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SESSION INFORMATION

**Hilton Mystic Hotel, Mystic
at 10AM:**

- Wednesday, January 4, 2023
- Wednesday, February 1, 2023
- Wednesday, March 1, 2023

**Great Neck Country Club, Waterford
at 4PM:**

- Wednesday, February 15, 2023
- Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Refreshments will be served!

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FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS



JOSEPH "AL" ILLINGER (RETIREE)



Alfred Joseph Illinger, 95, passed away peacefully Sept. 16, 2022. He served during World War II in the U.S. Navy. He worked as an aircraft mechanic at the Waterford airport, and then as a designer at Electric Boat for 41 years before retiring.

JORDAN J. CORREIA (RETIREE)



Jordan Joseph Correia, 82, of Mystic, died peacefully September 11, 2022, surrounded by his family. He was employed at Electric Boat for over 40 years. Jordan enjoyed history, gardening, and travel. But most of all, he loved spending time with his family, especially his granddaughters.

GARY CHARLES PELTIER (RETIREE)



Gary Charles Peltier, 82, of Waterford, entered eternal life Sept. 6, 2022. Gary worked as an Electrical Designer, retiring after 40 years for Electric Boat. He loved to work on his yard and was very particular about his lawn. He enjoyed flying remote control planes.

MARILYN S. DEWOLF (RETIREE)



Marilyn S. DeWolf, 75, of Groton, passed away September 12, 2022 at her lake home in Griswold surrounded by family. Marilyn worked as an Electrical Designer at Electric Boat until she retired in November 2016. She loved spending time with her family and friends, especially at her Lake home.

IN MEMORIAM

We are deeply saddened by the loss of our Union brothers and sisters.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Families

PAUL C. ANDERSON (MEMBER)



Paul C. Anderson, 61, of Westerly, passed away at the Westerly Hospital on Wednesday, November 30, 2022. Paul worked as a Material Tech Aide at Electric Boat. He was a veteran of the US Air Force, and was a member and past Exalted Ruler of the Westerly Lodge of Elks.

ROGER MORGAN DABOLL JR. (RETIREE)



Roger Morgan Daboll Jr., 80, of Waterford, passed away peacefully Sept. 13, 2022, at L&M Hospital in New London. Roger worked for over 40 years as a Draftsman at Electric Boat before retiring. Roger was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying fishing and hunting.

THOMAS EARLE AVERY (RETIREE)



Thomas "Duke" Earle Avery, 85, of Westerly, passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, October 12, 2022. Duke retired from Electric Boat after 42 years as a Sr. Structural Designer. After retirement he was a helping hand at his wife Sandy's antique shop. He also served in the US Army.



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DECEMBER RETIREE LUNCHEON



MARK YOUR CALENDARS



DECEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

This years MDA UAW Local 571 General Membership meeting was held on December 5, 2022, at the Mystic Marriott. With over 300 members and retirees in attendance at this event, seven new MDA Councillors were officially sworn in by President William Louis.

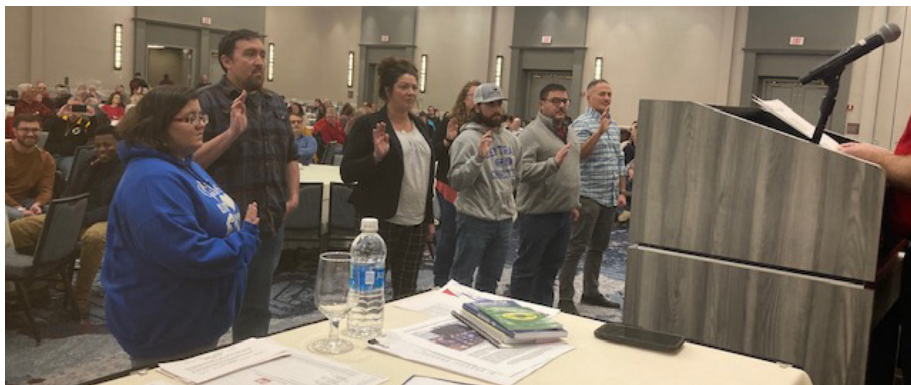
New London Tower "C" recently appointed includes Josef Knetts, Saige Louis, and Holly Montbriand. Kings Highway recently appoints Liz Strader with one remaining councillor position still vacant. Building 1, 1B, 1E, 7, 8N, 8S, 30, 32, 38, 97, 109, 112, 119, 130, 184, and 260 appointed Amanda Turner, and Matt Devine to councillor. New London tower "B" appoints Peter Anastas to councillor.

The MDA UAW Officers would like to extend a special thanks to new councillors for stepping up to help their local members, and also thank all of our existing dedicated councillors for their support throughout the year.



Congratulations to all the winners of the raffles held at the meeting. The MDA gave out 14 raffle prizes with a combined total of \$1000.

