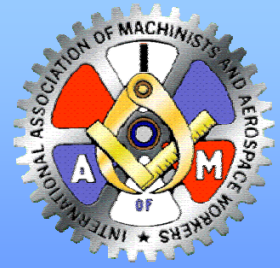


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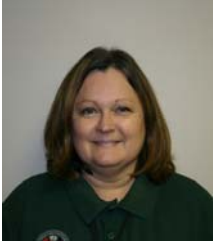
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THANK YOU VETERANS President's Corner November 2010

By Kathy Petersen



For the month of November, I wanted to write a few words in honor of a very special group of people for whom I have a lot of respect. When I hear the word "veteran," I think of words like "honor," "integrity," "sacrifice," and "courage." We have many veterans in our union that are shining examples of each of these words and to whom we pay tribute at our Local Lodge meeting each November.

As any veteran can tell you, freedom is not free. After the Vietnam War, patriotism seemed to fall out of favor in the United States, and we became a country of people who believed more in serving ourselves than in serving our country. It took September 11th to wake us up to what we had and what we stand to lose. Many people began to look at ways to serve their country and their communities as a way of giving back. Veterans' service to our country does not end when they take off their uniforms. Many continue to serve as leaders in their churches, local charities, and in our union. They ride motorcycles to bring attention to the needs of poor and seriously ill children in our city; they collect toys for the Salvation Army; and they donate time and money for organizations such as the American Heart Association and United Way.

We need to appreciate and protect the freedoms that we have, and we need to recognize

and express our gratitude to those who made our dreams possible – because all veterans and their families sacrificed something for us. In fact, many of America's young people have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. They gave their lives to protect the freedoms that many of us take for granted each day.

For all of the veterans reading this today – Thank you for your service and for the sacrifices you have made. I am so proud and so thankful that you have chosen to be a part of another group of ordinary people doing extraordinary things – the Machinists Union.

HAPPY VETERANS DAY!

For those of you who are not members, ask yourself this: Are you willing to give up any of the freedoms that you and your family enjoy each day? The freedoms that come along with your job at Spirit AeroSystems? More specifically, the freedom that comes with having great benefits in our Collective Bargaining Agreement? For many years, a lot of "someones" and their families gave up something in order to make life better for you and your family. They didn't know you, but they stood up for you anyway because it was the right thing to do.

Do you have the integrity and the courage it takes to become a member today?

September Basket



MOTORCYCLE MANIA

By Stan Chapman

The winner of the September Basket was Russell Walker. Brother Walker is a union steward on second shift in Plant II. Congratulations to Russell for having the winning ticket! The basket had a value of \$125.00. The contents of the basket included a Harley Davidson puzzle, two T-Shirts, a \$10.00 gift certificate to Johnny Carino's, a blue-ray DVD of "Wild Hogs", some items to clean your bike and some goodies to eat and drink.

October Basket



COMMUNITY SERVICE BASKET WINNER

By Stan Chapman

The winner of the October Halloween themed basket was Craig Dunbar. Brother Dunbar is a first shift union steward on the balcony in Plant II. Congratulations Craig for having the winning ticket! The contents of the basket was 1 bag of Lemonheads, 1 bag of Hot Tamales, 1 bag "Child's Play" assorted candies, a DVD- "Disturbia", Hallmark "Scary Lights" Candles and a Black Halloween Candy Bowl to put it in.

The Community Service Committee would like to thank the membership for the support you give to us when you purchase food from the kitchen and tickets for the basket drawings. The money you spend enables us to procure additional items for baskets and raffles and allows us to help our members in need.

We draw for the baskets at the end of the Local Lodge meeting and a picture is taken to put in the newsletter. Please try and attend your monthly meetings and maybe you will be the lucky winner next time!

A TRIBUTE TO VINCENT C. WHITEA UNION MAN

Being a Union Steward and Leader was not just a "title" held by Brother Vincent C. White....he was a Union man.

In 1997, Vincent joined Local Lodge No. 1992 while working at Eaton Corp. in Hutchinson, KS. He served as a Shop Steward and had an opportunity to begin taking classes in Leadership training at Placid Harbor.

On Vincent's first day at Spirit AeroSystems, in February 2008, he reinstated with his Union and became an active member. Brother White traveled from Hutchinson daily, working on second shift in Shop 3185, performing Composite Mechanic work. When Brother White had the opportunity to become a shop steward, he stepped up to volunteer and was elected as the new Steward.

Vincent wanted to continue his education, and to help his brothers and sisters. This year, he submitted an application to continue that education again at Placid Harbor, in the Advanced Leadership Class.

