault	7-1799
Michelle Ingalls	3-2203
Saige Louis	7-1894
Chuck MacDonald	7-1738
Amanda Turner	3-9532

UAW LOCAL-571 MARINE DRAFTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION





UPCOMING EVENT

**NO CASH ACCEPTED! ONLY MONEY ORDER OR CHECKS
MADE PAYABLE TO MDA-UAW LOCAL 571**

Please fill out this form fully before purchasing your tickets. Tickets available at the reduce price of \$20.00 will only apply to members in good standing and three examples below, all other tickets are full price of \$55.00

EXAMPLE NO. 1
MARRIED / RETIRED MEMBER

*Spouse or Guest
Children / Step Children
Daughter / Son In-Law
Grand Children
Great Grand Children*

OR

EXAMPLE NO. 2
SINGLE MEMBER W/ CHILD

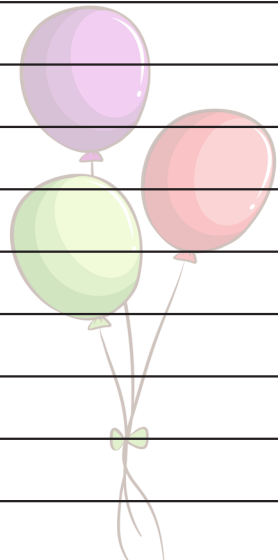
*Significant Other
Children
Daughter / Son In-Law
Grand Children
Great Grand Children*

OR

EXAMPLE NO. 3
SINGLE MEMBER

*Guest
Mother & Father
Brother & Sister*

	MEMBER	BADGE # (MEMBER ONLY)	RELATIONSHIP	UNDER 3
1				
2				
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10				



UAW LOCAL-571

MARINE DRAFTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION



RECREATION COMMITTEE

Recreation Committee Members

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- Amanda Turner 3-9532



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST MDA RETIREES

Philip Pedersen 25 yrs *T/A Test/Wr Sr Spec*
Katrina Spanos 42 yrs *Arrgt S/Dsn Sr Spec*
Aileen Elias 9 yrs *Admin Specialist*
Thomas Winiarski 40 yrs *Arrgt S/Dsn Sr Spec*
Raymond Hamilton 43 yrs *Eng Suppt-Tech Editor*
Earl Trudeau 6 yrs *Struct Sr Designer*



Susan Lopes
 20 years
 TA MATERIAL



William Capablo
 43 years
 T/A WT/EST SR SPEC



Larry Magee
 50 years
 MECH DESIGN TECH



John Davidson
 27 years
 MECH S/DES SR SPEC



Timothy McDonough
 39 years
 MECH SR DESIGN



Bill Wood
 35 years
 MECH S/DES SR SPEC

2023 RETIREE LUNCHEONS

May 11 Richmond Country Club *Richmond, RI*
Jun 8 Great Neck Country Club *Waterford, CT*
Jul 13 Prime 82 *Norwich, CT*
Aug 10 Richmond Country Club *Richmond, RI*
Sep 14 Filomena's *Waterford, CT*
Oct 12 Great Neck Country Club *Waterford, CT*
Nov 9 Prime 82 *Norwich, CT*
Dec 14 Great Neck Country Club *Waterford, CT*





MEMBERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

MDA MEMBERS HELP BOY SCOUTS EARN THEIR DRAFTING MERIT BADGE



On Saturday February 25th, MDA members; Wayne Carbone, Rob Gaudiano, Tom Montgomery, and President Bill Louis worked with 8 Boy Scouts to earn their “Drafting Merit Badge” at the union hall.

Boy Scouts of America philosophy is to enhance our youths’ competitive edge through earning of merit badges

The training included creating borders, title blocks, and 2 different widgets with 3 views, dimensions and text. They also each created an AUTOCAD drawing and answered questions. It was a long day but glad we could provide this for the scouts who came from, Bangor Maine, Mass, RI and CT. This was the first time this training has been offered and hopefully this program will continue in the future for other scouts looking to get their drafting merit badge.



MEMBERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

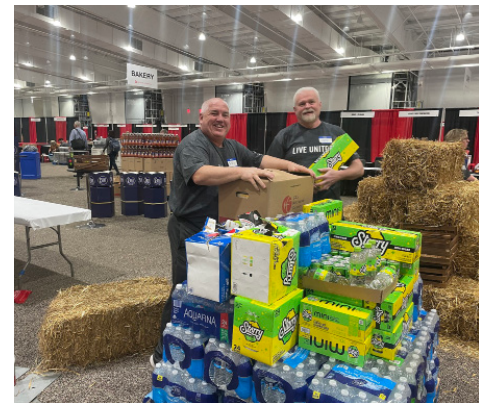


LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP COLLECT FOOD

At Mohegan Sun on March 14, 2023, 35 volunteers helped collect 35,963 lbs. of food after a C&S food show event. The collected food will be distributed to over 90 different distribution sites including food pantries, shelters, child care centers, community meal sites, programs for the elderly, and the mobile food pantry.



Thanks goes out to the dedicated MDA union members and their families who participated at this event: President - William Louis, Financial Secretary - Dave Evans and his wife Jennifer, Andrea Cassara, Andy Checchia, Stephany Edward, Pam Harvey, Lou Manfredi, Jim Newman, Mary Pine, Katrina Spanos and Ted, and retired members: Ken Fontaine, Joan Gaynor, John Jones, Rick Szepkovski, and Robert Valentine and his wife Janice.



The MDA Community Service Committee is looking for more members who would be willing to donate their time and effort for such a worthy cause. There will be additional food shows at Mohegan Sun. Dates will be announced soon. Contact Jim Newman for more





RETIREMENT INFORMATION

Celebrating our 25th year supporting Electric Boat Retirees!!

Beacon
Retiree Benefits Group LLC
AN ALERA GROUP COMPANY

Call our office today for more information at 1.888.484.0414 or email us at info@beaconmedicare.com



SPECIAL INVITATION

Beacon Retiree Benefits Group invites Electric Boat Retirees to participate in a special Medicare Medical & Prescription Drug Plan...

PROGRAM DETAILS

- This special group program is **ONLY** available to **Medicare eligible Electric Boat retirees and spouses.**
- This program was created in 1999 by your friends at the MTC, the MDA, Carpenters Union and the RSEA.
- Over 2,500 retirees & spouses participate!
- All plans, rates & benefits are the same in all 50 states!
- There are no individual plans comparable to these unique group options.

EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

Morning sessions start at 10AM
The Hilton Mystic Hotel, Mystic CT
Wednesday, May 3, 2023
Wednesday, June 7, 2023
Wednesday, July 5, 2023

Late afternoon sessions start at 4PM
Great Neck Country Club, Waterford, CT
Wednesday, June 21, 2023
Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Refreshments will be served!

To reserve your seat, call us at 1.888.484.0414 or email us at RSVP@beaconmedicare.com