The next General Membership meeting is scheduled for March 6th, at the Mystic Marriott. For all those who attended the past meeting that bring a member in good standing to this event whom did not attend Decembers meeting will receive an extra raffle opportunity. This years turnout was amazing and we would love to see more members attend these meetings. There are only 4 General Membership meetings a year. This is a great way to come out and meet members, retirees, and learn what is going on at your MDA UAW Local 571.



2023 RETIREE LUNCHEONS

RESTAURANT	DATE	TIME	TOWN
Filomena's	Jan 12	11:30PM	Waterford
Prime 82	Feb 9	11:30PM	Norwich
Langley's	Mar 9	11:30PM	Waterford
To be Determined	April		
To be Determined	May		
Richmond CC	Jun 8	11:30PM	Richmond RI
Meadow Brook Inn	Jul 13	11:30PM	Charlestown RI
Richmond CC	Aug 10	11:30PM	Richmond RI
To be Determined	Sep		

MDA-UAW LOCAL 571 2023 MONTHLY MEETING

EVENT	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Executive Board	Jan 9	3:30PM	Mystic Marriott
Executive Council	Jan 9	4:30PM	Mystic Marriott
Executive Board	Feb 6	3:30PM	Mystic Marriott
Executive Council	Feb 6	4:30PM	Mystic Marriott
Executive Board	Mar 6	3:00PM	Mystic Marriott
General Membership	Mar 6	4:30PM	Mystic Marriott
Executive Board	Apr 3	3:30PM	Mystic Marriott
Executive Council	Apr 3	4:30PM	Mystic Marriott
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



*December MDA Holiday Party at
Foxwoods Casino
December 10, 2022*

For more pictures of this event please visit
the following link

PARTY PICTURES

PASSWORD: Local571







SALUTE TO OUR MDA VETERANS



James Harris
Retiree, D452

UNITED STATES NAVY

HOMETOWN: MOUND CITY, MISSOURI

RADIOMAN

LENGTH OF SERVICE: 4 years

WHAT MOTIVATED YOU TO JOIN:

I enlisted due to the Vietnam conflict.

LOCATION OF BASIC TRAINING/BOOT CAMP:

San Diego, California

MEDALS/CITATIONS EARNED:

Honorman Company 362

STATIONED LOCATION(S):

USS Bergall SSN667, Groton Sub Base

RANK YOU ARE MOST PROUD TO EARN:

RM3 (SS)

MY MILITARY STORY :

I am a plank owner for the USS Bergall - 1969. The USS Bergall (SSN 667) was a STURGEON Class, designed as an anti-submarine weapon. She was commissioned on 13 June 1969. She became the 84th nuclear submarine to enter the Fleet and the 43rd attack type. Her assignment upon commissioning was to Submarine Development Group Two in Groton, Connecticut.



Angela Terry
Arrangements Sr Designer, D459

UNITED STATES NAVY

HOMETOWN: WRANGELL, ALASKA

BOATSWAINS MATE/HELMSMAN

LENGTH OF SERVICE: 4 years

WHAT MOTIVATED YOU TO JOIN: My Father

had been in the Navy so I choose it to follow in his footsteps and make him proud. I also knew I was not quite ready for college yet but that joining the military would be a good stepping stone in that direction.

LOCATION OF BASIC TRAINING/BOOT CAMP:

Orlando, Florida

MEDALS/CITATIONS EARNED: National Defense

Service & Navy Good Conduct Medal

STATIONED LOCATION(S): US Naval Station

Pearl Harbor HI

RANK YOU ARE MOST PROUD TO EARN:

Petty Officer 3rd Class

MY MILITARY STORY :

I had the opportunity to join the USS Omaha (SSN-692) A Los Angeles-class sub, on a dependent's cruise from Pearl Harbor to the Big Island of Hawaii. Several hours on a submerged submarine was pretty amazing and interesting.



Arthur Hocking
Sr Structural Designer, D459

UNITED STATES NAVY

HOMETOWN: NEW YORK, NEW YORK

SHIP MAINT., RIGGING, COXSWAIN

LENGTH OF SERVICE: 4 years

WHAT MOTIVATED YOU TO JOIN: My number was up for the draft. "Join the Navy see the World"

LOCATION OF BASIC TRAINING/BOOT CAMP:

Recruit Training Center (RTC), Great Lakes, IL

STATIONED LOCATION(S):

USS Ajax AR-6, and USS Deliver ARS-23

RANK YOU ARE MOST PROUD TO EARN:

Boatswain Mate 2nd Class

MY MILITARY STORY :

On June 3, 1969 while stationed aboard the USS Deliver ARS-23, a collision occurred in the South China Sea during training. The USS Frank Evans DD-754 crossed the bow of the HNAS Melbourne R21 and she was cut in half between the funnels. The FWD section sank quickly but the AFT remained. I was part of the Damage Ctrl party that boarded the remaining AFT section looking for leaks. It was the creepiest sensation I have ever experienced. We towed the AFT section to Subic Bay making sure it did not sink.

