



# SOUNDINGS

OCTOBER 2022

## Electric Boat Employees, Retirees and Spouses are cordially invited to learn more about a special Medicare Medical & Prescription Drug Plan...

- This exclusive 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 and the RSEA.
- There are over 2,700 retirees & spouses participating in the program!
- All plans, rates & benefits offered are the same in all 50 states!
- There are no individual plans comparable to these unique group options.

Let us help you prepare for retirement!

Call our office today for more information  
at 1.888.484.0414 or email us at [info@BeaconMedicare.com](mailto:info@BeaconMedicare.com).

Please join us at one of our local educational & informational sessions:

**Morning sessions start at 10am at The Hilton Mystic Hotel**

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

Wednesday, November 2, 2022

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

**Late afternoon sessions start at 4pm at Great Neck Country Club**

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

**Refreshments will be served!!**

To reserve your seat, call us at 1.888.484.0414 or email us at [RSVP@BeaconMedicare.com](mailto:RSVP@BeaconMedicare.com).



**Beacon**  
**Retiree Benefits Group LLC**  
AN ALERA GROUP COMPANY

Bob Gamache  
MDA Retiree  
Testimonial

I recently retired which means making many choices to support my life going forward. One of the most important being supplemental medical insurance. I was introduced to Beacon through the MDA Benefit Committee and the Beacon to explain the many plans to choose from. All plans are affordable and structured to meet your individual needs. Main reason I chose Beacon was due to the low (if any) co-pays, the helpfulness of the people at Beacon both in person or the people (real people) that answer the phone. Another added bonus is not needing to have referrals and the fact that Beacon will allow you to be covered for pre-existing conditions that many insurances will not is a major factor as we age. I cannot say enough good things about the plan coverage, the ease of using it, the piece of mind knowing I can get the medical attention I may need or the personal and thorough attention given when you contact Beacon by the very knowledgeable staff.

Beacon Seminars are proudly sponsored by the MDA Benefits Committee. For additional information please contact Ed Nevins, Chairman, NL, 860-867-2563 | Jim Newman, Groton, 860-433-2558 | Tony Giordano, NL 860-867-2458 | or Mark Ciliano (Retired) 860-303-2952



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**GET INVOLVED**  
If you would like to volunteer or get involved in any of our committees, events or volunteer efforts contact, the Union Hall at 860-448-0552.



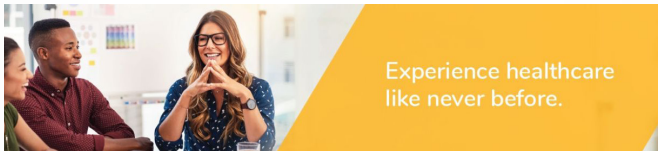
Local Union Communication Association

**GET YOUR FREE BLOOD PRESSURE MONITOR** if you or your spouse is covered through the Electric Boat medical plan.

Hello Heart is an easy way to track, understand, and manage your blood pressure and cholesterol. Hello Heart helps you build the simple and enjoyable habit to learn about yourself through tracking. Medical studies prove that one of the best ways to change heart health risk is to simply track.



To get your free blood pressure monitor, grab your smartphone and download the Hello Heart app from the Google Play Store/Apple App Store. Log in to the Hello Heart App and create a new account to get your new monitor shipped directly to your door for free.



**Make an Appointment Today at Electric Boat Wellness Center and experience the difference!**

32 Chicago Ave. Groton, CT 06340 | 860-629-8272  
online:

MyPremiseHealth.com

Hours:

M-Thu 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

Fri 6 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sat 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Services Include:

Primary Care; Same-Day sick visit; Lab Services;  
EAP & Counseling Services; Physical Therapy;  
Immunizations; & Onsite Pharmacy

**COMING SOON**



**2023**

**OPEN ENROLLMENT**

**It's Your Choice**

**NOV. 16 - DECEMBER 2**

## UNION-MADE Halloween TREATS

- Abba-Zaba
- Boston Baked Beans
- Butterfinger
- Ghirardelli Chocolate
- Hershey's Kisses
- Jaw Breakers
- Jordan Almonds
- Laffy Taffy
- Nestlé Crunch
- Rolo Candies
- Smarties
- Tootsie Rolls

**aflcio.org/Halloween**

**AFL-CIO**

## Flu Shot Schedule

### OCTOBER

10/05/22, Groton, Wet Dock Tent,  
6 AM to 8 AM, 10:30 AM to 1 PM,  
3:30 to 5 PM

