



SOUNDINGS

AUGUST 2023



For more than 100 years Groton has been the *Submarine Capital of the World*. Here on the banks of the Thames River, hundreds of submarines have been built by the men and women of Electric Boat, the nation's first

submarine base was established, and hundreds of thousands of submariners have been trained at Sub School. Yet no lasting monument exists to recognize the men and women who build, design and operate the United States Navy's submarines.

The USS Groton Sail Foundation is a nonprofit organization focused on building a lasting public monument to celebrate our region's contribution to our nation's defense. The centerpiece of the monument will be the USS Groton's sail and rudder, which will serve as a permanent tribute to the Navy's submarine community, past, present and future.



The monument will be located right outside the Groton Public Library. Kent + Frost Landscape Architects have designed an environmentally conscious earthen berm in the true size and shape of a submarine. The monument will feature a design plaza, family garden, community connection walk, and an underway plaza with a memorial walkway and historical storyboards.

This monument will provide a place for celebration, an educational backdrop to the evolution of the submarine industry and submarine service. The USS Groton Sail Foundation is now raising \$2 million to build the monument. The foundation has raised close to \$500,000 in funding from grants, donations and

corporate support and is engaging people throughout our nation to participate in this important endeavor. To learn more about the monument or to purchase a paver, a memorial tree or simply make a donation please visit www.GrotonSail.com.

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OFFERED JOB AT EB UPON GRADUATION



Electric Boat's second annual Connecticut High School Signing Day was held on May 31 for students from Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts who will be starting careers at EB Groton after they graduate. Hosted at Ella T. Grasso Technical High School, the signing day celebrated 166 new shipbuilders, congratulating them on pursuing a rewarding career at Electric Boat.

Emil Casciano, Vice President of Nuclear Operations and Fleet Support, welcomed the new shipbuilders, followed by Command Master Chief Josh Sturgill, MDA President Bill Louis; MTC Rep Peter Baker, and Gerald Renaud of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America Local 1302. In the presence of their proud family members and loved ones, each student was invited on stage to receive a certificate and hard hat color-coded to their trade. The following 10 students will enter EB's workforce as drafters:

From Grasso Tech HS: Kayleigh Everett, Pipe Draft-Learner, Sophia Byrne & Viviana Higgins, both Structural Draft-Learners

Ellis Tech HS: Jason McElroy, Structural Draft-Learner

Cheney Tech HS: Madysen Rothe & Tyler Cavanaugh, both Structural Draft-Learners

Norwich Tech HS: Dayna Spencer, Elect Draft-Learner

Chariho HS: Shea Taylor, Structural Draft-Learner

Westerly HS: Kylie Denning & Christopher Taylor, both Structural Draft-Learners



MDA LEADERSHIP

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2023 Executive Committee

[Pictured From Left To Right] Dave Evans, Financial Secretary;
Martha Fletcher, Recording Secretary; David Reagan, 1st VP;
William Louis, President; Amy Stephenson, 2nd VP;
& Bob Faraci, Treasurer



We all need
a little help
every now
and then...

If you or a family

member is struggling with addiction, depression, anxiety, or everyday stresses, there are free resources to help. Optum Health Employee Assistance Program has certified licensed counselors available to answer your call and help you find the right treatment for you or your family member. Each employee, and members of their household, can get eight free counseling sessions per person, per issue, per year. Call 866-743-6551. The EB Family Wellness Center also has EAP counselors available to help and can be reached at 860-629-8272.

Mission Statement of the MDA-UAW Local 571

The mission of MDA-UAW Local 571 is to serve and represent all members and their families to the best of our ability by providing work place representation, financial/job security, seniority and respect.

We will achieve these goals by educating the union leadership and the membership about their roles and responsibilities in this process. We also understand that teamwork is the ability to evaluate ideas on their merit, focusing on the issue and not the person. Our teamwork starts with the membership's voice being heard which will help create an environment necessary for success.

Local 571's priority is to improve the quality of life of our members and their families by maintaining the highest level of integrity in operating the union.

"Pride, Ownership and Accountability"



Sadly we announce that Gemma E. Moran, a woman who almost single-handedly changed the way food is distributed to the needy in Southeastern Connecticut, passed away on May 16, 2023, at age 99.

She was the driving force for the Gemma E. Moran United Way/Labor Food Center, which launched in 1988, currently with over 68 member agencies feeding those in need.

