



# SOUNDINGS

SEPTEMBER 2022

## NAUTILUS SSN 571

WE ARE PROUD TO BE PART OF YOUR HISTORY

MDA-UAW LOCAL 571

On September 30, 1954, nuclear propulsion would become a reality and forever change our country's history. The Nautilus SSN-571, the world's first nuclear submarine, would mark her entry into active Navy service. This event would have prominent guests such as Mrs. Mammie Eisenhower; First Lady of the US, Admiral Donald B. Duncan; USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, and Admiral Jerauld Wright; USN, Commander in Chief of the US Atlantic Fleet.

The Nautilus submarine would be authorized by the US Navy in 1951 and construction would start in 1952. She would be built in one and a half years at a cost of more than \$50,000,000. The Nautilus embodied the hopes and dreams of thousands of Electric Boat designers and ship builders, and the future of our country's naval defense. Considered to be the most important milestone in man's effort to make the atom work in his behalf. The design for SSN-571 would ultimately be the basis for nearly all US nuclear powered submarines and surface ships to this day.

On the morning of January 17, 1955, the SSN-571 would set sail down the Thames River with Commanding Officer Eugene Wilkinson ordering all lines cast off and underway on nuclear power. On her shakedown cruise, she would travel 1381 miles in 89.9 hours from New London, CT to San Juan, Puerto Rico totally submerged at an average speed of 16 knots. In her first year, the Nautilus made 365 dives and traveled 26,231.3 nautical miles without refueling.

The Nautilus ship length is 320 feet with 28 foot beam, and displaced greater than 3000 tons of water. Her performance in the first two years exceeded the most optimistic hopes of operation including remaining submerged for over 265 hours, and averaging submerged speeds in excess of 20 knots thanks to her unique power plant. The habitability of the crews living quarters and recreational areas were designed



President Harry S. Truman authenticates the keel of the Nautilus (SSN-571) at her keel laying ceremony at Electric Boat, Groton, CT on June 14, 1952.

[photo courtesy of Darryl L. Baker; Navsource.org]



The Nautilus (SSN-571) is decked out in her ceremonial bunting. The Seawolf (SSN-575) is under construction on the right. [photo courtesy of navy.mil; Navsource.org]

roomier and more comfortable than predecessors, and operational controls for the ship were simplified.

The Nautilus was decommissioned on March 3, 1980, after a career spanning 25 years and over a half a million miles steamed. The historic ship recently underwent a \$36 million preservation project and returned to the museum pier near the Groton Sub-Base on August 4, 2022. A grand re-opening is scheduled on September 9, 2022, at 12:30 PM.

The Nautilus has proven to be the pioneer of nuclear submarine technology and designated a National Historic Landmark by the Secretary of the Interior on May 20, 1982. The **MDA-UAW Local 571** proudly shares the hull number of the **Nautilus SSN-571**. We respect and honor the dedication of the visionaries who's innovations still motivate us to be our best and value those who continually challenge themselves and prove that we truly are

### Designers of the Worlds Finest Submarines

The members of the MDA-UAW Local 571 proudly lead the industry in nuclear submarine design innovation and technology.





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Local Union Communication Association

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### Pediatric COVID-19 vaccine

Newly available at Groton EB Family Pharmacy. The Moderna vaccine is available at the pharmacy for children ages three to five years old. The Pfizer vaccine is also available at the pharmacy for ages five to 12. Vaccinations are by appointment only at this time; please call the pharmacy at 888-578-3457.

### COVID-19 vaccines available at Groton/QP EB Family Pharmacies

Electric Boat employees, spouses and dependents are eligible to sign up for an appointment; please speak with the pharmacy about current supply of specific brands at each location. To sign up for an appointment, please call the EB Family Pharmacy (Groton: 888-578-3457 | Quonset: 800-891-4235).

### Groton Yard Hospital's Vaccine Fridays

The Groton Yard Hospital is offering COVID booster shots on Fridays to eligible employees. Vaccines are available from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and appointments are required. Please call the Yard Hospital at (860) 433-3470 to schedule. For questions, please email ebmedical@gdeb.com.

## MDA-UAW LOCAL 571 2022 MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

EVENT	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Executive Board	Sep 12	3:30PM	Zoom Meeting
General Membership	Sep 12	4:30PM	Zoom Meeting
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



## Connecticut Essential Workers

If you contracted COVID-19 you may be eligible for financial relief.



CTEssentialWorkerRelief.org

### WHO CAN APPLY FOR PAY?

Any non-government essential worker who worked in Connecticut during the pandemic.

### WHAT TIME FRAMES ARE COVERED?

Individuals must have been employed as an essential worker in Connecticut between March 10, 2020 – May 7, 2022 to qualify for benefits.

### WHAT IS AN "ESSENTIAL WORKER"?

Any individual in an essential job role working in Connecticut who had to report to work (on-site) during the pandemic and was not given the option to work remotely.

### WHEN IS THE DEADLINE TO APPLY?

The deadline to apply for the fund is 10/01/2022. You will receive a decision within 60 business days of submitting your application. Funds will be released in early 2023.

### HOW DO I APPLY?

Click [HERE](#) to begin your application.