10/11/22, New London, Terrace A,  
9 AM to 1 PM

10/18/22, New London, Occupational Health Clinic,  
9 AM to 12 PM

10/19/22, Groton, Bldg 88 Cafeteria,  
9 AM to 1 PM

10/25/22, New London, Occupational Health Clinic,  
9 AM to 12 PM

10/26/22, Kings Highway, Pacific & Atlantic Rooms  
8 AM to 10 AM

10/26/22, Long Hill  
11 AM to 1 PM

### NOVEMBER

11/1/22, New London, Occupational Health Clinic,  
9 AM to 12 PM

11/2/22, Groton, Sub Base, Bldg 88 Classroom 1  
& 2, 8 AM to 5 PM

11/3/22, Eagle Park, Washington Room,  
8 AM to 10 AM

11/9/22, Groton, Flu on the Go,  
TBD

11/15/22, New London, Occupational Health Clinic,  
9 AM to 12 PM

# FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS



## **PETER SMERKAR (MEMBER)**

Peter M. Smerkar, 64 of Bradford, RI, died peacefully on January 22, 2020. Peter was employed as a purchasing agent for General Dynamics in Groton, CT for over 35 years. He was an avid motorcycle fan.

## **KEVIN ROUNDS (RETIREE)**

Kevin O. Rounds, age 62, of Ripley, N.Y., passed away peacefully on Friday, March 6, 2020, at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa. Kevin worked at Electric Boat in Groton, retiring after 26 years.

## **MACE HANSEN (MEMBER)**

Mace Christian Hansen, 65, of Griswold, passed away peacefully Aug. 27, 2022, at Backus Hospital after a several-year-long battle with pulmonary fibrosis. Mace retired after 24 yrs in the Navy and then worked at Electric Boat as a second career.

## **PETER SMITH (RETIREE)**

Peter Owen Smith, 75, of Pawcatuck, formerly of Ledyard, passed away Thursday, Aug. 25, 2022. Peter was a Designer at Electric Boat for 42 years, retiring in 2015. Peter enjoyed riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle, boating, and driving his Corvette.

## **JEFFERY LEW (MEMBER)**

Jeffrey Chung-Wai Lew, 34, of Waterford, died unexpectedly March 24, 2020, at his home. He was a senior designer at Electric Boat Division since 2007.

## **LARRY KLOIBER (RETIREE)**

Larry J Kloiber, 73, of Gales Ferry, passed away on Aug 4, 2020 at L&M Hospital. Larry was employed at Electric Boat from September of 1980 until his retirement in April of 2015.



## **ALAN SZALA (RETIREE)**

Alan H. Szala, age 73 of Richmond, RI, passed away at home on Saturday, May 15, 2021. He was a Mechanical Designer at Electric Boat in Groton, CT before retiring in 2013.

## **JOHN WOODWARD (MEMBER)**

John Lee "Woodie" Woodward, 77, of Gales Ferry, passed away Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital in New London. John worked at Electric Boat for 30 years. John also proudly served in the Reserves for the U.S. Army National Guard.

## **ROBERT VANBIBBER (RETIREE)**

Robert "Bob" A. VanBibber, 77, of Groton, passed away Friday, June 19, 2020, at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital in New London. He worked at Electric Boat in Groton from 1960 until retiring as a Senior Designer in 2006.

## **CLAIRE TREMBLAY (RETIREE)**

Claire Tremblay, 89, of Groton, passed away on May 7, 2020, at Fairview in Groton. Claire was retired from Electric Boat following several decades of service as a Computer Operator. She was very active in her church.

## **ALBERT TEDESCHI II (MEMBER)**

Albert Tedeschi, 51, of Saunderstown, passed away on Sunday, May 24, 2020, at his home. Albert was a designer for Electric Boat for 25 years.







# MARK YOUR CALENDAR



The Providence Bruins drop the puck on a new season with Opening Night against the Bridgeport Islanders! General Dynamics Special Group Rate for Opening Night on October 14, 2022 at 7:05 PM. Seating in the 100 level area, free Providence Bruin hat, rally towel for First 2000 fans in arena. Tickets only \$24.00 Per Person [50% off Box Office Pricing].