She served as a vital link between the United Way programs and services and working men and women in New London County. The food center is the largest in the region, servicing 20,000 people a month.



**For all of your
summer cookouts**

Shop USA Union made products. Brands include Ball Park Franks, Lay's potato chips, Pepsi, Heinz ketchup, French's mustard and Good Humor ice cream.



Local Union Communication Association

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS



IN MEMORIAM

DOROTHY ENGLUND DUSSAULT (RETIREE)

Dorothy R. Dussault, 83, of Groton, passed away on March 26, 2023. She was last employed as a copy clerk at Electric Boat before retiring and spending her winters in Florida. Dorothy was known for always willing to lend a helping hand.

WILLIAM VACHON (RETIREE)

William Joseph Vachon, 69, of Glastonbury, passed away peacefully on March 29, 2023. Bill spent his career as a designer at Electric Boat. He was a passionate fan of UConn women's basketball. He was confident, generous & thoughtful.

RAYMOND LEYKO (RETIREE)

Raymond "Ray" Leyko, 95, of Preston, departed this life April 13, 2023. In 1951, he began his career at Electric Boat and was part of the groundbreaking development and design of the Nautilus submarine.

ROBERT VARELLA (RETIREE)

Robert Varella, 73, of New London, passed away April 4, 2023. He was employed at Electric Boat for 48 years, where he was a piping designer. He was an avid Red Sox and UConn basketball fan.

BRUCE PAUL MAERTZ (RETIREE)

Bruce Paul Maertz, 72, of Clinton, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 18, 2023. He served in the US Navy during the Vietnam War as a machinist mate. He worked as a pipefitter, and then a designer at Electric Boat and retired after 38 years.

RONALD A. LASTELLA (RETIREE)

Ronald A. Lastella, 69, of Ledyard, passed away on Tuesday, June 13, 2023. Ron began his career at Electric Boat as a pipefitter, he eventually became a Senior Piping Designer. He was employed with EB for over forty years up until his retirement in 2019.

DONNA D'AMICO (RETIREE)

Donna M. D'Amico, 77, of Stonington, passed away at home June 20, 2023. She retired from Electric Boat in 2017, after 47 years of service. She was a kind generous person who loved animals.

GERAGHTY ERICKSON (RETIREE)

Geraghty Ingrid Hawkins Erikson, 77, passed away on June 23, 2023, at Backus Hospital. She had a 52 year career at Electric Boat in Design, as a Senior Pipe Design Specialist, retiring in 2018. Those who gained her friendship found her to be loving, loyal, and always ready to help.

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VETERANS COMMITTEE



MDA VETERANS COMMITTEE VISITS VETERANS EQUINE THERAPEUTIC SERVICES JULY 14, 2023



The MDA Veterans Committee recently enjoyed a tour of Veterans Equine Therapeutic Services (V.E.T.S.) in North Stonington, CT.

V.E.T.S. offers programs for those who have served this country, and have committed incredible acts of bravery and sacrifice to protect us all. These individuals also are one of the most vulnerable demographics due to limited resources and funding

V.E.T.S. provides Equine-Assisted Therapy (EAT). This is a treatment that includes equine activities and/or an equine environment in order to promote physical, occupational, and emotional growth in persons suffering from multiple symptoms such as ADD, Anxiety, Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Dementia, Depression, Developmental Delay, Genetic Syndromes (such as Down Syndrome), traumatic brain injuries, and many other mental health issues.

Veterans who participate in the V.E.T.S. programs, are offered this therapy at no cost. The MDA-UAW Veterans Committee proudly supports V.E.T.S. programs through donation and continued support.



VETERANS COMMITTEE



MDA Veterans Committee Co-Chair; Joscelyn Mullaney, presents a \$500 check to Bill Dodge. Proceeds are donated to help with the 2023 EB Troop support effort. This donation comes from the Region 9A Veterans Council.



MDA Veterans Committee Co-Chair; Tom Montgomery, presents a check for \$500 to V.E.T.S. (Veterans Equine Therapeutic Service) in Stonington CT. This donation comes from the Region 9A Veterans Council.



MDA Color Guard raises the flag at Workers Memorial, Washington Park, April 28, 2023.