For all of your outdoor 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.



# FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS



## IN MEMORIAM

### JOANNE BASILE (RETIREE)

Joanne T. Basile, 66, of Westerly, RI, passed away at Oakland Grove Health Care Center in Woonsocket on Friday, March 18, 2022. Joanne worked as an executive assistant for Electric Boat in Groton. She loved the Yankees and Miami Dolphins.

### ANTHONY BRYANT SR (MEMBER)

Anthony J. Bryant, Sr., 53, of Stratford passed away after a short but courageous battle on July 31, 2022. Anthony worked at Electric Boat as a Sr. Mechanical Designer. He was loyal fan of the Yankees and Dallas Cowboys.

### KARL CARTER (MEMBER)

Karl S. Carter, 60, of Groton, passed away Thursday, Oct. 21, 2021, at L&M Hospital. Karl served in the United States Navy, and went on to work as a technical engineering assistant at Electric Boat.

### WALT HAAS (MEMBER)

Walter G. "Walt" Haas of Montville, 61, died peacefully at home surrounded by family Oct. 25, 2021. Walt worked at Electric Boat for over 40 years, starting his career in the shipyard and then transitioning into design.

### CATHERINE LIZZO (MEMBER)

Catherine T. "KayT" Lizzio of Norwich, 60, passed away peacefully on February 5, 2021 at home. She worked for over thirty years at Electric Boat as an HVAC Designer. She was an avid gardener, and had unlimited energy for friends and family.

### ANNA PEPIN (RETIREE)

Anna C. Pepin of Bozrah, passed away on August 10, 2022, after a short illness. The most important thing to her were her family, especially her 3 children and 3 grandchildren. She was also an avid fan of UCONN Women's Basketball.

### BRIAN MCCALLUM (MEMBER)

Brian W. McCallum of Moosup, 56, passed away peacefully on March 4, 2021 surrounded by his family. Brian worked for over 32 years as a Senior Design Specialist at Electric Boat. He was an avid Steelers fan and corvette enthusiast.

### JANE MANLEY (RETIREE)

Jane Foley Manley, 102, passed away peacefully on April 15, 2022. Jane was one of the first women draftsmen hired by Electric Boat in 1947. Throughout her life, she was immensely proud to be a member of the Marine Draftsmen's Association (MDA). She started her career as a tracer and retired as a senior piping designer forty-one years later in January 1989. Jane took great pride in the

work she did on the designs for different classes of boats and made lasting friendships with her fellow workers. She often said, "there wasn't a day that I didn't love going to work." In retirement, Jane never lost interest in Electric Boat, or her friends in the MDA. She remained active when, in 1989, she and her colleague Clark Lange (now deceased) started the MDA Retirees Luncheon Group that meets monthly and continues to thrive. Jane was also a founding member of the Electric Boat Women's Golf Association.



Correction to August Memoriam; Craig Balko was from West Newton, PA.



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 is free resources to help. Optum Health Employee Assistance Program has certified licensed counsellors 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.



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR



## United Way of Southeastern Connecticut 2nd Annual Cornhole Tournament

Saturday, September 17, 2022

12:00 PM to 04:00 PM

Play begins at 12 p.m. | check in at 11 a.m.

283 Stoddards Wharf Road, Gales Ferry, CT 06335

Cost: \$30/person | \$60/team of two

Competitive & Social Brackets Available

[CLICK FOR REGISTRATION](#)

# 9th Annual Camping

**MDA-UAW LOCAL 571**  
**COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND**  
**OCTOBER 7TH - 10TH**

**Natures Campsites, Voluntown, CT**

**Saturday**  
**Pig Roast**  
**Open to All**  
**5:00 PM**

**Great**  
**Family**  
**Event**



**Pig Roast Saturday night**  
**Pot Luck Sunday**  
**Special Trick or Treating**  
**weekend Event**

**Cornhole**  
**Canoeing**  
**Fishing**  
**Hiking**  
**Basketball**  
**Horseshoes**  
**Bocce Court**  
**Shuffleboard**  
**2 Playgrounds**



Camping Sites Available

contact Natures Campsites to reserve 860-376-4203

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

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**BRING**  
**YOUR**  
**OWN**  
**PARTNER**

EVENT HOSTED  
BY

**FOXWOODS**  
**CASINO**

AT THE  
**CELEBRITY**  
**BALLROOM**



WARM-UPS 10:00 AM  
BAGS FLY 11:00 AM

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**ALL**  
**SKILL**  
**LEVELS**  
**WELCOME**

**BRACKETS**

**ADVANCED**

**\$100 PER TEAM**

**COMPETITIVE**

**\$80 PER TEAM**

**SOCIAL**

**\$60 PER TEAM**

PROCEEDS BENEFIT LOCAL VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS

EVENT OPEN TO ALL  
PLAYERS WILL  
RECEIVE A NEW  
CHALLENGE COIN

PRE-REGISTRATION  
REQUIRED:  
SCOREHOLIO OR  
BLOUIS@SHET.NET

RAFFLES & AWARDS  
\$\$ CASH PAYOUTS  
IN ALL BRACKETS  
AIRMAIL \$5\*\*



## HOLIDAY DINNER DANCE FOXWOODS HOTEL RESERVATIONS

The Holiday Dinner Dance is December 10, 2022. It is time to book your hotel room at Foxwoods to receive the MDA special rate for that night. The reservation date cut-off is November 16, 2022. Use the following link to reserve your room today:

[Hotel Room Reservation](#)

## EASTERN CT HEART WALK SUNDAY OCTOBER 2, 2022

The Eastern Connecticut Heart Walk has always been a terrific way to raise money and get moving while socializing with friends and family.