Purchase Online Now At:

[www.ProvidenceBruins.com/ElectricBoat](http://www.ProvidenceBruins.com/ElectricBoat)

**2nd ANNUAL** MDA-UAW LOCAL-571 VETERANS COMMITTEE  
**CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT**  
**SATURDAY, NOV. 12, 2022**

**RAFFLES & AWARDS**  
 Bring Your Own Partner

**EVENT OPEN TO ALL**  
 All Skill Levels Welcome

**MDA-UAW LOCAL 571**  
 PROUDLY SUPPORTS OUR VETERANS

Event Hosted By  
**FOXWOODS CASINO**  
 at the  
**Celebrity Ballroom**

**BRACKETS**  
 Advanced \$100 per team  
 Competitive \$80 per team  
 Social \$60 per team

**WARM-UPS 10:00**  
**AIRMAIL \$5**  
**BAGS FLY 11:00**

All Participants Receive a New Challenge Coin

Pre-Registration Required:  
 SCOREHOLIO or  
 BLOUIS@SNET.NET

Raffles & Awards  
 \$\$ Cash Payouts in all Brackets

**ThompsonSpeedway Cornhole**

**COASTAL CONNECTICUT CORNHOLE**

\*\*\* ALL TOURNAMENT PROCEEDS SUPPORT LOCAL VETERAN PROGRAMS \*\*\*



## MDA 2022 Holiday Dinner Dance December 10, 2022.

*It is time to book your hotel room at Foxwoods to receive the MDA special rate for overnight stay.*

*The reservation date cut-off is November 16, 2022.*

*Please use the following link to reserve your room today:*

[Hotel Room Reservation](#)



## YANTIC CEMETARY CIVIL WAR TOUR NORWICH, CT

Local Civil War author and historian Vic Butsch gives visitors a fascinating walk through Yantic Cemetery, the resting place for 383 Civil War Veterans. Vic will give voice to the stories of several of those unknown heroes, as well as giving a glimpse of what life was like in the 1860's. You will also visit the "Andersonville Circle" and learn of an outstanding effort, following the war, made by the City of Norwich, not done by any other city in the nation. The walk is one hour long and no pets are allowed in the cemetery.

Yantic Cemetery, 68 Lafayette Street, Norwich, CT, 1 Mile, Easy, No restrooms, limited wheelchair access, no dogs please

Call the Union Hall to reserve 860-448-0552, limited to 20 people, once we have filled registration the date will be announced.





## CEREAL BOX CHALLENGE TO ALLEVIATE HUNGER IN NEW LONDON COUNTY

The EB Employees' Community Services Association requested donations of cereal boxes for the Cereal Box Challenge held at the Gemma E. Moran Food Bank in New London, CT.

EB employees stepped up to the plate with over 400 boxes of cereal donated. The cereal boxes were set up like dominoes and knocked over in a chain reaction.



Since 1988, the Gemma E. Moran United Way/Labor Food Center, located in New London, has played a key role in providing one of the building blocks to a good quality of life by providing food to needy individuals and families all across our community.



The Food Center is one of three food banks in the state. Every year, the Food Center distributes more than two million pounds of donated surplus food to 96 food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, child care centers, community meal sites, and programs for the elderly.



*Amy Stephenson,  
MDA 2nd Vice President*

## MDA-UAW LOCAL 571 2022 MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

EVENT	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Executive Board	Oct 17	3:30PM	Mystic Marriot
Executive Council	Oct 17	4:30PM	Mystic Marriot
Executive Board	Nov 7	3:30PM	Mystic Marriot
Executive Council	Nov 7	4:30PM	Mystic Marriot
Executive Board	Dec 5	3:00PM	Mystic Marriot
General Membership	Dec 5	4:30PM	Mystic Marriot

## UNITED WAY AWARD CELEBRATION SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

United Way of Southeastern Connecticut hosted its Community Celebration event to recognize local businesses, organizations, and volunteers for their outstanding engagement efforts that positively impact Southeastern Connecticut. Electric Boat and the EB Employees' Community Services Association were the proud recipient of the 2021-22 United Way Engagement of the Year Award for Community Collaboration.



*EB attendees included Paula Brown-MDA, Tina Bobinski-MDA, Erin Pedone, and Anita Kaiser*





# MDA GOLF OUTING

## 1ST PLACE TEAM

Matt Mandler  
Joe Mandler  
Jason Lenert  
Rob Lenert



Laughter and camaraderie were par for the course at this years annual MDA Golf Event held at Cedar Ridge Golf Course in East Lyme, CT. A total of 22 teams participated in a shotgun start on Saturday morning, September 10, 2022.

## 2ND PLACE TEAM

Jerry Radzwilowicz  
Matt Whitmore  
Jeff Fitch  
Kyle Johnson



The weather was beautiful and a BBQ lunch was provided to all players and spectators.