MDA-UAW Region 9A Veterans Council



MARK YOUR CALENDARS



**JOIN US FOR
ELECTRIC
BOAT NIGHT
2023 AT THE
CONNECTICUT
SUN!**

As an Electric Boat employee, take advantage of this exclusive offer to redeem a complimentary ticket by visiting <https://fevo.me/ctsuneb2023> (access link from home or personal device) and use promo code **EB2023** at checkout **to receive one free ticket** to see the Connecticut Sun play the New York Liberty on Thursday, August 24th at 7:00 PM.

Friends and family can purchase additional tickets at a discounted price through this link, courtesy of Electric Boat and the Connecticut Sun.

Come watch this rivalry game and see former UConn alum such as Breanna Stewart, Olivia Nelson-Ododa, Stefanie Dolson, and Tiffany Hayes take the floor. Plus, it is Alyssa Thomas Bobblehead Night, so be one of the first 4,000 people in the arena to receive this exclusive giveaway.

All EB employees will also have the opportunity to take a group photo on the court after the game!

Ticket Delivery:

All tickets will be digitally sent to you. Following your purchase, you're given a unique link to add tickets to your group. Please share the event with your friends, family, co-workers, neighbors, etc. via text, email, and social media to extend to them this special offer!

Questions?

For any questions, please contact your dedicated Account Executive Andrew O'Connor at aoconnor@connecticutsun.com or 860-862-4815.

MDA-UAW Local 571
GOLF DAY
Cedar Ridge Golf Course
Rte 161, East Lyme, CT
All skill levels welcome

**SATURDAY
SEP. 9TH
2023**

**Shotgun Start
at 8:15 A.M.
Scramble Format**

**registration fee includes:
golf cart
lunch
prizes**

**\$20⁰⁰
per
person**

Open to all MDA members & retirees in good standing and immediate family members.
We will fill open spots of participating teams to consist of 4 players. We encourage diversity among teams.
Golf carts available first come, first serve.
Winners announced after completion of event.

Pre-registration required by Aug. 26th 2023, contact Karen Heroux @ Union Hall 860-448-0552 or Karen.heroux@snet.net
make checks payable to CEDAR RIDGE GOLF COURSE (no cash accepted) submit check to Union Hall or any councillor

DESIGNERS OF THE WORLD'S
FINEST SUBMARINES

*Saturday, December 9th, 2023 is the
Dinner Dance at Foxwoods and if you
are interested in getting a discounted
room, please use the provided link
below to book. Rooms tend to go fast
so book soon if you know you will be
attending.*

*November 16th, 2023 is the last day for
discounted rooms.*

[**FOXWOODS HOTEL RESERVATION**](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



MDA-UAW LOCAL-571 VETERANS COMMITTEE

3RD ANNUAL

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT 2023

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH
BAGS FLY 11:00AM
PREMIER BALLROOM @ FOXWOODS CASINO

BRING YOUR OWN PARTNER

ADVANCED
\$100/ TEAM

COMPETITIVE
\$80/ TEAM

SOCIAL
\$60/ TEAM

ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE
OUR NEW 2023 VETERAN'S COMMITTEE
CHALLENGE COIN

Pre-registration is required:
SCOREHOLIO or BLOUIS@SNET.NET

COASTAL CONNECTION CORNHOLE

ThompsonSpeedway Cornhole

LET'S GO CORNHOLE

★ ★ ★ ALL TOURNAMENT PROCEEDS SUPPORT LOCAL VETERAN PROGRAMS ★ ★ ★

We have discounted rooms available at Foxwoods for the cornhole event. The deadline to book the discounted room is October 30, 2023. Link <https://book.passkey.com/go/VeteransCornholeRoomBlock>

Scoreholio Registration

Advance Division:

<https://app.scoreholio.com/link/8Yws>

Competitive Division: Max SPR for team, 125

<https://app.scoreholio.com/link/oHtU>

Social Division: Max SPR for team, 110

<https://app.scoreholio.com/link/5Qb6>



MDA-UAW Local 571 member Danielle Conte D455, shared her beautiful family pictures from this years Lake Compounce Day. If you would like to share your photos please forward them to blouis@snet.net

LET'S GO CAMPING.

10TH ANNUAL MDA-UAW CAMPING
OCT 6TH - 9TH, 2023

Enjoy a festive Columbus Day weekend including trick-or-treating at Natures Campsites in Voluntown, CT with family and friends. Available accomodations are 3 cabins, caboose cabin, pull-through sites, and field camping sites.