SALUTE TO OUR MDA VETERANS



Peter Butler
Sr Design Specialist, D456

UNITED STATES NAVY

HOMETOWN: PORTSMOUTH, RI

OPERATION SPEC./ TRACK SUP. COORD.

LENGTH OF SERVICE: 4 yrs active, 2yrs Reserve

WHAT MOTIVATED YOU TO JOIN:

I joined for the adventure of it all.

LOCATION OF BASIC TRAINING/BOOT CAMP:

Recruit Training Center (RTC), Great Lakes, IL

MEDALS/CITATIONS EARNED: Expeditionally, Expert Rifle /pistol, National Defense Service Medal, Overseas service ribbon, Good conduct ribbon.

STATIONED LOCATION(S):

USS Farragut DDG-37

RANK YOU ARE MOST PROUD TO EARN:

OS2-E5

MY MILITARY STORY :

I boxed for Navy and served 3 years aboard the USS FARRAGUT. The USS FARRAGUT was the first of a modern class of missile destroyers. She is named after the Navy's first Admiral, David Glasgow Farragut whose motto "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead" was immortalized at the Civil War Battle of Mobile Bay.



Frank Mills
Sr Structural Designer, D459

UNITED STATES ARMY

HOMETOWN: GRAND BAY, ALABAMA

AVIATION OPERATIONS SPECIALIST

LENGTH OF SERVICE: 5 years

WHAT MOTIVATED YOU TO JOIN: Father and my Grandfather were my motivating factors.

LOCATION OF BASIC TRAINING/BOOT CAMP:

Fort Knox, Kentucky

MEDALS/CITATIONS EARNED: SW Asia service medal with 3 Battle Stars, Kuwaiti Liberation medal, Army Commendation with oak clusters, Army Achievement medal, Overseas ribbon, Humanitarian Service medal, Nat. Defense ribbon, Army Air Assault Badge

STATIONED LOCATION(S): Ft Rucker, AL,

Katterbach Kaserne, Bavaria FRG, Ft Campbell, KY

RANK YOU ARE MOST PROUD TO EARN:

E-4 SPECIALIST

MY MILITARY STORY : Arriving for my 1st

duty at Katterbach, W. Germany, I opened the door to my room and I see snowballs getting thrown at my roommate through an open window. He shakes my hand and says "Welcome to Germany!" and carries on with snowball fight.



Brendan McLaughlin
Facility Designer, D508

UNITED STATES ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

HOMETOWN: LEBANON, CONNECTICUT

12-T TECHNICAL ENGINEER

LENGTH OF SERVICE: 11 years

WHAT MOTIVATED YOU TO JOIN:

My father, grandfather, uncles and brother-in-law all served. I figured should serve as well.

LOCATION OF BASIC TRAINING/BOOT CAMP:

Fort Benning, Georgia

MEDALS/CITATIONS EARNED: I earned the German Schützenschnur while deployed.

STATIONED LOCATION(S):

Two deployments to Afghanistan

RANK YOU ARE MOST PROUD TO EARN:

Staff Sergeant

MY MILITARY STORY :

While expending extra ammunition after the Schützenschnur (German Armed Forces Badge for Weapons Proficiency) we lit a hillside on fire from using tracer rounds.

We have had such a great response to MDA veteran's submitting their service bio's and picture's to the MDA UAW newsletter since the initial publication in November. We will continue to publish them every month until all submissions have been posted. We would like to say thank you to all our veterans.



2022 YEAR END REVIEW

JANUARY

Executive Board/Council Meeting
Retiree Luncheon at Great Neck Country Club, Waterford, CT

FEBRUARY

Executive Board/Council Meeting
Retiree Luncheon at Filomena's Restaurant, Waterford, CT
MDA Trustees performed the 6 Month Semi Annual Audit at the Union Hall

MARCH

Executive Board/General Membership Meeting
Retiree Luncheon at Prime 82 Restaurant, Norwich, CT
UAW Financial Officers Conference, New Orleans Marriot, New Orleans, LA
MDA Food Collection supporting Gemma E. Moran United Way/Labor Food Bank at Mohegan Sun, Uncasville, CT

APRIL

Executive Board/Council Meeting
Retiree Luncheon at Great Neck Country Club, Waterford, CT
MDA honored the Workers' Memorial at Washington Park, Groton, CT
Coogan's Farm Day of Caring
MDA members collected donations for the United Way Ukraine Relief Fund
Contract negotiating, proposal, voting and signing for DXC/MDA, Norwich, CT