## 3RD PLACE TEAM

Dave Evans  
Chris Hemme  
Ken Davignon  
Wayne Scott



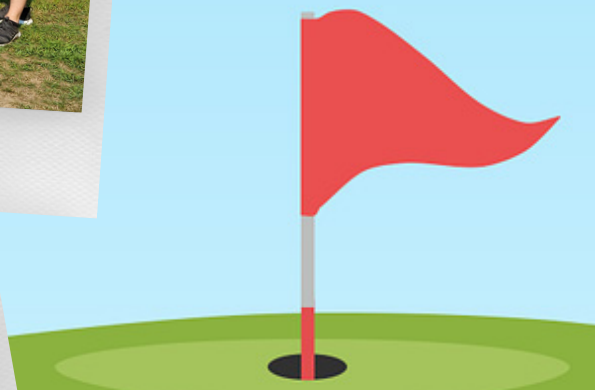
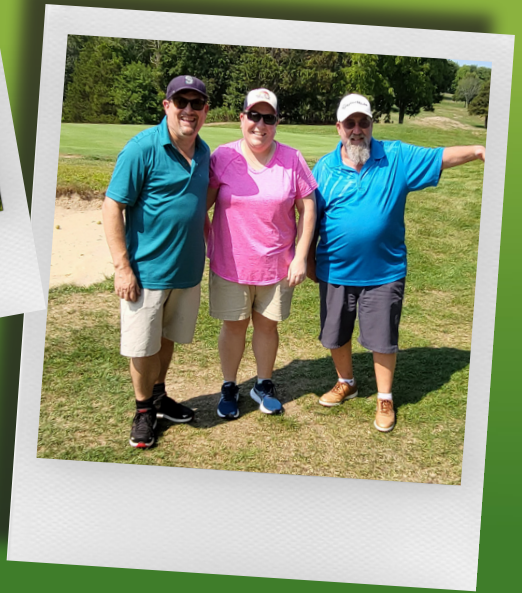
Thanks to numerous individuals who donate their time to make the day a success. I would like to thank Nicole Reagan, Anne Wurzbacher, Charles MacDonald, Karen Heroux, Bob Faraci, David Evans, Martha Fletcher, Amy Stephenson, and Bill Louis for your time and effort.

Dave Reagan, MDA  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President





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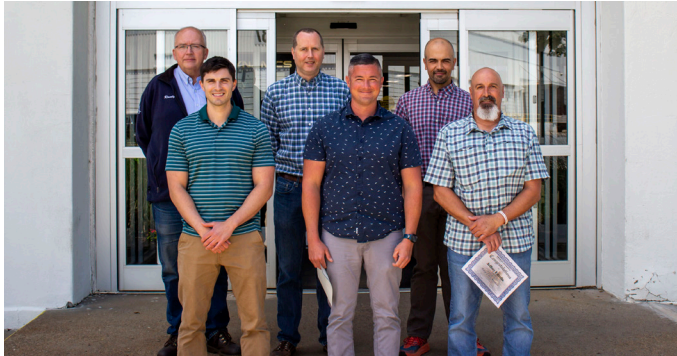


# KUDOS ARE IN ORDER



The MDA recently donated \$1000 to help support children in grades kindergarten through 10th grade receive free backpacks, school supplies and haircuts at the Back To School event hosted by Groton City Police, the Groton City Police union, St. John's Christian Church and Danielle's Barber Shop on August 25,

2022. Monetary donations from local businesses and Groton Youth Services were used to purchase school supplies. School supplies were also donated by individuals at the police station and Staples donated boxes filled with 19 school supply items, such as pens, pencils, erasers and glue.



MDA member Jeff Estrella was recognized for a recent promotion to Design Tech at Electric Boat-Quonset Point, RI.



MDA member Ilias Arsenis recently received a Mentor Award for mentoring TSR's at Electric Boat-Quonset Point, RI. John Serra, also a MDA member at Q.P., received a Mentor Award for Piping Support [not shown in picture].



To my EB "family",

*It has truly been my pleasure to have worked & interacted with all of you during my past 4 years here at EB. Thank you for your patience during my initial entry into D460 Test Writing, as you taught me all that goes into developing our CSD product. I hope I have been able to repay those efforts with qualified Test Writing skills & departmental skills you have all enabled me to acquire.*

*Retirement has always seemed like a bridge to cross in the distant future ahead.....but wow - I'm there now! It's hard to believe that I'd say this about any of the previous places that I worked in my long career, but I will miss it here at EB.*

*Hopefully the years that I have ahead of me will allow me to spend more time with family - traveling, camping, hunting, fishing, and umpiring youth baseball & softball. Never mind the home "honey-do" list that is growing daily.*

*I am extremely proud & consider it a hallmark of my career to have been part of the test writing development for the Virginia VPM & Columbia systems here at EB in D460.*

*Best wishes to you all for good health, happiness & success in the future.*

*Take good care.  
Jeff Barrette*

Do you have information to share? Possibly a feel good story, a new promotion you would like to let everyone know about, a high five to a fellow co-worker, we have got you covered!! We would love to hear your story.

Please forward your story to :

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