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BRANDON DUNLEVY, Local 154, uses a "lady slipper" to bead a tube in the tube rolling exercise.

Tripartite conference eyes industry developments

Alliance salutes retiring MOST administrator

THE 26TH ANNUAL MOST Tripartite Conference held at Myrtle Beach, S.C. Oct. 2-6 examined a host of industry developments, with an emphasis on pending U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations and their impact on coal-fired power plants. But before addressing those developments, participants took time to acknowledge long-time MOST Administrator Bill Palmisano, who will retire at the end of the year.



MOST ADMINISTRATOR BILL PALMISANO, r., receives the Charles W. Jones Distinguished Service Award. L. to r., IP Newton Jones, IVP Larry McManamon, and IVP Dave Haggerty.

International President Newton B. Jones paid tribute to Palmisano, stating: "While MOST was conceived and initiated by our late leader, Charles W. Jones, he knew he needed someone special, someone willing to dedicate his every effort to shepherd the success of his unique insight. He found that person in Bill Palmisano. For 16 years, Bill Palmisano has faithfully, skillfully, and effectively ex-

Local 154's Dunlevy wins national apprentice contest

L-85's Harman places second; Northeast contestants take team honors

EIGHT TOP BOILERMAKER graduate apprentices from across the United States tested their skills during the 24th annual National Outstanding Apprentice Competition held at the Local 7 (Buffalo, N.Y.) training facilities in Orchard Park Sept. 25-29. Contestants competed in written and practical tests. They were graded individually and as teams from their respective geographic areas. Judges included veteran Boilermakers and contractor representatives.



BRANDON DUNLEVY places first in the national apprentice competition.

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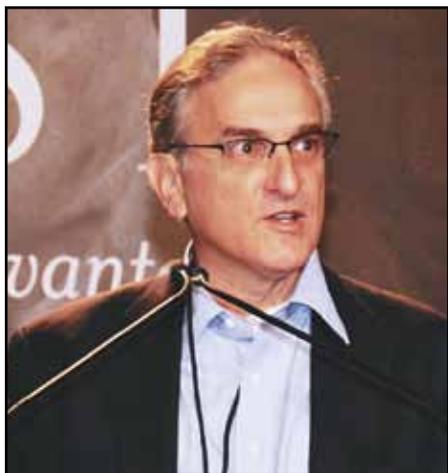
“I’ve been a very lucky man,” Palmisano said. He recalled thinking he had the best job in the world when he became a field construction Boilermaker, then again when he became business manager of Local 363 (East St. Louis). But, he said, “Now I know that my position with MOST has been the best job of my entire life.”

President Jones announced that MOST safety representative Roger Erickson will take over for Palmisano upon his retirement, and MOST Great Lakes Area recruiter Brian Loftus will assume Erickson’s previous position.

Industry specialist examines future of coal

COAL-FIRED POWER generation in the United States faces an array of challenges that seem to be converging, industry specialist Stephen Fotis told the conference. A member of the Van Ness Feldman law firm, Fotis consults on environmental law and regulation.

Among the challenges Fotis identified are new and stringent EPA rules,



INDUSTRY SPECIALIST STEPHEN FOTIS explains the forces impacting coal-fired generation in the United States.



B&W'S KEN WASILEWSKI discusses an anticipated work force ramp-up to meet demands for pollution control work.

an abundance of natural gas, the aging of the coal-fired fleet, opposition by environmental groups, and the potential for a carbon mandate.

Fotis stated that various EPA regulations, particularly those that require implementation of new environmental controls in a short time, will “cause the premature shutdown” of many smaller, aging power plants that lack modern control systems. Such shutdowns could affect reliability and spike consumer electric rates, he noted.

Despite the forces impacting coal-burning plants now and in the near future, Fotis believes coal-fired generation will continue to play a key role in U.S. energy sourcing, and he projected that generation from coal will actually increase in the next 25 years.

Wasilewski anticipates man-power ramp-up

PENDING EPA REGULATIONS could have a dramatic impact on how quickly owners must add new controls to their power plants — and how quickly contractors and Boilermakers must prepare for and execute the work, Ken Wasilewski told the conference. Wasilewski is Director of Central Operations for Babcock & Wilcox, a long-time, major employer of Boilermakers and other build-

ing trades. He said there are many factors that could affect the anticipated work, including lawsuits against the EPA, political and legislative action, and the possibility of compliance extensions.

“We’re trying to make some predictions about what all those [environmental regulations] mean to us,” he said. “There are two main drivers for us — CSAPR [Cross State Air Pollution Rule] and the Utility MACT [Maximum Achievable Control Technology] standard.” He said once phase one of CSAPR becomes final, targeted for Jan. 1, 2012, and absent political or other delays, power companies will have to bring their facilities into compliance within three years — a tight schedule at best.

Much of the CSAPR and MACT compliance work, especially SCRs, scrubbers, and bag houses, will go to Boilermakers, Wasilewski said. He offered various scenarios where man-hours could again ramp up to well over 40 million a year (as they did in 2008), challenging the tripartite alliance with finding sufficient hands.

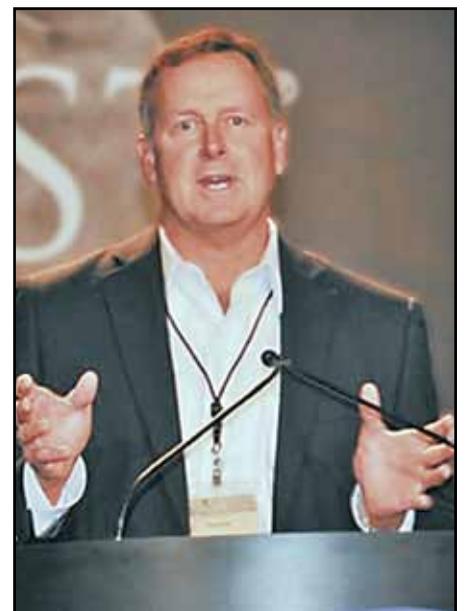
He said MOST, through its recruiters, new marketing kits, and new website is better positioned now to attract additional workers than the most recent ramp-up period leading into 2008. He said once extra workers are

in the system, they can be run through the various MOST programs for testing and training. He encouraged all members of the tripartite alliance to take full advantage of the MOST tools and programs to prepare for the increased manpower demand.

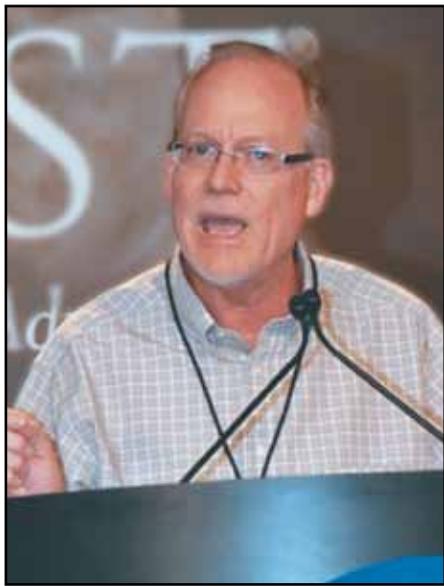
AEP marks Turk plant progress

TOM HOUSEHOLDER, Director of Regional Services and Construction Labor for American Electric Power (AEP), led a keynote presentation on the new John Turk Jr. plant under construction in southwest Arkansas. “Turk is the first new power plant built by AEP since the 1980s,” he reported. The plant is a 600-MW ultra-supercritical facility that will burn coal at higher temperatures and process steam at higher pressures than conventional plants. Handling these increased temperatures and pressures requires special metal alloy components, but the technology requires less coal to generate the same amount of electricity and produces less pollution.

Babcock & Wilcox is the prime contractor for the project. At its peak, the job involved 350 Boilermakers from Local 69 (Little Rock, Ark.) and nearby states. More than 930,000



AEP'S TOM HOUSEHOLDER describes the new John Turk Jr. ultra-supercritical coal-fired power plant in southwest Arkansas.



ROGER ERICKSON is named to succeed Bill Palmisano as the new MOST administrator.

Boilermaker man-hours have been worked to date.

Householder stressed the safety focus implemented by AEP throughout the project, employing the company's "Target Zero" approach. He said heat exhaustion was a major concern during two summers of record-breaking heat.

Despite its state-of-the-art environmental controls and ultra-supercritical technology, the plant encountered schedule delays due to opposition

groups such as the Sierra Club and the Audubon Society.

Other presentations, caucus work round out conference

THE TRIPARTITE ALLIANCE received updates on a variety of other issues throughout the conference. Owners, contractors, and Boilermakers split into caucuses to tackle work and job issues and later assembled to review those issues as a single group.

Common Arc Executive Director John Erickson gave a report on behalf of the National Association of Construction Boilermaker Employers (NACBE), detailing man-hours worked over the past 21 years and explaining how the current regulatory and economic volatility make it difficult to project future demands.

Other speakers addressed safety issues, legislative and political developments, training innovations, area tripartite news, and the Boilermaker Archives.

The conference also witnessed the first presentation of the new Charles W. Jones Award for high participation in MOST programs, which went to Pittsburgh Local 154 (see story at right and ad on p. 10.) ▣



L-154 BM RAY VENTRONE accepts the first C.W. Jones MOST award. L. to r., IP Newton B. Jones, Ventrone, D-BHPD Charles A. Jones, and MOST Administrator Bill Palmisano.

Local 154 receives first Charles W. Jones Award

MOST conference honors lodge for training performance

THE FIRST-EVER Charles W. Jones Award for high performance in MOST programs went to Local 154 (Pittsburgh) during a presentation at the 26th annual MOST tripartite conference in Myrtle Beach, S.C., Oct. 5. L-154 BM Ray Ventrone accepted the honor on behalf of the lodge.

The award is named after the late Boilermakers' International President Emeritus, who passed away in 2010 after a remarkable career with the Boilermakers spanning more than 60 years. C. W. Jones led the effort to establish the national MOST labor-management trust fund in 1989 and vigorously pushed its expansion over the years.

MOST stands for Mobilization, Optimization, Stabilization, and Training. It is the premier safety and training fund in the building and construction trades industry and includes 17 distinct

programs to ensure manpower availability, safe work practices, and skills training. The Boilermakers union and the National Association of Construction Boilermaker Employers (NACBE) are the founding organizations and share equally in its operation and management.

The Charles W. Jones Award is a statue depicting a 1930s-era Boilermaker holding a rivet gun. The first award is the prototype statue, made from multiple layers of powdered stainless steel and metal coatings. Molds will be made from the prototype, and future statues will be cast in silicon bronze. IP Newton B. Jones and D-BHPD Charles A. Jones jointly developed the concept for the statue.

Criteria for future awards will be based on local lodge performance across seven MOST programs: OSHA 10/30, Common Arc welding certification, substance abuse testing, scaffolding, steel erection, rigging, and leadership.



IR SHON ALMOND raises a question from the floor during a MOST Tripartite Conference session.

Area tripartite conferences confront industry issues

Alliance partners meet in Western States, Southeast

AREA TRIPARTITE GROUPS in the Western States and the Southeast held their 2011 conferences in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho (Aug. 22-25), and in Destin, Fla. (Oct. 24-26), respectively. The meetings gave owners, contractors, and Boilermakers an opportunity to address issues facing the construction industry.