Sadly, during this year, we learned that Brother White was struggling with some medical issues, including a battle against cancer. Brother White was looking forward to continuing his learning experiences and he was cleared and released by his doctor to travel to class this last Saturday. Vincent was happy that the membership had voted to send him to Placid

Although he looked a little tired and worn out as many of us do by the end of the workweek, he was eager to go, and left for Maryland on Saturday morning where he spent Monday in Class.

With much regret and tears in our eyes and heavy hearts, we have to tell our fellow brothers and sisters that Brother Vincent C. White has passed away. Brother White will not travel back and share his experience.....but he has shared himself.

Survivors include: partner, Doris Williams, Hutchinson; mother, Lucy White; sister, Patricia White, both of Harrisburg, Conn.; daughter, Tosha Howard, Conn.; niece Tasia White, Harrisburg, Conn.; three grandchildren; and a great-nephew.

Memorial Mass for Vincent White will be at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, November 15, 2010 at St. Teresa's Catholic Church, Hutchinson, KS.



Left to right: Bobby Glennon, Zac Taylor, D.J. Crawford, and Shawn Mead

L.L. 839 GOLF TOURNAMENT

It was a beautiful fall day Saturday October 16 for the Local Lodge 839 golf tournament at Sierra Hills golf course in Wichita. This was the first tournament held since the formation of Local 839 so the recreation committee was challenged with organizing this event. This tournament was four man teams playing a "best ball" format. After all rounds were completed (2) teams tied with a score of 47 (par for course is 58). A one hole playoff between the two teams was held on hole 18 – 138 yards teeing off over water.

Winning the playoff and taking first place was the team of Shawn Mead, Zac Taylor, Bobby Glennon & Jesse Hilton. The second place team was Tom Forrester, Fred Hightower, Mike McDonald & Gary Villinez. The longest drive was won by Luke Carter & Zac Taylor won for closest to pin. All of the players who entered received a gift and a raffle was held also. Thanks to all of the sponsors: Local Lodge No. 839, Winpisinger Education and Technology Center, I.A.M. Southern Territory GVP Bob Martinez, Stan & Monica Chapman, Crown Trophy, Sierra Hills Golf Course, Unkle Tom's BBQ, Wendy's, Outback Steakhouse, I.A.M. District Lodge No. 70, Local Lodge No. 839 Community Service, Dick's Sporting Goods, Pepsi-Cola, Hotel at Old Town, Personal Threads, Powell Jewelry, Roger Stamback, Russell Walker, Mark Love, Becky Ledbetter, Michael Burleigh, Mary McHugh, James Rodehorst, Hero's, & all of the others which helped to make this event a success.

A total of \$1605 was raised and donated to Guide Dogs of America. Looking forward to next year's tournament which we plan on being bigger and better!

Lester Adcock, Chairman Recreation Committee

Heroes

by Kathy Petersen

**Who are the heroes in your life?
I had to stop and think;
My mother and my father
Were my strongest link.**

**And my brother who served so long ago
Who sacrificed his youth?
Others may have run and hid
If you want to know the truth.**

**My brother took his Senior Trip
To the jungles of Viet Nam;
Woke up in a Philippine hospital;
Painful shrapnel from a bomb.**

**In this Union there are some heroes,
Whose scars of battle still run deep.
Of losses that we can never know,
For our freedom they fought to keep.**

**We owe much more than we can ever give
To these brave soldiers who are tough.
One thing is for certain though,
Simple thanks seems not enough.**



NEW UNION MEMBERS JOINING OCTOBER 2010



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| JASON W. BAZE | JOHN M. GRIFFIN | GLENDIA LEA NELSON |
| DANIEL BERRY | JASON WAYNE HENSCHEL | DUNG QUOC NGUYEN |
| SCOTT A. BONEBRAKE | WILLIAM E. HULL | RICH V. NGUYEN |
| LUCIAN L. BUTTEL | JAMES K. INGRAM | ROBERT ROSE |
| NICHOLAS CLEMENTS | GERARD J. JASO | DANNY L. ROUSE |
| MICHAEL L. DEFFENBAUGH | BASSAM AFIF KHALAF | DARREN TABER |
| RICHARD DIXON | NELSON I. MCCLURE | RON WESCOTT |
| DONALD S. ESPINOSA | ANTHONY MORRIS | JOSHUA L. WEST |
| THOMAS R. FINSTAD | JEREMIAH D. MYSZKA | MARY B. WHEELER |
| MARC A. GRAY | BRANDON NACHBOR | CHRISTOPHER WHITEHEAD |

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2nd Saturday of the Month
Executive Board meets at 8:00 AM
Regular Meeting at 10:00 AM

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- Recording Secretary - Larry Stafford**
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Terry Rodriquez**
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- Educator - Roger Stamback**
- 1st Shift In-Plant Rep. - David Eagle**
- 2nd Shift In-Plant Rep. - Howard "HoJo" Johnson**

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