MAY

Executive Board/Council Meeting
Retiree Luncheon at Richmond Country Club, Richmond, RI
Eastern Seaboard Apprenticeship Conference, Harrah's Resort, Atlantic City, New Jersey
ConnectiCOSH Annual Awards Night, one of the recipients being President William Louis, VFW Hall, Berlin, CT
MDA members participated in the UCAN Training at the United Way of SECT, Gales Ferry, CT
MDA members participated in a United Way Day of Caring at Coogan Farm, Mystic, CT
UAW Health & Safety Program, UAW Family Education Center, Onaway, MI
UAW Region 9A Civil and Human Rights Awards Dinner, Hartford Hilton, Hartford, CT
UAW National CAP Conference, Gaylord National Convention Center, Nation Harbor, MD
UAW-General Dynamics Council Meeting, New Orleans Marriott, New Orleans, LA

JUNE

Executive Board/General Membership Meeting
Retiree Luncheon at Filomena's Restaurant, Waterford, CT
MDA Food Collection supporting the Gemma E. Moran United Way/Labor Food Bank at Mohegan Sun, Uncasville, CT
EB 40-year employees recognized at the Mystic Marriot, Groton, CT
AFL-CIO 14th Biennial Political Convention, Foxwoods Casino, Ledyard, CT
MDA participated in helping visitors to the Traveling Vietnam Wall, Chester, CT

JULY

Executive Board/Council Meeting
Retiree Luncheon at Meadow Brook Inn, Charlestown, RI
MDA John F. Saffomilla&E. Roy Colville Scholarship Awards Dinner, Tony D's Restaurant, New London, CT
MDA Annual Lake Compounce Family Day Picnic, Bristol, CT
MDA members participated in a charity event to help Veterans "Run to Home Base" Fenway Park, Boston, MA
MDA New Councillor Training, MDA Union Hall, Groton, CT
Summer Hire Inter Program (SHIP) started at the EB plant

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AUGUST

Executive Board Meeting
Retiree Luncheon at Richmond Country Club, Richmond, RI
UAW Women's Conference, UAW Family Education Center, Onaway, MI
MDA Design Apprenticeship Cohorts 1 & 2 Graduation, Mystic Marriot, Groton, CT
MDA Trustees performed the 6 Month Semi Annual Audit at the Union Hall
MDA collected food for the Gemma E. Moran United Way/Labor Food Center at Mohegan Sun Casino
Electric Boat/MDA Summer Hire Intern Program field trip to the Willimantic Textile Mill, Willimantic, CT
AFL-CIO Annual Golf Tournament at Great Neck Country Club, Waterford, CT
UAW Region 9A Charity Golf Tournament at Lake of Isles Golf Course, Ledyard, CT
United Way Breakfast Campaign Kickoff Celebration, Mohegan Sun Casino, Uncasville, CT

SEPTEMBER

Executive Board/General Membership Meeting
Retiree Luncheon at Prime 82 Restaurant, Norwich, CT
General Dynamics Joint Council Meeting was held at the Sirata Beach Resort, St. Pete Beach, Florida
Rocky Hill Veterans Stand Down was held at the Easter Seals, Norwich, CT and
Rocky Hill Veterans Home, Rocky Hill, CT
MDA Annual Golf Tournament at Cedar Ridge Golf Course, East Lyme, CT
MDA participated with the United Way of SECT Young Leaders Cornhole Tournament at the
United Way Office, Gales Ferry, CT
Beacon Insurance open enrollment meeting for our Retirees, Great Neck Country Club, Waterford, CT

OCTOBER

Executive Board/Council Meeting
Retiree Luncheon at Filomena's Restaurant, Waterford, CT
UAW Leadership Essentials Institute UAW Family Education Center, Onaway, MI
MDA Columbus Day Weekend Annual Campout at Nature's Campsites, Voluntown, CT
MDA & United Way SECT collecting Food for the Gemma E. Moran/Labor Food Center at local area Stop & Shops
EB 40-year employees recognized at the Mystic Marriot, Groton, CT
UAW President Ray Curry visited our local members at Strange Brew Pub, Norwich, CT

NOVEMBER

Executive Board/Council Meeting
Retiree Luncheon at Prime 82 Restaurant, Norwich, CT
23rd Annual Reg.9A UAW Veterans Dinner Dance at the Double Tree by Hilton, Bristol, CT
MDA Veteran's Committee Fundraiser Cornhole Tournament Foxwoods Casino, Ledyard, CT

DECEMBER

Executive Board/General Membership Meeting
Retiree Luncheon at Langley's Restaurant Great Neck Country Club, Waterford, CT
MDA Christmas/Holiday Dinner Dance at Foxwoods Casino, Ledyard, CT
MDA/Company Appreciation Social at Tony D's Restaurant, New London, CT
MDA Family Holiday Photo Event was held by the MDA LUCA and Women's Committee at the Union Hall