Environmental regulations and the future of various energy sources were key topics at both events. At the Western States conference, Stephen Fotis, a member of Van Ness Feldman, discussed the challenges facing the continued use of coal in energy generation. (Fotis also addressed the national tripartite conference in Octo-



JON MARING, Director of Power Gen Construction for PG&E, participates in a discussion about environmental legislation at the Western States Tripartite Conference.

ber on the same topic. See related story beginning on page 1.)

At the Southeast conference, Preston Swafford, Tennessee Valley Authority's chief nuclear officer & executive vice president, stressed TVA's continuing commitment to nuclear energy. He praised President



UNION REPRESENTATIVES at the SEA Tripartite Conference listen to a question from the floor about the use of apprentices on jobs.

Obama "for not running away from nuclear [energy]" in the aftermath of the Fukushima power plant disaster in Japan in March.

Other topics at the conferences included contracts and bargaining, apprenticeship and training, safety,

project status, work forecasts, MOST programs, and legislative issues.

Caucus break-outs allowed partner groups to identify issues for discussion with the main conference body as part of the tripartite approach to problem-solving.

The Western States Area Tripartite Conference was co-chaired by IR Jim Cooksey, ARB VP Larry Jansen, and PG&E Dir. of Power Gen Construction Jon Maring.

The Southeast Area Tripartite Conference was co-chaired by SAIP Stephen Speed; APCOM Power VP, DOO Mike Carroll; IVP Warren Fairley; and District 57 BM-ST Ed Vance. ▣

Union cement network examines state of industry

Employers describe belt-tightening efforts

INTERNATIONAL STAFF MEMBERS from the Boilermakers and Steelworkers met in Pittsburgh Oct. 21-22 to discuss the state of the industry with cement employers and to examine global developments impacting labor unions involved in cement and building materials production.

It was the third meeting of the National Association of Cement and Building Materials Union Network (NACBMUN), which was formed in 2008 to provide information-sharing through a collective bargaining database. The Teamsters union is also part of the group. NACBMUN is the first industry network created under the International Federation of Chemical, Energy, Mine, and General Workers Union (ICEM), a global affiliation of unions representing more than 20 million workers worldwide.

Attending the NACBMUN meeting for the Boilermakers were IVP-ISO Jim Pressley, IVP-SE Warren Fairley, D-CLGAW Carey Allen, AD-ISO (Canada) Rob Lauzon, D-H&SS Mark Garrett, IR-ISO Mark Kelly; and consultant Jackie Judy. IVP Pressley and Steven Brady, Chairman of the USWA Cement Conference, co-chaired the meeting.

The meeting drew four cement-making firms: Lafarge, CEMEX, Essroc, and St. Mary's. Company representatives spoke about the status of the market and how the recession has impacted their operations. All agreed that the industry is in tough

shape, especially with the decline in new construction. Most reported that plant closings and layoffs have occurred.

Despite the gloomy market news, employers reported that they believe labor relations are generally good and that pent-up demand will begin to open up markets down the road.

Following the joint session with the companies, the IBB and the USW met with ICEM Materials Sector Section Officer Phee Jungsun to explore world-wide labor and management issues. One of the key topics was the proposed merger of three global international unions, including the ICEM, the International Metalworkers Federation, and the International Textile, Garment & Leather Workers'

Federation. If consummated, the merger could create a stronger, unified labor body with greater influence.

Another important development is the United Nations Principles on Business and Human Rights, which became effective Sept. 16. "We are quite impressed with the document," said Jungsun. "Although it's not binding, and there are no enforcement mechanisms, we can now lodge labor complaints with the U.N. I think this is a good weapon for our unions."

Union participants also stressed the need for more regular contact with human resource managers — especially regarding subcontracting issues — and reviewed proposed language changes for a global framework policy agreement between Lafarge and international trade unions. ■



BOILERMAKERS AND STEELWORKERS meet in Pittsburgh Oct. 21-22 as part of the union information-sharing network (NACBMUN) in the cement and building materials industry. L. to r., seated, Jonathon Wolfel, USW Dist. One Rep; Rob Lauzon, IBB AD-ISO (Canada); Jim Pressley, IBB IVP-ISO; Warren Fairley, IBB IVP-SE; and Jackie Judy, IBB consultant. Standing,

I. to r., Sean Kirchhofer, USW Dist. One Rep; Sean Gilchrist, USW Strategic Campaigns; Tyler Brown, IBB Training Coordinator; Steven E. Brady, USW Dir. of Allied Industrial Affairs; Carey Allen, IBB D-CLGAW; Phee Jungsun, ICEM Materials Sector Section Officer; Mark Garrett, IBB D-H&SS; and Mark Kelly, IBB IR-ISO.



PHEE JUNGSUN, section officer for the ICEM Materials Sector, explains the new U.N. Principles on Business and Human Rights.

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— Phee Jungsun, ICEM Materials Sector Section Officer

Retired IST Charles Moran dies

Served as IVP for 14 years

CHARLES F. (CHICK) Moran, who served the Brotherhood as an International vice president and International secretary-treasurer during a 26-year span, passed away December 7 at his home in Menlo Park, Calif. He was 94.

Moran began his Boilermaker career in 1940 when the Walsh-Holyoke Steam Boiler Works was first organized as Local 621 (Holyoke, Mass.). The lodge later merged with Local 29 (Boston). Starting at the boiler works as a tacker-helper, he later became a boilermaker-welder before accepting an International appointment as a district representative in 1946.

As a rep, Moran worked primarily out of Boston, covering manufacturing plants in Massachusetts, Maine, and New Hampshire. He was instrumental in organizing 800 workers at a



CHARLES F. (CHICK) MORAN

Cambridge Corp. facility, makers of components used in nuclear research. He also assisted members employed at Keystone Mfg. Co. in Boston by negotiating a group insurance benefit that was considered one of the best at that time.

Upon the death of International Vice President Bill Pendergast in 1959, Moran filled the position of IVP for New England (later the Northeast Section). He was reelected at each subsequent convention, giving up that office in 1973 to become International Secretary-Treasurer. He held that position until his retirement in 1986, at which time he continued to serve as IST Emeritus.

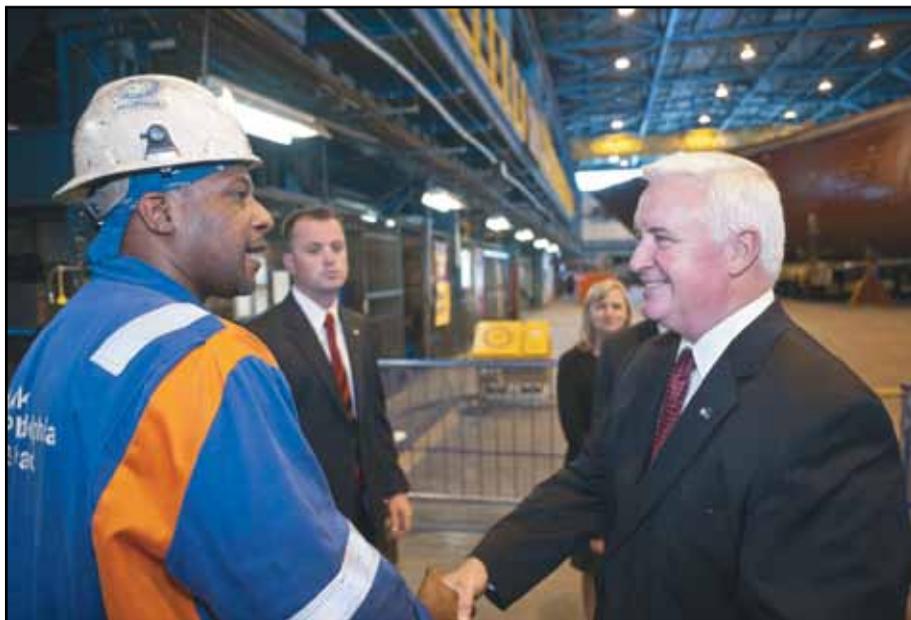
Throughout his career, Moran took advantage of labor education opportunities. In the late 1950s, he became one of the first Boilermakers to attend the School for Workers at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He also attended the Harvard Trade Union Program.

In a 1986 interview with the *Boilermakers-Blacksmiths Reporter* (now the *Boilermaker Reporter*), Moran spoke about his 46-year career with the Brotherhood and

the state of organized labor. He joked that International President Charles McGowan "recognized talent because he put me on the staff. He also fired me for six months. I think I was too smart for my own best interests."

A firm believer in the importance of international labor affiliations, Moran represented the Brotherhood on the IMF, the International Metalworkers Federation. He told *the Reporter*, "I think international labor may well be the instrument of labor in the future."

Moran is survived by his wife Marie (Ahern). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 50, Memphis, Tenn. 38101; to Special Olympics, 3480 Buskirk, Pleasant Hill, Calif. 94523; or to a charity of your choice. ■



L-19 PRES. DAVE GAILLARD, l., greets Pa. Gov. Tom Corbett during a ceremony at Aker Philadelphia Shipyard Sep. 29. *Matt Hanks/Commonwealth Media Services*

Aker-SeaRiver contract boosts L-19 work force

Shipyard will build two tankers for Alaska crude transport

AKER PHILADELPHIA SHIPYARD, which employs Boilermakers from Local 19 (Philadelphia) held a document-signing ceremony Sep. 29 for two new tankers that will carry Alaskan crude oil to the U.S. West Coast. The \$400 million deal, between the shipyard and SeaRiver Maritime Inc., an Exxon Mobil Corporation affiliate, is expected to involve a work force of more than 1,000 once construction begins on both vessels, according to Aker.

L-19 President Dave Gaillard said the contract is welcome news, as new orders have been slow in coming over the years. "This means a lot to our lodge and to Philadelphia, and the broader region," he said. "We've been going through layoffs for a while. The majority of our people are being called back." Construction could begin by mid-2012.

International Rep Phillip Evans, who services L-19, said the Boilermakers' Department of Government Affairs has been directly involved with

local, state, and federal officials to keep the shipyard afloat during lean times. "Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter and Governor [Tom] Corbett also deserve credit for their role," he said. "Nutter, especially, has always been there for the shipyard."

The 820 foot long, 115,000 deadweight ton tankers will feature double-hull construction and will be equipped with advanced communication capabilities and energy-efficient engines.

Both tankers are scheduled for delivery in 2014. L-19 members are currently building two 46,000 deadweight ton product tankers, which are scheduled for completion in 2012 and 2013 respectively.

Aker Philadelphia Shipyard is an affiliate of the Norwegian-based Aker family of global companies.

Local 19 was chartered as a shipbuilding and marine lodge in 1914. The lodge constructs ships covered under the Jones Act, which requires that ships traveling between two U.S. ports be built in the United States and owned, flagged, and crewed by U.S. citizens. ■

Reporter wins ILCA awards

THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR Communications Association (ILCA) has announced the winners of its Labor Media Contest for publications issued in 2010.

The Boilermaker Reporter won third place in the "general excellence" category, and second place in the "informational graphic" category, competing among other labor organizations on a national and international level.

Awards were presented at the ILCA annual convention held in Seattle Sep. 21-24. ■



"When the Boilermakers do something, they do it right."



USA clay shoot breaks records

Boilermaker-backed event raises \$90,000, draws 200

"WHEN THE BOILERMAKERS do something, they do it right," said Union Sportsmen's Alliance Executive Director Fred Myers on a warm and breezy day in Kansas City, Mo. this fall.