Rocky Neck State Park | Check-in: 9:00am | Walk Begins: 10:00am



[Please take a moment now to register!](#)



# MEMBERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE



**MDA UAW LOCAL 571  
AUGUST FOOD  
COLLECTION DRIVE  
AT MOHEGAN SUN  
SUPPORTING UNITED WAY  
AND LOCAL FOOD  
PANTRIES  
IN SOUTHEAST CT**



## **"TAKE A VET FISHING DAY" JULY 8, 2022**



*We promise to remember those  
who served and gave all, and  
to thank all who have served  
or currently serve our country  
at home or abroad.*

MDA veteran members participated in this year's "Take a Vet Fishing Day" on Snug Harbour. Take a Vet Fishing mission is to get veterans out of the clinical environment for a relaxing day of fishing. Everything is provided including equipment, food and drink. Take A Vet Fishing began in 2007 and is self-funded by donor support and is staffed by volunteers from around CT. The program has grown each year by filling an important need for our CT veterans. For more information visit <https://tavf.org>



*Tom Montgomery (D452)  
Ray Costa (D459), and  
Joscelyn Mullaney (D408)*

## **UAW WOMEN'S CONFERENCE BLACK LAKE MICHIGAN**

Each year, the UAW brings members from around the country to Black Lake, Michigan for the annual Women's Conference. Two MDA-UAW Local 571 members, Paula Brown (D403) and Peggy Plouffe (D414) attended the conference held in August. The week offered a combination of educational/informational and social/fun activities through which participants share and generate ideas about growing the power and activism of women in the UAW. They had a great opportunity to build relationships with other UAW women leaders and activists from around the country.



*UAW Local Region 9A Women's  
Conference Attendees*





# RETIREE LUNCHEON

## 2022 RETIREE LUNCHEONS

- SEP 8** *Prime 82 Restaurant  
Norwich, CT*
- OCT 13** *Filomena's  
Waterford, CT*
- NOV 10** *Prime 82 Restaurant  
Norwich, CT*
- DEC 8** *Great Neck Country Club  
Waterford, CT*



**MDA RETIREES  
ENJOYING A RECENT  
LUNCHEON HELD  
AT THE RICHMOND  
COUNTRY CLUB,  
RICHMOND, RI  
AUGUST 11, 2022**





## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST RETIREES



*Roger Geer,  
35 years  
DESIGN TECH-STRUC*

6/30/2022	Dicesare Jr,Edward
6/30/2022	Dillmann,David William
7/1/2022	Lee, Gregory Lamont
7/5/2022	Jennerwein,Michele Lorraine
7/8/2022	Rossi,Robert Joseph
7/12/2022	Matias,Johny
7/15/2022	Servedio,Vito Frank
7/29/2022	Harris,Glenn A
7/29/2022	Jones,Gary Joseph



*Gary Jones  
39 years  
STRUCT S/DES SR SPEC*



*Greg Lee  
11 years  
STRUCT SR DES*



*Joe Harcut  
42 years  
DES TECH ARRGT*



*Douglas Witt  
47 years  
DES TECH VENT*



*Donna Brochu  
42 years  
T/A MATERIAL*



*Gary Park  
31 years  
STRUCT S/DES SR SPEC*

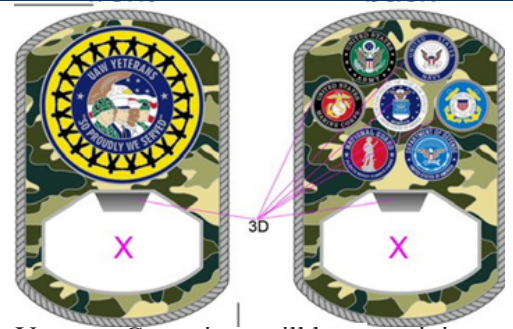


*Rob Rossi  
42 years  
ARRGT S/DES SR SPEC*



*Paul Basilica  
48 years  
DES TECH-VENT*

## VETERANS COMMITTEE



The Veterans Committee still has remaining challenge coins available for sale at \$15.00. Please contact the Union Hall 860-448-0552 to purchase this collectable challenge coin before they are no longer available. The Veterans Committee donates all proceeds from the challenge coin sale to help support our local veteran organizations. The new challenge coin will be on sale at the December general membership meeting at the Mystic Marriot.



*Robert Gamache  
40 years  
STRUCT S/DES SR SPEC*



*James Williamson  
44 years  
STRUCT S/DES SR SPEC*



*Mike Drurey  
41 years  
ENG SUP SYS DGN TEST*