The union will cover 1-night of camping and dinner for Saturday night, along with the cost of any walk-ins that would like to join. Day visitors are always welcome. Event registration is required. Contact Natures Campsites to reserve your spot today 860-376-4203.



RETIREMENT INFO

**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, July 5, 2023

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

Late afternoon sessions start at 4PM

Great Neck Country Club, Waterford, CT

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Refreshments will be served!

To reserve your seat, call us at

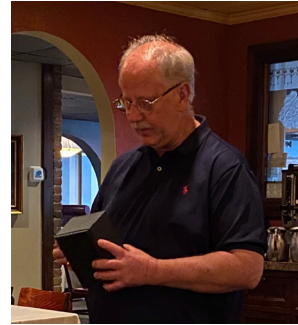
1.888.484.0414 or email us at

RSVP@beaconmedicare.com

Beacon Retiree Benefits Group, An Alera Group Company, 710 Main Street Suite #10, Plantsville, CT 06479

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST MDA RETIREES

Sharon Bolduc	5	A/A Administrative Aide
Margaret Plouffe	37	Admin Specialist
Steven Carlu	5	Mech Sr Designer
Diane Elkins	23	T/A Material
Michael Brandt	36	Strct S/Des Sr Spec
Rachelle Johnstad	35	Arrgt S/Des Sr Spec
Philip Terluk	45	Piping Sr Designer
Peter Demarco	28	Mech S/Des Sr Spec
Leonard Delia	29	Design Tech-Mech
Joseph St. Jean	15	T/A Chem/Metl Lab Sr Spec
Wayne Lamothe	34	Eng Config Mgmt Tech/A



Charlie Hopkins
42 years
ARRGT S/DSN SR SPEC



Katrina Spanos
42 years
ARRGT S/DSN SR SPEC

2023 RETIREE LUNCHEONS

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



Michael Cichon
20 years
ELEC SR DESIGNER



Sharon Bogart
5 years
STRUCT. SR. DRAFTER

MDA-UAW LOCAL 571 2023 MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

EVENT	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Executive Board	Aug 7	2:00PM	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



Ray Hamilton
43 years
ENG. SPT., TECH EDITOR



AWARDS DINNER

JOHN F SAFFOMILLA & E. ROY COLVILLE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The MDA-UAW Local 571 is pleased to announce this years recipients of the John F. Saffomilla and E. Roy Colville Scholarship. Scholarship Awards of \$2,500.00 were given to six graduating high school seniors, who met the qualifying guidelines. The award dinner was held at Tony D's on Thursday June 29, 2023.

*Sedge Algieri
grandson of:
Joe Husereau
Suny Westchester CC*



*Gianna Butler
daughter of:
Peter Butler
Southern CT State*



*Caitlyn Claspell
daughter of:
Rachael Claspell
Rhode Island College*



*Mia Hankey
daughter of:
Debra Hankey
Univ. of New Hampshire*



*Olivia Hopkins
daughter of:
Charles Hopkins
Stone Hill College*



*Grace Walenczyk
granddaughter of:
Anson Moody
Univ. of New England*



"RUN TO HOME BASE" GENERAL DYNAMICS NEW ENGLAND SCORES BIG

The "Run to Home Base" is an annual fundraiser providing vital funds for the clinical care and support for our veterans and their families who are impacted by the invisible wounds of war.



Military suicides have increased 20% since the onset of the pandemic, with nearly 20 Veterans losing their lives to suicide each day.

Several MDA members stepped up to the plate on July 22, 2023, to help *General Dynamics New England* team raise over \$97,000 in donations. This donation will help traumatic brain injury programs, intensive clinical program for families who have lost their loved one due to service or suicide, and regional outpatient care programs.



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP COLLECT FOOD

The MDA Community Service Committee is looking for members who would be willing to donate their time and effort to collect food after the C&S food show at Mohegan Sun Earth Expo Center on Tuesday, August 15th. Collection will start at 4:00 PM and sign-in will be at 3:30. Bring your entire family, even the kids can help. Please call Peter Crizer 3-2706 or Jim Newman 3-2558.