Myers was addressing nearly 200 shooters from nearly a dozen labor unions, as well as contractors and family members, who participated in the USA's third annual clay shooting event in Kansas City Oct. 8. His enthusiasm was evident, and for good reason. The number of shooters was the highest ever for the USA, and the event raised a record \$90,000 for nationwide conservation efforts.

The Boilermakers union, together with the Union Insurance Group, the Columbia Partners Investment Management Group, and Ullico Insurance Company, hosted the event. More than 40 sponsors — among them Brotherhood Bank & Trust and the Marco Consulting Group — provided attendance prizes and other support.

The shoot took place at the Saddle and Sirloin Club and was set up as a



triathlon. Participants shot 50 rounds of sporting clays, 25 rounds of five-stands and 25 rounds of trap.

Local 363 (East St. Louis, Ill.) team members Richard Eller (retired business manager), Matt Leach, Bob Pennington, Ted Critchfield, and Bob Hartung Jr. won the overall team competition with a score of 396. Roofers International President Kinsey Robinson took home the top prize for an individual shooter with a score of 94.

"The Kansas City shoot is one of the best I have ever attended," said Myers. "Not only did the event raise a record amount of money to support our conservation mission, but it brought together union members from various communities around the region — uniting them for a great cause." ■



THE L-363 TEAM CAPTURES THE TOP OVERALL TEAM HONORS with a score of 396. L. to r., Matt Leach, retired Business Manager Richard Eller, Bob Bennington, Ted Critchfield, and Bob Hartung Jr.

The Union Sportsmen's Alliance is a union-dedicated outdoor organization whose members hunt, fish, shoot and volunteer their skills for conservation. For more information, visit <http://www.unionsportsmen.org> or <http://www.facebook.com/unionsportsmen>.

Boilermakers attend School for Workers

Institutes focus on labor education

MORE THAN THREE dozen Boilermakers interested in expanding their knowledge of labor and union leadership attended sessions at the School for Workers on the University of Wisconsin campus last August. Commonly referred to as the Boilermaker Summer Institutes, the sessions include one week-long block for basic studies, another for advanced studies. After completing the basic session, participants typically return the following year to complete the advanced course.

The Boilermakers union has been participating in the institutes for more than 50 years. The late President Emeritus C.W. Jones, who recognized the value of a well-rounded labor education, was among the first to attend the School for Workers

while serving as the Brotherhood's Research Director.

This year's basic institute, held Aug. 14-19, included the following topics: labor's place in society, administering the labor agreement, labor history, collective bargaining, membership mobilization, workers and the global economy, political action, safety and health, FMLA, and communication skills.

The advanced institute, held Aug. 21-26, covered Internet research, new media, problem-solving and grievance-handling, grievance arbitration, common sense economics, the global economy, health care bargaining, labor history, building the union, safety and health issues, communication skills, and LEAP.

Courses were taught by the School for Workers faculty as well as International staff. While attending the institutes, participants had the oppor-

tunity to walk to the Wisconsin state capitol building and join in the rallies against Gov. Scott Walker and the GOP legislators, who made news headlines for rolling back the union rights of state government employees.

Members attending the basic institute in 2011 were Edward Wondolowski and Kerry Hooten, L-S7 (Belleville, Ill.); Vernon Jackson and Loretta Eggleston, L-S50 (Baltimore); Ronald Carlburg and Jerry Marple, L-D93 (Humboldt, Kan.); Phillip Mortashed, L-106 (Cincinnati); William Boger, L-D191 (S. Norfolk, Va.); Brad Robinson and John Wilkinson, L-D239 (Three Forks, Mont.); Mark Williams, Jacob Furst, John Hoggatt, and Lacy Spencer, L-344 (Ridgecrest, Calif.); Billy Thomas, Michael Householder, and Timothy Burgess, L-374 (Hammond, Ind.); Joseph Vreeke, L-443 (Manitowoc, Wis.); William Dermates,

L-502 (Tacoma, Wash.); William Polchow, L-647 (Minneapolis); Tim Rakestraw, William Smith, Ray Cooper, and Mark Stevens, L-656 (Chattanooga, Tenn.); Neil Fisher and Peter Jackson Sr., L-661 (Florence, N.Y.); Jim Johnson, Anthony Guarisco, and Rich Robinson, L-696 (Marinette, Wis.); and Robert Niesing, Local 1509 (Cudahy, Wis.).

Members attending the advanced institute in 2011 were Jeremy Wright and Brian Haight, L-84 (Paola, Kan.); Jon'e Lahaye, Allen Ford, and James Chaney, L-D93; Dave Spencer, L-344; Jim Shine, L-502; Wendlin Piatz, L-647; John Semrau, L-696; and Sean Momberg, L-1509.

International staff members attending the basic and advanced institutes included Research-Education & Training Coordinator Tyler Brown and Communication Department Writer Lara Goulding. ■



Basic Class 2011



Advanced Class 2011

NLC launches financial education project

THE NATIONAL LABOR College (NLC) in Silver Spring, Md., has introduced a new financial education project especially for union members. The free service is designed to educate members about making sound financial decisions. It includes an informational website with how-to videos and practical advice about investments, pensions, debt, credit

cards, and other topics. A booklet is also available to be shipped to unions or downloaded.

The NLC is the only college in the United States that exclusively serves the educational needs of the labor movement.

Visit <http://invested.nlc.edu> for more information. ■



BNAP CONTEST

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Brandon Dunlevy, Local 154 (Pittsburgh), won first place in the event. Joshua Harman, Local 85 (Toledo, Ohio), representing the Great Lakes Area, took second. Team honors went to Dunlevy and Jonathan Gibli of Local 5 Zone 5 (New York), representing the Northeast Area.

The event was the second to be held outside the national training center in Kansas City, Kan. The NTC facility was closed in 2010 as part of a restructuring program. Under the new format, local training facilities in the United States will host the event on a two-year rotation. Local 169 (Detroit) will sponsor the event in 2012 and 2013.

Results of the national competition were announced at an awards banquet held Sept. 29 at Salvatore's Restaurant in Depew, N.Y.

Other graduate apprentices competing this year were, from the Great Lakes Area, Brian Rose, Local 169; from the Southeast Area, Chris Wallace, Local 40 (Elizabethtown, Ky.), and Christopher Ridenour, Local 453 (Knoxville, Tenn.); and from the Western States Area, David Pittsley, Local 502 (Tacoma, Wash.), and Randy Thomas, Local 549 (Pittsburg, Calif.)

All eight contestants earned their way to the national event by winning the top spot in their local lodge competition and finishing in one of the top two positions in their area competition.

Apprentices compete in four areas

THE 2011 COMPETITION covered four areas: classroom, rigging, Boilermaker skills, and welding, each worth up to 300 points.

The classroom work included a 10-hour written exam on study lessons, blueprints and drafting, Boilermaker history and organization, OSHA safety rules, and on-the-job training modules.

In the team rigging test, contestants set up and performed a duct section lift using a tugger and hydraulic crane. The exercise involved calculating the mechanical advantage to be employed and reeving blocks accordingly. Contestants were required to move the duct section horizontally into position near the steel structure, rig it for a vertical lift over the top of the structure, and set it into position with hanger rods at the appropriate elevation and orientation.



COMPETING IN THE 2011 EVENT were, l. to r., Jonathan Gibli, L-5 Z-5; Brandon Dunlevy (winner), L-154; Brian Rose, L-169; Joshua Harman, (runner-up) L-85; Chris Wallace, L-40; Chris Ridenour, L-453; Randy Thomas, L-549; and Dave Pittsley, L-502.

Candidates were also judged on safety and hand-signaling skills.

Apprentices competed in five areas in the Boilermaker skills section. These included tube rolling, layout and fabrication, boiler component identification, tool identification and use, and CPR.

In the welding section, judges evaluated the contestants' skills in tube welding, plate welding, burning, stud welding, arc gouging, and safety.

The apprentices were given five hours to remove and replace a failed tube from a water wall section using the buddy welding system. They measured and cut out the bad tube and replaced it with a 12-inch pup using GTAW and SMAW techniques. Judges assessed measuring skills, quality of cuts, beveling/tube preparation, and membrane welding. Welds were tested by X-ray for conformance to ASME (American Society of Mechanical Engineers) standards, with points deducted for any weld failures.

Judges for the 2011 competition were, from the Great Lakes Area, Anthony Parasiliti Jr., RMF Nooter, and James Condrich, apprentice instructor, Local 744 (Cleveland); from the Northeast Area, Larry Ross of North American Energy Services, and Jack O'Halloran, apprentice coordinator for Local 28 (Newark, N.J.); from the National Transient Division, IR Shon Almond and IR Mike West; and from the Western States, Kenneth Null, Babcock & Wilcox, and Sterling Park, retired Boilermaker, Local 11 (Helena, Mont.).

William Elrod, retired AIP, served as the test administrator. Retired L-7 Business Manager Joe Brown served as the assistant test administrator.

Banquet honors contestants, supporters

THE RESULTS OF the 2011 competition were announced during the awards banquet held on the final day of the event. The banquet honored all of the contestants and acknowledged those who promote the Boilermaker apprenticeship program throughout the year.

BNAP Chairman Ken Wasilewski, of Babcock & Wilcox, opened the program by stating that "the Boilermakers are the life blood of the industry that my company participates in. Apprentices are the heart of the Boilermaker trade." He noted that over 3,000 apprentices are currently in the system and that projected increases in man-hours over the next two years will require "a lot more apprentices, every journeyman we have, and many others that we're going to have to find along the way."

Wasilewski said the apprentice competition is a gateway for future leadership opportunities. "Over the past 20 years, at least two of the fellas that won are currently working in B&W supervision. You see them all throughout industry — in union leadership and in contractor leadership. It's just a great launching pad for your careers."

BNAP Coordinator Pat Smith emceed the banquet. He recognized all those who participated in the competition and who support the apprenticeship program throughout the year, including judges and test administrators, BNAP board members, national training staff, and local lodge training staff.

He said the contestants "have worked their tails off and have been exposed to a lot of pressure. It makes me feel good that the future will be in their hands."

In an emotional moment, Smith announced that after 10 years with BNAP he will be retiring in December 2011. He offered his appreciation to "all those in this room, who have made [the apprentice program] possible."

SAIP Marty Spencer will assume the duties of BNAP Coordinator upon Smith's retirement.

"I wanted to see if I could do it."

BRANDON DUNLEVY, winner of the 2011 competition, is no stranger to union labor. "A big part of the culture in Pittsburgh is hard work; it's skilled labor; and it's union," he said. "I've been going to Labor Day parades since I was five."

Dunlevy said his grandfather on his dad's side began working in the steel mill at age 12, and his father started with the railroads right out of high school. Dunlevy took a different approach, working at various office jobs. But after meeting some Boilermakers, he asked himself if he could do that kind of work and live that kind of life. "I wanted to see if I could do it."

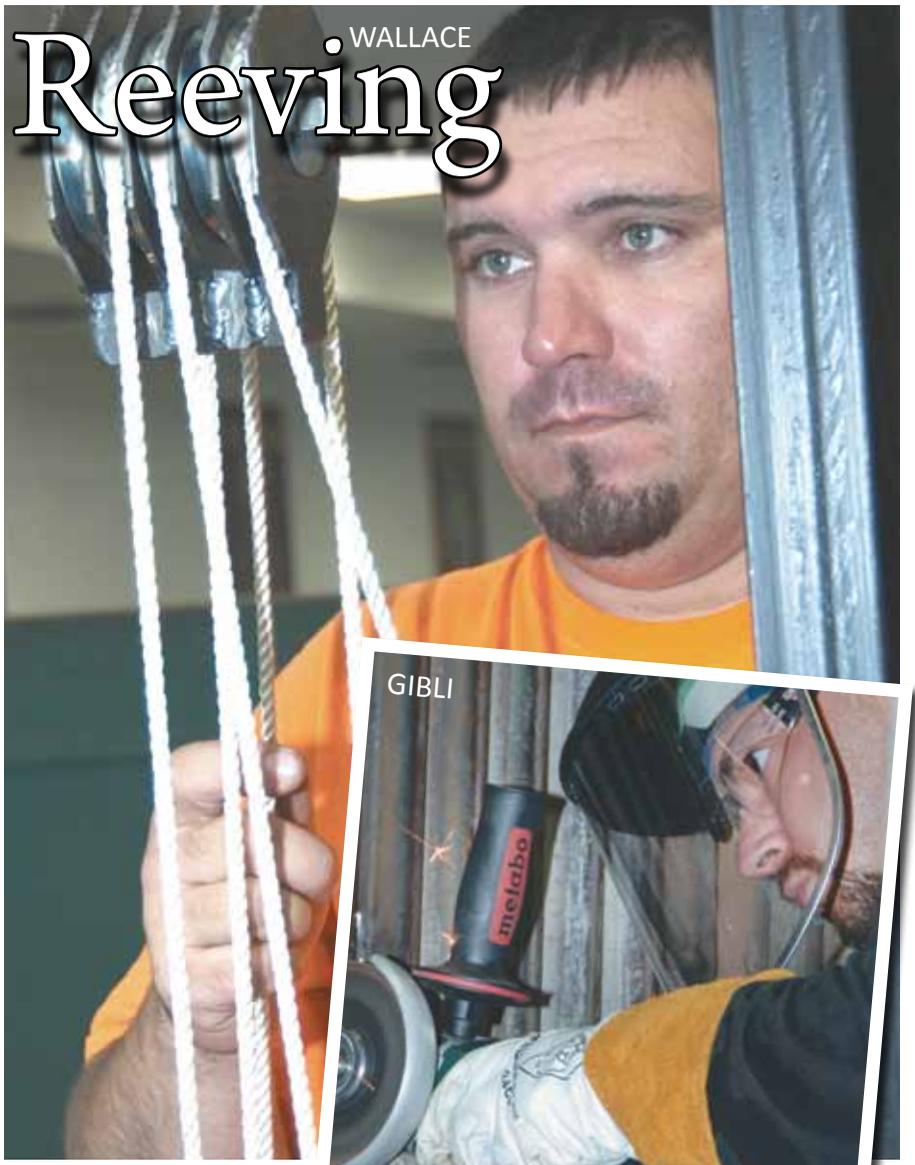
In accepting the top apprentice award during the banquet, Dunlevy offered his thanks to all those who support the program. "Thanks, also, to all the officers at my union hall and the instructors at the hall for all the things they taught me. Most especially, thanks to the men who are not here that I have worked with over the years. That's where the greatest part of my education has come from." □

"Apprentices are the heart of the Boilermaker trade."



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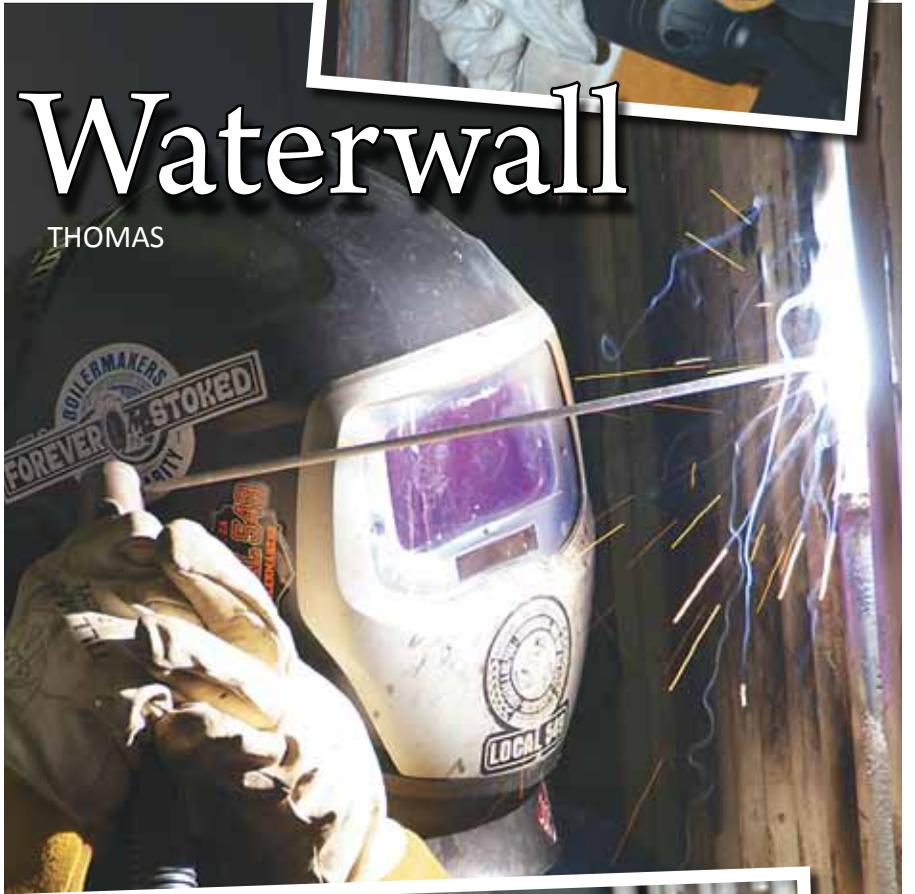
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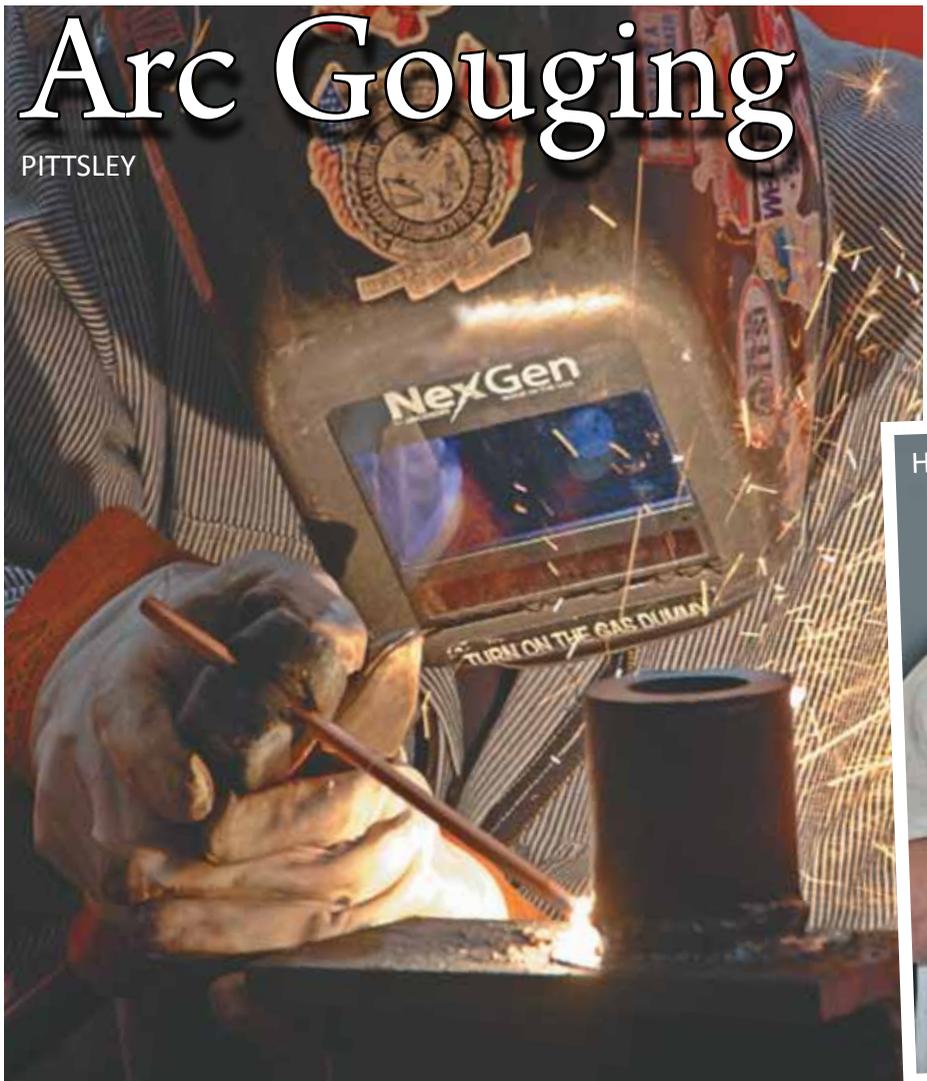
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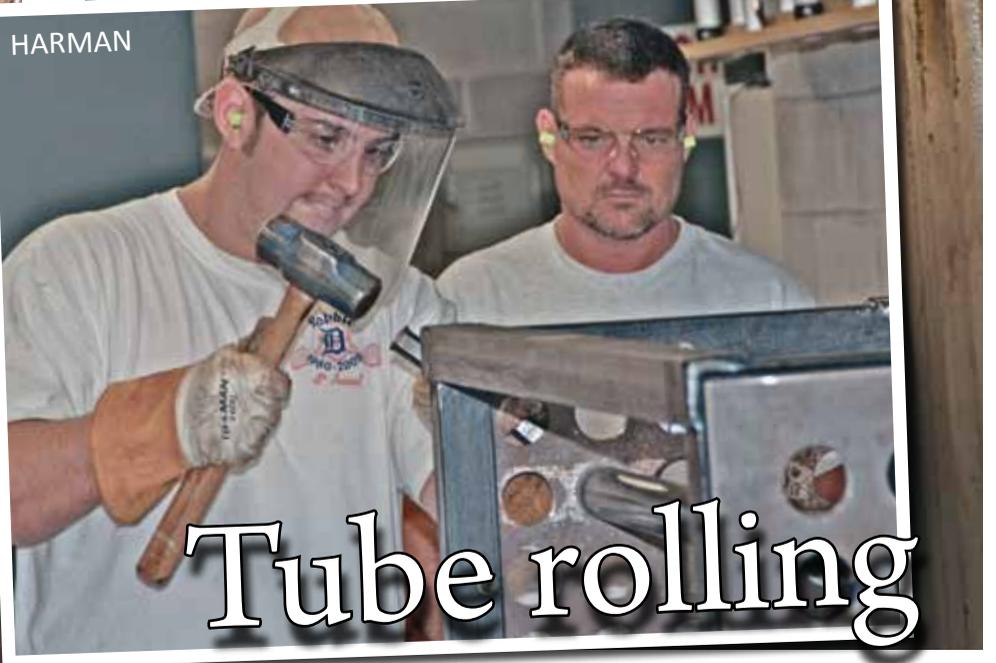
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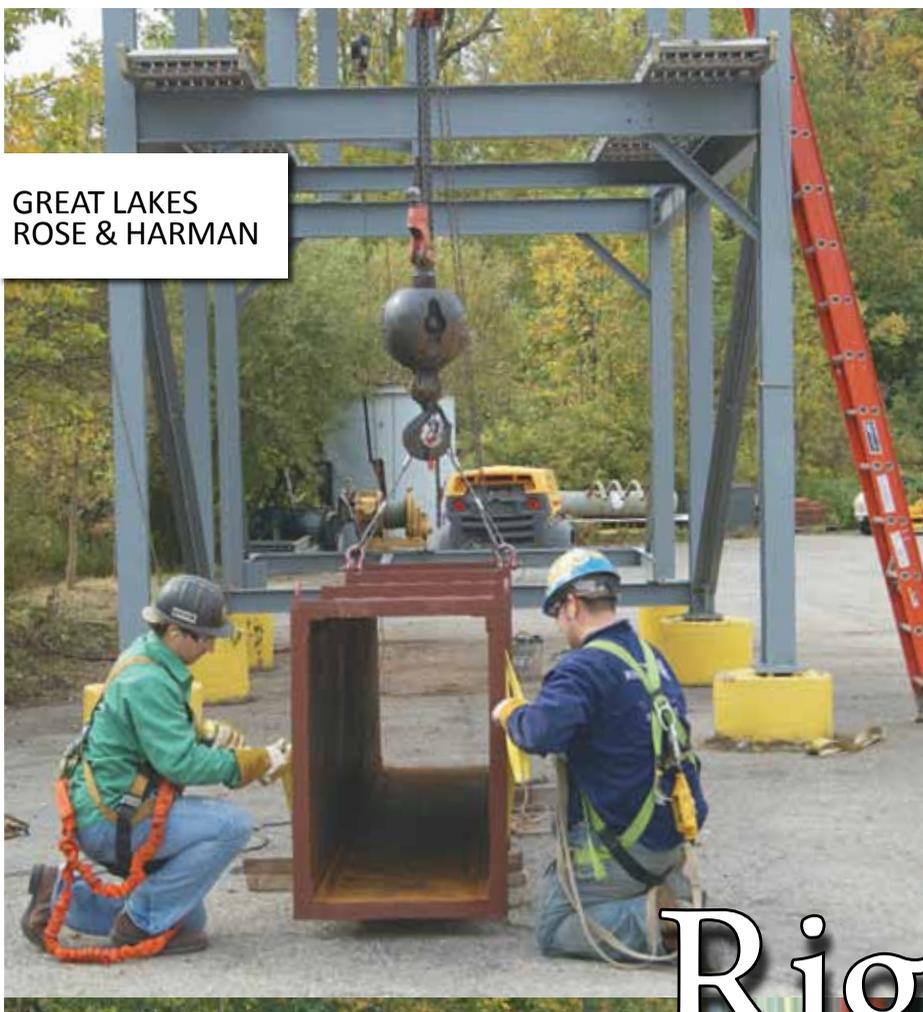
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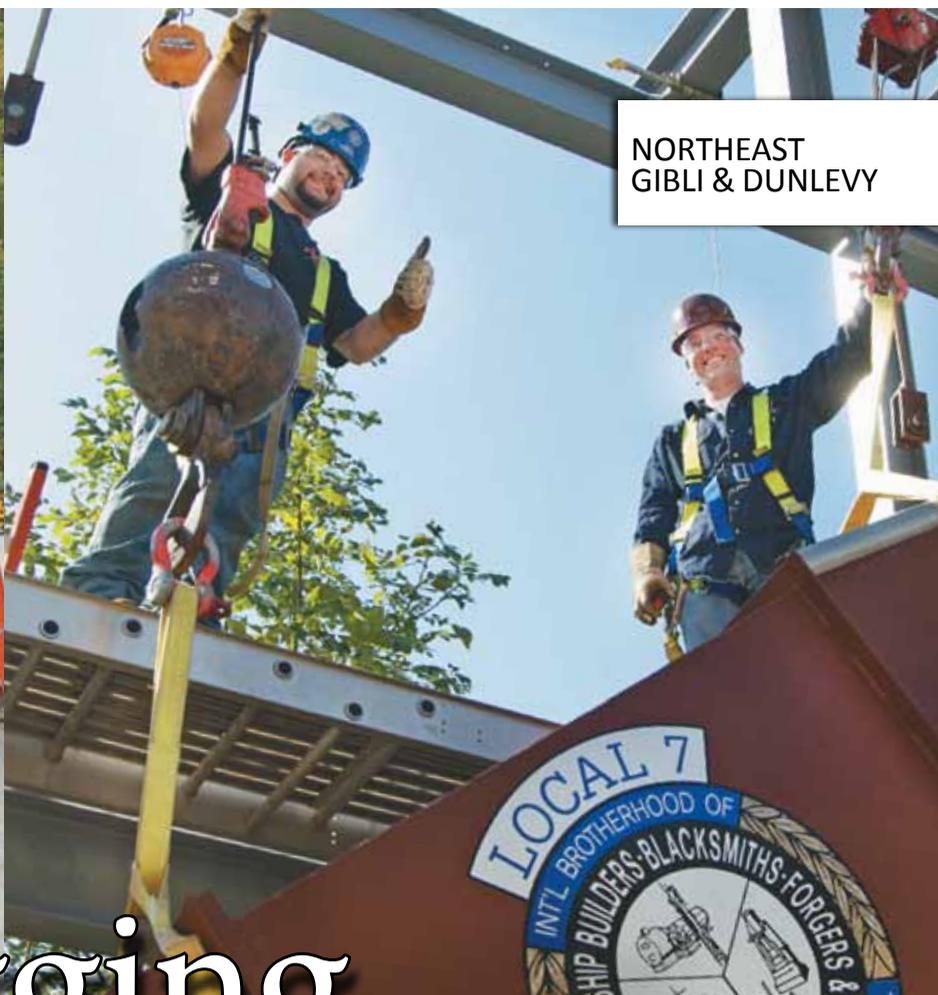