GENERAL DYNAMICS CONFERENCE



This years General Dynamics Conference was held May 1st - 5th, 2023 at the San Antonio Marriott Riverwalk, in San Antonio, Texas. MDA-UAW local members in attendance were; David Reagan, 1st VP; Martha Fletcher, Recording Secretary; Nicole Reagan, GR & SGT @ Arms; and Glen Pothier, GR & By-Law Committee Chair. This bi-annual event is an opportunity to bring together UAW appointed union representatives to one location. It is great opportunity to network, learn from other locals, share information, discuss challenges and wins within all local unions.



BUY UNION MADE



2023 UAW Union-Built Vehicle Guide

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UAW CARS

Cadillac CT4
 Cadillac CT4-V
 Cadillac CT4-V Blackwing
 Cadillac CT5
 Cadillac CT5-V
 Cadillac CT5-V Blackwing
 Chevrolet Bolt (Electric)
 Chevrolet Bolt EUV (Electric)
 Chevrolet Camaro
 Chevrolet Corvette
 Chevrolet Malibu
 Ford Mustang Coupe
 Ford Mustang Convertible
 Ford Mustang Shelby

UAW TRUCKS

Chevrolet Colorado
 Chevrolet Silverado Medium-Duty
 Navistar (Regular and Crew Cab)
 Chevrolet Silverado Light-Duty*
 Chevrolet Silverado Heavy-Duty
 Ford F-150
 Ford F-150 (Hybrid)
 Ford F-150 (Electric)
 Ford F-650/750
 Ford Ranger
 Ford Super Duty 250/350/450/550
 GMC Canyon
 GMC Sierra Light-Duty*
 GMC Sierra Heavy-Duty
 GMC Hummer Pickup (Electric)
 Jeep Gladiator

Ram 1500*
 Ram 1500 Classic

UAW SUVs/CUVS

Buick Enclave
 Cadillac Escalade
 Cadillac Escalade ESV
 Cadillac Escalade (Hybrid)
 Cadillac Lyric (Electric)
 Cadillac XT4
 Cadillac XT5
 Cadillac XT6
 Chevrolet Suburban
 Chevrolet Tahoe
 Chevrolet Tahoe (Police)
 Chevrolet Tahoe (Special Service)
 Chevrolet Traverse
 Dodge Durango
 Ford Bronco
 Ford Escape
 Ford Escape (Hybrid)
 Ford Expedition
 Ford Explorer
 Ford Explorer (Hybrid)
 Ford Explorer (Police Interceptor)
 GMC Acadia
 GMC Hummer SUV (Electric)
 GMC Yukon
 GMC Yukon (Hybrid)
 GMC Yukon XL
 Jeep Cherokee
 Jeep Grand Cherokee
 Jeep Grand Cherokee (Hybrid)
 Grand Wagoneer
 Wagoneer

Jeep Wrangler
 Jeep Wrangler (Hybrid)
 Lincoln Aviator
 Lincoln Aviator (Hybrid)
 Lincoln Corsair
 Lincoln Corsair (Hybrid)
 Lincoln Navigator

UAW VANS

Chevrolet Express
 Chevrolet Express (Cut-Away)
 Ford Transit
 Ford Transit (Electric)
 Ford E-Series (Cut-Away)
 GMC Savana
 GMC Savana (Cut-Away)

UNIFOR CARS

Dodge Challenger
 Dodge Charger
 Chrysler 300

UNIFOR SUVs/CUVS

Ford Edge
 Lincoln Nautilus

UNIFOR TRUCKS

Chevrolet Silverado Light-Duty*
 Chevrolet Silverado Heavy-Duty

UNIFOR VANS

Chrysler Pacifica
 Chrysler Pacifica (Hybrid)
 Chrysler Voyager
 GM ZEVO Electric Van for Brightdrop

These vehicles are made in the United States or Canada by members of the UAW and Canada's Unifor union, formerly the Canadian Auto Workers (CAW). Because of the integration of vehicle production in both countries, all of the vehicles listed as made in Canada include significant UAW-made content and support the jobs of UAW members.

Vehicles marked with a single asterisk (*) are also produced in Mexico.

When purchasing a vehicle marked with a single asterisk, it's important to check the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). A VIN beginning with "1" or "4" or "5" identifies a U.S.-made vehicle; a "2" identifies a Canadian-made vehicle; a "3" identifies a vehicle made in Mexico. Not all vehicles made in the United States or Canada are built by union-represented workers. Vehicles not listed here, even if produced in the United States or Canada, are not union made.