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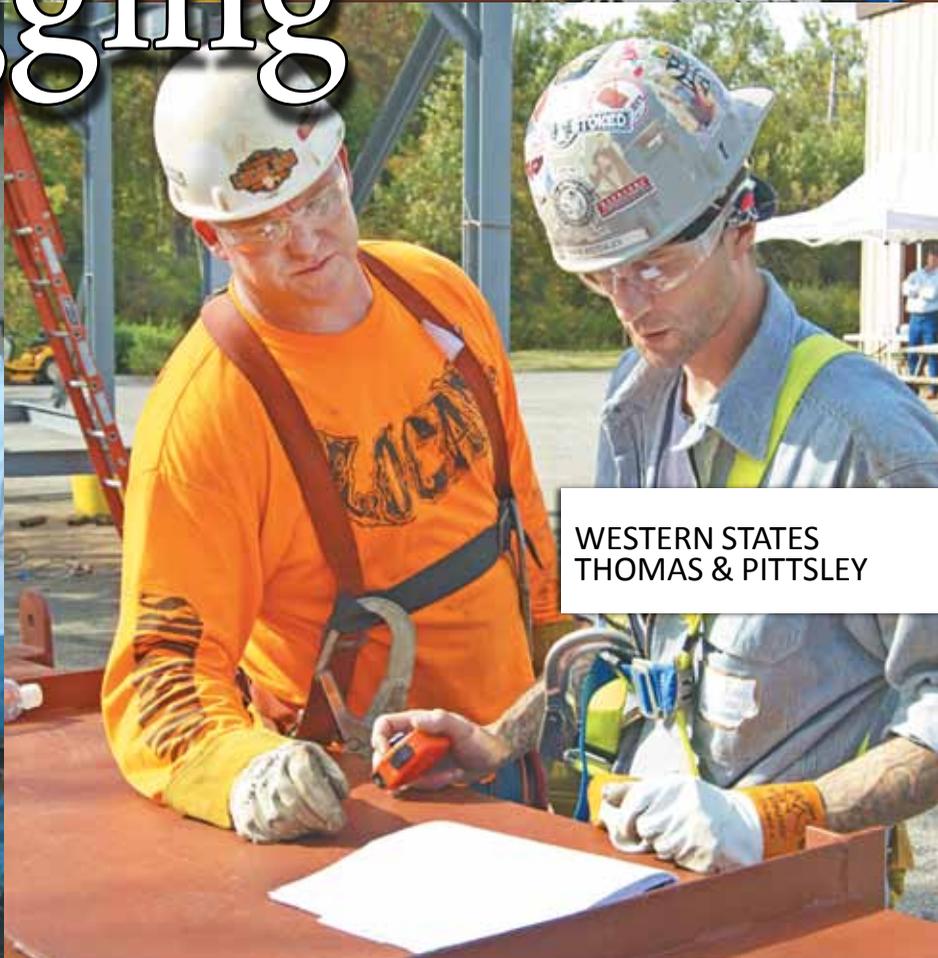
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Rigging

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OPPOSITE PAGE

BURNING

Top left: **CHRIS RIDENOUR** carefully cuts out a french curve.

LAYOUT & FABRICATION

Left center: **BRIAN ROSE**, L-169, constructs a hopper flange.

ARC GOUGING

Bottom left: **DAVE PITTSLEY**, L-502, uses air carbon arc gouging to separate a tube section from steel plate.

REEVING

Top right: **CHRIS WALLACE**, L-40, concentrates on the reeving exercise.

WATERWALL

Inset, right center: **JONATHAN GIBLI**, L-5 Z-5, grinds membrane during the water wall exercise.

Bottom right: **RANDY THOMAS**, L-549, welds a waterwall tube.

TUBE ROLLING

Inset bottom right: **JOSHUA HARMAN**, L-85, uses a hammer and chisel to remove a tube while judge Mike West observes.

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RIGGING

Top Left: **THE GREAT LAKES TEAM OF BRIAN ROSE**, L-169 (L.), **AND JOSH HARMAN**, L-85, prepares a duct section for a lift.

Top Right: **JONATHAN GIBLI**, L-5 Z-5 (L.), **AND BRANDON DUNLEVY**, L-154, position a duct section inside a steel structure.

Bottom right: **RANDY THOMAS**, L-549 (L.), **AND DAVE PITTSLEY**, L-502, discuss strategy.

Bottom left: **CHRIS WALLACE**, L-40, L., **AND CHRIS RIDENOUR**, L-453, take instructions from the judges before the rigging exercise begins. Judges seated from l. to r. are Sterling Park, retired Boilermaker, Local 11 (Helena, Mont.); Anthony Parasiliti Jr., RMF Nooter; and Kenneth Null, Babcock & Wilcox.

Entergy honors trades for perfect safety record



TAKING PART IN THE ENTERGY FOSSIL TRIPARTITE safety presentations August 30 are, l. to r., L-110 BM-ST James Bragg; Anthony Lorino, fleet maintenance manager, Entergy New Orleans; Curt Lovelace, Day & Zimmerman superintendent, Mississippi; Miss. River District 5 BM-ES David Hegeman; Lisa Alamazon, Entergy CUSA, manager of fossil safety; David Smith, Day &

Zimmerman, operations manager for the NPS Entergy contract; L-37 BM-ST Lionel Hanna; Keith Steltz, Day & Zimmerman superintendent, Louisiana; Robert Hicks, vice president of fossils, Entergy; and Boilermaker Health and Safety Services Director Mark Garrett.

Boilermakers, other crafts cut recordable injuries to zero

BOILERMAKERS LOCAL 37 (New Orleans) and Local 110 (Hattiesburg, Miss.) were among the craft unions employed by Day & Zimmerman to be recognized August 30 by Entergy for working 100,000 hours since January 2011 without a recordable injury. The awards were presented at L-37's union hall in Slidell, La., during a meeting of the Entergy Fossil Tripartite.

Dave Hegeman, BM-ES for Mississippi District 5, which operates from L-37 offices, said the tripartite had been instrumental in reducing an unacceptable injury rate at Entergy's various fossil power plants. "Robert Hicks [vice president of Entergy Fossils] and David Smith [Day & Zimmerman's operations manager for the NPS Entergy contract] spearheaded the tripartite organization two and a half years ago," he noted. "Each time we meet, the attendance grows."

Tripartite meetings rotate among the various trade facilities, although the next conference, in January 2012, will again be held at L-37's hall.

Hegeman said the Boilermakers "put on a feast" for the trades and the companies. "It was excellent. They all loved it."

L-37 performs maintenance and outage work at four Entergy sites in Louisiana (Waterford 1 and 2 in Cologna, Little Gypsy plant in Montz, and Michaud and Nine Mile plants,

both in New Orleans). L-110 provides maintenance and outage work at Entergy's Baxter-Wilson plant in Vicksburg and Rex Brown plant in Jackson.

L-37 BM-ST Lionel Hanna and L-110 BM-ST Jimmy Bragg expressed pride in the effort of lodge members to work safely.

"This was truly a milestone," Hanna noted.

"I'm really pleased with our hands," said Bragg. "Our Boilermakers did an excellent job." ■

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AECOM settles dispute, L-344 members may split \$750,000

Naval contractor altered time-keeping method and benefits

LOCAL 344 MEMBERS employed at the Naval Air Weapons Station at China Lake, Calif., recently began receiving checks from naval contractor AECOM as settlement in a dispute about timekeeping and overtime pay. The settlement could total over \$750,000 and be split among 500 members, according to SFEAW Director Dave Lawrence, who services the lodge.

Lawrence said that when the Navy awarded AECOM a contract to maintain U.S. and foreign aircraft at the China Lake facility in January 2009, the company displayed an arrogant and antiunion demeanor.

“Every day was a battle,” he said. “AECOM reduced health benefits previously provided by its predecessor, which we believe violated the Service Contract Act. They also changed the long-established timekeeping method, which resulted in their failure to pay overtime when our members worked 44-hour weeks.”

The Department of Labor dismissed L-344’s complaint regarding reduced benefits. However, on Sept. 23 the lead DOL investigator advised the lodge that AECOM had requested a settlement of the overtime issue and agreed to reimburse employees for lost wages covering the 31-month period of the contract. (The Navy dis-

missed AECOM as the site contractor in August.)

“We tried diligently to break labor-management barriers with the contractor,” said Lawrence. “However, the company refused to move off its anti-union stance. I would like to thank all that were involved in this battle, with special thanks to International Vice President Tom Baca, Local 344 Presi-

dent John Sewell, and chief shop steward (now retired) Ralph Legler. The lodge deserves tremendous credit for standing up to the company and seeing this through.”

Chartered in 1996, L-344 is a forging, maintenance, manufacturing, and shop lodge headquartered in Ridgecrest, Calif. ■



WITH AN F/A-18 HORNET AS A BACKDROP, seven members of Local 344 display settlement checks they received from naval contractor AECOM. Payments for unpaid overtime could total more than \$750,000 and be split among as many as 500 members. L. to r., David Spencer, Jacob Furst, John Hoggatt, Leslie Dikes, Edward Bradway, Ralph Legler, and Walter Scheiderer.

Boilermakers, Metal Trades rally to save Avondale shipyard

Over, 1,000 workers, supporters march in New Orleans

A MARCH AND rally to keep the Avondale shipyard open drew more than 1,000 union workers and supporters to the New Orleans Superdome Oct. 1. The Superdome was the starting point for the march, which ended at the Hale Boggs federal building. Boilermakers Local 1814 (Bridge City, La.) and various other unions of the New Orleans Metal Trades Council, AFL-CIO, took part in the event, along with local elected officials, area business owners, faith and community leaders, and public sector unions such as the American Federation of Teachers.

Among the speakers for the day were R. Thomas Buffenbarger, president of the International Association of Machinists; Ron Ault, president of

the Metal Trades Department, AFL-CIO; U.S. Rep. Cedric Richmond (LA-2); and Percy Pyne IV, chairman of the American Feeder Lines.

Avondale shipyard is the largest employer in the state of Louisiana. It is scheduled to shut down in 2013 after Northrop Grumman completes the last of two amphibious trans-

port dock ships (LPDs) for the U.S. Navy. About 5,000 jobs will be lost when the facility is shuttered. An estimated 7,000-10,000 indirect jobs will also disappear.

Northrop Grumman has said it will get out of the shipbuilding business and has spun off that work to Huntington Ingalls Industries. Avondale

operations will be consolidated at the Pascagoula, Miss., shipyard, where members of Boilermakers Local 693 and other unions are employed.

Since the closure was announced in 2010, unions, local interests, and state and federal officials have sought to convince Northrop Grumman to keep the shipyard open or at least sell it to another shipbuilder. Northrop Grumman has declined to do either, even though the operation has been profitable. ■



L-1814 MEMBERS march near the Superdome with other unions and supporters to keep Northrop Grumman from closing the Avondale shipyard in 2013.



For more information and updates on the closure and the Save Our Shipyard (SOS) campaign sponsored by the Metal Trades, visit <http://avondalesos.org>.

DeSeta receives medals for service in Vietnam

Army cites L-13 retiree four decades after combat tour

AFTER 43 YEARS without formal recognition for his service with a covert military unit in Vietnam, Louis "Lou" DeSeta finally has his medals. The 66-year-old Local 13 (Philadelphia) retiree received two Bronze Stars and an Army Commendation Medal during ceremonies at VFW Post 3420 in Newark, Delaware, on Oct. 29. Brigadier General (ret.) Terry Wiley presented the medals in the presence of DeSeta's union brothers, fellow veterans, and family members.

The delay in receiving medals is not unusual for men like DeSeta, who took part in secret cross-border operations as part of MAC V SOG (Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, Studies and Observation Group). SOG teams frequently operated deep behind enemy lines in Laos, Cambodia, and the Demilitarized Zone. The U.S. government regularly denied such missions, and the Pentagon preferred not to draw attention to SOG operators. In recent years, the government has become more open to recognizing these veterans.

DeSeta was a member of the 173rd Airborne Brigade and served with SOG as part of the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne). He received a Bronze Star with "V" device (for valor) in recognition of his heroic action in fending off a numerically superior NVA force, allowing his reconnaissance team to be extracted safely. His second Bronze Star was for service while assigned to Forward Observation Base 3 near Khe



BG (RET.) TERRY WILEY pins a Bronze Star on retired L-13 member Lou DeSeta.



LOU DESETA, L., IN VIETNAM, poses with John Kedenburg, (who would later receive the Medal of Honor posthumously), and two ethnic Chinese Nung soldiers.



LOU DESETA poses with Boilermaker brothers following the medal award ceremony.

Sanh, where he participated in recon missions and took part in defending the base. The Army Commendation Medal cited DeSeta's "tactical and

technical expertise" while serving with the 5th Special Forces Group.

Following his military service, DeSeta worked nearly 32 years as

a Boilermaker, retiring in 2000. He says he owes his boiler-making career to his best friend and brother Boilermaker, Jack Specht (now a retired NTL member). "We went through all of our military training together, and all Jack would talk about was CBI [Chicago Bridge & Iron]. After I got out of the Army, Jack got me on."

Reflecting on his time in Vietnam and the medals he received, DeSeta said that all veterans deserve recognition for their service. "I know there are a lot of vets in Boilermaker locals, and not all of them get the credit they deserve. No matter where you served and no matter what role you played, it takes everybody to get the job done."

A video of DeSeta's medal presentation can be viewed at www.youtube.com/watch?v=53iR1ICcd0I. ■

Boilermakers bike for brotherhood



Riders from two locals travel Indiana for fun and camaraderie

ABOUT TWO DOZEN motorcycles rolled out of Elkhart, Ind., Sept. 17 carrying a caravan of Boilermakers,

family members, and guests. Active and retired members of Local 85 (Toledo, Ohio) and Local 374 (Hammond, Ind.) took part in the event, organized for the enjoyment of the ride and to share in brotherhood and camaraderie. The

bikers rode from northern Indiana to the southern part of the state, returning to central Indiana before heading home.

L-85 President and Assistant Business Manager Matthew Cornett Jr.

said next year's event will be open to all Boilermakers. "All are welcome," he said. "This is just Boilermakers from all over getting together to ride."

Members interested in participating can contact Cornett at mcibb85@bex.



LOCALS AWARD SERVICE PINS

Local 1 • Chicago

JOHN SKERMONT, BM-ST of Local 1, Chicago, reports presentation of membership pins to the following:

- 40 YEARS** Edward A. Anderson, Mark J. Gustafson, Ronald R. Kowalski Sr., and
- 35 YEARS** William Feeney, William Frankenbach, Eugene M. Forkin, III, Raymond Garcia, Michael A. Gonzalez, William Harris Jr., Patrick Nolan, Michael Ryan, Eddie Sanks, Abdul-Aleem Sharif, and Robert Stewart.

Local 7 • Buffalo, N.Y.

DAN DECARLO, BM-ST of Local 7, Buffalo, reports presentation of membership pins to the following:

- 55 YEARS** Robert C. Jenkins;
- 45 YEARS** Ernest C. Colantino, Jerry M. Cumpston, Frederick C. DeRus, Frederick S. Grasso, Allen J. Havens, Jack P. LeBarron, John J. Multerer, Peter R. Shareno, Gary P. Siuta, Frank Wojciechowski;
- 40 YEARS** Joseph Andolino, Alan R. Bennett, Robert L. Brushingham, William M. Cole Sr., Joseph R. Oishei, Raymond T. Phillips;
- 35 YEARS** Nicholas R. Cilano, Vernon E. Ford, Glenn A. French, D. Michael Mann, Joseph F. Solly, Ronald J. Solly, Thomas D. Vargo;
- 30 YEARS** Joseph A. Aguilar, J. Patrick Chapman, Phillip J. Chapman, Dennis J. Danieu, Clifford A. Evans, William J. Melski, Albert L. Neighbors Jr., Martin D. Spencer Jr., Douglas C. Suda, James E. Susat, Richard J. Vanni; and
- 25 YEARS** Robert A. Bernhard.

Local 13 • Newportville, Pa.

JOHN E. CLARK JR., BM-ST of Local 13, Newportville, Pa., reports presentation of membership pins to the following:

- 70 YEARS** Leonard Loch, Lawrence Wilson;
- 65 YEARS** Leonard Geraci Sr., Albert Oxtal;
- 60 YEARS** James Banford Sr., James Benjamin, Robert Finn Sr.;
- 20 YEARS** Danny Burt; and
- 15 YEARS** Dave Coby, Tom Kunkel, Clarence McClure, Phil Mortashed, and Mike Rottinghouse.

Local 433 • Tampa, Fla.

JAMES BARNES JR., BM-ST of Local 433, Tampa, Fla., reports presentation of membership pins to the following:

- 45 YEARS** Johnny S. Hemby;
- 40 YEARS** Joseph P. Laviolette;
- 35 YEARS** Ted J. Baysinger;
- 30 YEARS** Barry Bradford; and
- 20 YEARS** Johnny S. Hemby II.

Local 647 • Minneapolis

LUKE A. VOIGT, BM-ST of Local 647, Minneapolis, reports presentation of membership pins to the following:

- 70 YEARS** Arnold I. Lindholm;
- 55 YEARS** Phillip R. Viskoe;
- 45 YEARS** William L. Hedegaard, David A. Risland, Carl J. Schneider, John C. Turbitt, Dennis A. Whitmore;
- 40 YEARS** William S. Baker, Wallace J. Bignell, Gene M. Cernohous, Dennis R. Forsell, Darrell M. Gulseth, Carl D. Hanenberger, David L. Harden, Robert J. Hemmeke, Steven L. Jahnke, Ronald J. Juliot, Gaylen P. Langer, Kelley T. Myers, William F. Raway, Gary D. Seifert, David R. Shoemaker;
- 35 YEARS** Alphonse N. Bialke, Thomas A. Brand, Howard J. Granholm, Lloyd Huber Jr., Mark R. McPheeters, John R. Rousseau, Jeffrey R. Rymer, Keith D. Sailer, Rick A. Schick;
- 30 YEARS** Ricky L. Dockter, Peter P. Howard, Clyde A. Knell, Trenton L. Moore, Anton Paul; and
- 25 YEARS** Michael J. Jagielski, Douglas R. Laborde, Peter S. Mehr, Dale J. Munsterteiger, Jude M. Reilly, Reggy Scheving, Rickey L. Schumacher, Kirby L. Westlund, and Scott A. Tyssedal.

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A BRIEF LISTING OF RECENT AGREEMENTS SIGNED AND RATIFIED BY BOILERMAKER LOCAL LODGES

L-87 — West Chester, Pa.

Effective June 28, 2010 to June 27, 2013, for 45 members of Local 87 (West Chester, Pa.) who work at **Sartomer Company**. Sartomer Company is a manufacturer and distributor of custom chemicals for industrial and commercial use, including in flooring, inks, optics and electronics. Products include acrylate / methacrylate monomers, oligomers and other specialty chemicals.

L-128 — Toronto, Ontario

Effective Nov. 17, 2011 to Sept. 30, 2014 for 4 members of Local 128 (Toronto) who fabricate steel and pressure vessels for **Bas-Kim Industries**; effective April 15, 2010 to April 15, 2012, for 10 L-128 members who make tanks and pressure vessels, and perform steel fabrication at **Lesena Steel**; effective Dec. 4, 2010 to Dec. 3, 2012, for L-128 members who clean and repair railroad tanker cars at the **Procar Limited Sarnia Car Repair Shop**; effective June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2013, for three L-128 members working on pressure vessels for **Besomar** in Sombra, Ontario; effective Jan. 1, 2011 to Jan. 1, 2013, for 50 L-128 members working for **Clean Harbors Catalyst Technologies** in Sarnia; and effective Oct. 21, 2011 to Oct. 21, 2014, for three L-128 members who manufacture and repair conveyor systems for **R.J. Cyr Co. Inc.**

L-483 — Alton, Ill.

Effective Nov. 30, 2011 to June 30, 2012, for five members of Local 483 (Alton, Ill.) who work at **Accurate Fabricators, Inc.** in Granite City, Ill. in the steel fabrication industry.

L-486 — East Alton, Ill.

Effective July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014, for 46 members of Local 486 (East Alton, Ill.) who make steel grating at **Fisher & Ludlow Inc.** Products are sold under the brand names of Tru-weld and Fisholows, and can be found in mining and smelting operations, power generating stations, oil fields and refineries, chemical plants, water treatment facilities, pulp and paper production, transportation equipment, commercial buildings, security institutions, and shopping malls.

L-558 — Windsor, Conn.

Effective June 27, 2011 to June 28, 2014, for 65 members of Local 558, Windsor, Conn., who work at the **Westinghouse Electric Co.**, fabricating fuel product components for nuclear reactors such as fuel grids, cages, top and bottom end fittings, fuel rod end caps, and control element assemblies.

L-647 — Minneapolis

Effective Jan. 1, 2011 to Dec. 31, 2013, for 46 members of Local 647 (Minneapolis) working for **Mid America Steel Inc.** in Fargo, North Dakota. Mid America Steel is a fabricator of structural steel for buildings and ethanol plants. They also build oil storage tanks for field oil storage.

L-651 — Somerville, Mass.

Effective May 2, 2011 to May 4, 2014, for 195 members of Local 651, Somerville, Mass., who manufacture precision stainless steel components at the **Westinghouse Electric Co.** in Newington, N.H.

L-744 — Cleveland

Effective June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2014, for 14 members of Local 744 (Cleveland) working in fabricating, forming, and welding aluminum, stainless steel, wear plate, and exotic alloys at **Dover Tank and Plate Company** in Dover, Ohio.

L-1086 — Cleveland

Effective July 15, 2011 to June 15, 2015, for 70 members of Local 1086 (Cleveland) who work at **Wyman Gordan Inc.** as forgers specializing in exotic metals and stainless steel, titanium, aluminum, nickel and high temperature alloys.

L-1626 — Champaign, Ill.

Effective Aug. 26, 2011 to Aug. 28, 2015, for 100 members of Local 1626 (Champaign, Ill.) working in production and maintenance for **Clifford-Jacobs Forging**, a manufacturer of carbon, alloy, and stainless steel closed and impression die forgings.

L-D282 — Wind Gap, Pa.

Effective Dec. 2, 2010 to Dec. 1, 2014, for 19 members of Local D282 (Wind Gap, Pa.) who work at **GAF Premium Products** producing siding and roofing materials.

L-D533 — Hagerstown, Md.

Effective Dec. 15, 2011 to Dec. 14, 2014, for 211 members of Local D533, Hagerstown, Md., who make vinyl siding and windows at **CertainTeed**.

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DEATH BENEFITS

THE DEATH BENEFIT PLAN under the Boilermaker-Blacksmith National Pension Trust has paid the beneficiaries of the following deceased members who were covered by the plan since the last issue of our publication.

If you have not yet been furnished this information, contact your local lodge, secure the beneficiary forms, complete the required information, and forward to the Administrative Office of the Pension Fund, 754 Minnesota Avenue, Suite 522, Kansas City, KS 66101, at the earliest possible date. NOTE: These additional death benefits can only be derived for members who worked under a collective bargaining agreement with an employer contributing to the Boilermaker-Blacksmith National Pension Trust.

LODGE	NAME	AMOUNT	LODGE	NAME	AMOUNT	LODGE	NAME	AMOUNT	LODGE	NAME	AMOUNT
INTL	Jones, Charles W.	\$ 1,500.00	72	Haider, Gerald J.	6,000.00	177	Clark, Gary L.	6,000.00	583	Russell, Dennis L.	6,000.00
INTL	Weigum, Wade	1,500.00	72	Niemeyer, William R.	6,000.00	182	Koopin, Marilyn	6,000.00	587	Conway Sr., Robert K.	6,000.00
NTL	Biggs, Jimmie A.	3,000.00	72	Tipton, Richard S.	6,000.00	182	Ruschman, Gerhard P.	6,000.00	587	Frazier, Ruby L.	6,000.00
NTL	Claywell, Ronald N.	6,000.00	74	Dvorak, Eugene F.	3,000.00	182	Stillwell, John E.	6,000.00	587	Jackson, Thomas O.	6,000.00
NTL	Cross, Robert E.	3,000.00	74	Gardner, A. M.	6,000.00	193	Jernigan, Martha	6,000.00	587	Jacobs, Billy R.	6,000.00
NTL	Darnell, Troy L.	3,000.00	83	Berry, Charles W.	6,000.00	193	Spino, Frank	6,000.00	587	Lavergne, Joseph D.	3,000.00
NTL	Goad, Edward L.	6,000.00	83	Herring, Stephanie J.	6,000.00	199	Babinski, Frank P.	2,000.00	587	LeLeux, Chester L.	6,000.00
NTL	Grace, Larry T.	3,000.00	83	Inman, Charles H.	6,000.00	204	Stubbe, Paul J.	6,000.00	590	Humphries, Beatrice C.	4,000.00
NTL	Green, Jimmy L.	6,000.00	83	Kampe, Robert H.	6,000.00	242	Moss, James I.*	3,000.00	590	Mathis, Jeddie Mae	6,000.00
NTL	Hardin, Larry G.	6,000.00	83	Younger, Stephen B.	6,000.00	242	Lambert, Howard G.	6,000.00	592	Lassley, Herman A.	6,000.00
NTL	Hutchinson, Ann G.	3,000.00	85	Crawford Jr., Jay	6,000.00	305	Drawsand, Adam	3,300.00	592	Lewis, Larry G.*	6,000.00
NTL	Keim, James R.	6,000.00	85	Downey, Charlotte L.	3,000.00	327	Lahuta, Michael	6,000.00	599	Pinnow Jr., Karl	6,000.00
NTL	Robinson, Eulas F.	6,000.00	85	Peterson, Herbert A.	6,000.00	357	Leffel, Marion A.	6,000.00	627	Cody, Miles C.	15,000.00
NTL	Smith, Z. A.	6,000.00	92	Alvarez, Juan F.	750.00	363	Noe, William	3,000.00	627	Fricke, Winfield A.	6,000.00
NTL	Sullivan, Martha	6,000.00	92	Brandau, Jerome P.	6,000.00	363	St. John, Michael M.	6,000.00	636	Kolacek, Celia B.	6,000.00
NTL	Washburn, Jesse W.	6,000.00	92	Crawford, Melvin W.	6,000.00	363	Swenney, Howard E.	3,000.00	636	Lehman, Albert H.	3,000.00
NTL	Wehrle, Russell R.	6,000.00	92	Guerra, George T.	6,000.00	374	Hayter, Virgilyn	6,000.00	647	Kriesel, Wendell Lee	6,000.00
NTL	Worbel, Stephen	6,000.00	92	Guzman, Raquel	6,000.00	374	Highfill, Mary A.	6,000.00	647	Peters, Susan	6,000.00
1	Bastick, Daniel M.	6,000.00	92	Rivas, Humberto	6,000.00	374	Mullinax, Charles G.	6,000.00	647	Savage, Charles	6,000.00
1	Carlson, Walter E.	6,000.00	92	Saenz, Francisco N.	6,000.00	374	Ripple, Darrell G.	6,000.00	647	Tiefenthaler, Larry D.	3,000.00
1	Dennis, Joseph	6,000.00	92	Swearingen, Wiley R.	3,000.00	374	Schweizer, John W.	6,000.00	647	Zachgo, Vern A.	6,000.00
1	Kuban, Benedict	3,000.00	92	White, Walter W.	6,000.00	374	Shaw, Norman R.	6,000.00	656	Baker, Roland C.*	6,000.00
1	Kuban, Gerald	3,000.00	96	Rogers, John R.	6,000.00	374	Varvel Sr., Michael L.	6,000.00	667	Bowman, Charles A.	6,000.00
1	Rutkowski, Joseph T.	6,000.00	101	DuCharme, Peter J.	15,000.00	397	Reinheimer, Michael J.	6,000.00	667	Cecil, Paul E.	3,400.00
1	Wilson, Clarence E.	6,000.00	101	Durham, Lucille V.	6,000.00	433	Alzate, Juan C.	2,000.00	667	Lobbins, James G.	6,000.00
5	Hamilton, Harold C.	1,200.00	101	Lacefield, Donnie Ray	6,000.00	433	Bailey, Gaines N.	6,000.00	667	McCarty, Leonard F.	6,000.00
5	Bego, Anthony V.	6,000.00	101	Morelli Sr., Joseph V.	6,000.00	433	Budd, Richard V.	6,000.00	673	Monka, John Stephen	6,000.00
6	Baldassarre, David	6,000.00	104	Ainsworth, William L.	6,000.00	433	Gignilliat, Brenda	2,000.00	679	Ingle, Lottie	6,000.00
6	Chung, Samuel S.	6,000.00	104	Bomber, Clayton B.	9,500.00	433	Hicks, Willice E.	2,000.00	679	Smith, Henry M.	6,000.00
6	Martin, Leroy	6,000.00	104	Boughton, John C.	6,000.00	433	Kent, Allen H.	6,000.00	687	Mckenzie, W. L.	6,000.00
6	Jennings, Daniel	3,000.00	104	Fobelberg, Jacqueline	3,000.00	433	Maples, Norman E.	6,000.00	687	Owens, Bishop W.*	6,000.00
6	Mamoe, Tualati H.	6,000.00	104	Gadbery, Richard L.	6,000.00	449	Knoebel, Frederick O.	4,500.00	697	Hupe, Roy D.*	6,000.00
6	O'Connor, Richard J.	6,000.00	104	Kibizoff, Alexander	3,000.00	449	Warwick, Gary S.	2,400.00	744	Bobkoski, Edward S.	6,000.00
6	Pimentel, Raymond L.	6,000.00	104	Lee, Robert E.	6,000.00	449	Wickman, Henry	1,200.00	744	Rivers, Leslie	6,000.00
6	Rowland, Ray W.	6,000.00	104	Lyle, Donald G.	6,000.00	453	Denton, Eddie	3,000.00	744	Ruch, Craig A.	6,000.00
7	Holland, Constance M.	6,000.00	104	Song, Ki Hwan	6,000.00	453	Gilreath, Hubert M.	6,000.00	752	Klapac, Karen	6,000.00
7	Moppins, Roderick O.	6,000.00	104	Stensaas, Howard C.	6,000.00	454	Evers, Herbert T.*	6,000.00	752	Shaughnessy, Thomas E.	6,000.00
10	Neuman, Richard G.	3,000.00	104	Ulin, Kevin	4,600.00	454	Tittsworth, George W.	6,000.00	799	Melendez, Ezequiel*	6,000.00
11	Guindon, Linda Jean	6,000.00	104	Williams, Raleigh E.	2,000.00	454	Travis, Modie Wayne	6,000.00	802	Manley, Edward T.	6,000.00
13	Haney, John P.*	4,000.00	105	Craig, Steven D.	6,000.00	455	Hellums, Jack J.	3,600.00	802	Pritchett, Wilbur J.	6,000.00
13	Dreher, Edward C.	6,000.00	105	Grubb, Jeremy R.	6,000.00	483	Houser, Winona L.	6,000.00	802	Profitt, James W.	6,000.00
13	Fromel, James	6,000.00	105	Klem, James W.	6,000.00	483	Kinney, James R.	6,000.00	891	Lemasters, Carl J.	2,000.00
16	Scherer, Don B.*	6,000.00	105	McIntosh Jr., Oscar	6,000.00	487	Vandermause, Richard	6,000.00	906	Klima, Greg	13,780.00
26	Bailey Sr., William F.	6,000.00	105	Riggle, Lloyd H.*	6,000.00	502	Litts, Richard W.*	6,000.00	906	Spencer, Clarence E.	6,000.00
26	Bass, Willis J.	6,000.00	106	Nechodomu, Gerald J.	3,000.00	549	Black, Richard H.	6,000.00	1086	Hill, Willie L.	6,000.00
26	Denmark, John E.	6,000.00	107	Coleman, Stanley*	6,000.00	549	Campbell, David C.	6,000.00	1086	Pratt, Janet F.	6,000.00
26	Young Jr., Asbury	6,000.00	108	Milam, Lonnie W.	6,000.00	549	Reiderson, Roger N.	6,000.00	1086	Richards, Obed	6,000.00
27	Brooks, Clarence M.	6,000.00	110	Byrd, Norris E.	6,000.00	549	Rippy, Doyle Ray	6,000.00	1162	Gonzalez, Irma L.	6,000.00
27	Gazaway, Marsha	6,000.00	112	Brooks, Nathan C.	6,000.00	549	Rueda, Frank	6,000.00	1234	Kluk, Anthony	4,000.00
27	Thomure, Daniel F.	6,000.00	112	Parnell, Robert E.	6,000.00	549	Saleh, Sayed A.	6,000.00	1509	Gosselin, Jean P.	6,000.00
27	Wille, Roland G.	6,000.00	113	Hewett, Jack	6,000.00	549	Shrewsbury, Conway	6,000.00	1570	Martin, Harry A.	6,000.00
28	Cramer, Bill T.	6,000.00	113	Woodard, Paul H.	6,000.00	549	Waller, Frank	6,000.00	1592	Bates, Roy	6,000.00
28	Hughes, David S.	3,000.00	124	Harvey, Alden	6,000.00	568	Brown, James L.	6,000.00	1603	McAlister, George	6,000.00
28	Nines Jr., Joseph J.	6,000.00	124	Lindgren, Roger D.	6,000.00	568	Johnson, Van E.	6,000.00	1624	Martino, William	6,000.00
29	Finola, Brolly*	6,000.00	132	Strimple, Alfred	6,000.00	568	Shiple, Franklin G.	6,000.00	1637	Frame, William E.	6,000.00
37	Chauppetta, Richard J.	6,000.00	154	Krug, James T.	4,000.00	582	Alford, Farrell O.	6,000.00	1637	Nelson, Douglas E.*	6,000.00
37	McBride, Jewel L.	6,000.00	159	Kaczmarek, Edmund L.	2,000.00	582	Boyd, Fred D.	6,000.00	1668	Camp, Kim S.	6,000.00
40	Morgan, Thomas G.	6,000.00	169	Grillo, Mary	6,000.00	582	Deluane, Grace	6,000.00	1668	Tushar, Richard J.	6,000.00
45	Keplinger Sr., Eldon B.	6,000.00	169	Louzon Sr., Lawrence R.	6,000.00	582	Nemeth, Joseph J.	6,000.00	D472	Merrill, Raymond C.	6,000.00
60	Walk, Rodney E.	6,000.00	169	Stedman, Arthur J.	6,000.00	582	Nowell, Horace E.	6,000.00	D500	Seiler, Wayne G.	3,000.00
72	France, William L.	6,000.00	175	Galloway, Jeffrey D.	6,000.00	583	Nelson, Paul R.	6,000.00			

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A MESSAGE TO OUR MEMBERS

Austerity measures threaten national security

Rough waters lie ahead for shipbuilding industry

THE FAILURE OF the congressional “super committee” to reach agreement on \$1.2 trillion in budget cuts over the next 10 years creates a super-sized problem for the security of the United States. Without intervention by Congress, automatic cuts will go into effect in 2013, and the Defense Department will shoulder half of the rollback.

That is bad news all ‘round: for Defense, the U.S. shipbuilding industry, and our members employed in that industry.

In an interview at National Defense University Aug. 16, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta warned that “this kind of massive cut . . . would have devastating effects on national defense.” In fact, the Defense Department is already facing \$450 billion in budget cuts over the next decade. With the additional \$600 billion in reductions resulting from the super committee failure, Defense would need to shave about \$1 trillion over the next 10 years.

All military branches will face substantial cuts. The Navy fleet, by some estimates, could shrink to fewer than 200 ships by the time all the cuts are implemented. The current fleet (as of November 2011) stands at 284 deployable battle-force ships, in contrast to nearly 600 ships during the late 1980s.

The Boilermakers union, the Metal Trades Department, and other supporters of a robust maritime industry have fought for decades to get Congress and Defense to stabilize the industry through procurement programs that can sustain the nation’s shipyards and retain skilled ship-building workers. By lobbying vigorously in Washington, we have built relationships with Republican as well as Democratic legislators who support strong Navy and commercial shipbuilding programs. We were encouraged by a 2005 announcement by Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Michael Mullen that the Navy would expand the fleet to 313 ships over a 30-year period (following a long decline from Cold War highs). However, the current focus on austerity puts that expansion at risk.

Vice Adm. Kevin McCoy, Commander of Naval Sea Systems (NAVSEA), addressed the issue before the Metal Trades Department Conference in November. He said the shipbuilding industrial base is already “fragile.” Skilled workers and shipbuilding expertise are stretched thin — without the capability to quickly ramp up in the event of additional national security threats.

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“In terms of all the things that could go wrong around the world, we have to have that workforce ready, trained — and it’s already stressed,” particularly with so many seasoned workers nearing retirement age, McCoy said. “We’re down to a handful of major shipbuilders, and we’re potentially losing [the Avondale shipyard]. Suppliers are down to bare bones. So, we’re to the point where if you pull a ship out [of production] you lose a shipyard and a bunch of the supporting industrial base behind it.”

By Adm. McCoy’s estimate, the entire budget for new ships could be wiped out by cuts already in the pipeline, not to mention the additional \$600 billion cuts triggered by the super committee failure.

He summed up the dangers facing shipbuilding cutbacks this way: “The naval shipyard workforce may be — the way this country is going with [losses in] manufacturing — the last best industrial base that some future president has to call on. We really need to think about that as a nation.”

Myopic GOP pushes slash-and-burn agenda

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY carries a large share of the responsibility for the current uncertainty about the budget — and the danger of a weakened military. In their zeal to shrink government and strip public sector workers of collective bargaining rights, they have placed their partisan agenda ahead of job creation and economic recovery.

Their refusal to consider tax increases for the super rich in this country (those with incomes topping \$9.5 million annually, according to a leading sociologist) as part of a solution to the deficit crisis doomed the super committee to failure from the start. By evading compromise, the GOP has done our national defense potentially great harm. The choice between defending the super rich one percent and protecting the nation’s military was on the table. In a disgraceful and nakedly partisan choice, Republicans stood with their super rich backers.

The GOP seems to think the road to the White House and congressional majorities in 2012 can be achieved by blindly adhering to far-right doctrine. Just as the Defense Department cannot

sustain massive budget cuts without subsequent job loss, neither can other sectors of our government be slashed without eliminating jobs. To blame Pres. Obama for a high unemployment rate while simultaneously destroying jobs through severe austerity measures is underhanded and clearly not in the best interest of the nation.

Other nations expand maritime assets; U.S. lags behind

WHILE THE U.S. maritime industry has shrunk through the years, other countries are investing heavily in their ships, ports, and shipbuilding capabilities. Canada recently announced \$32 billion in contracts to build warships and noncombatant vessels over a 20-year period, with the investment to be shared between their east coast and west coast shipyards. The kind of certainty and forward planning inherent in their program would allow the country’s primary yards to add thousands of new jobs while contributing to a sustainable and modern industry, and also enable the Canadian government to save money through economies of scale and standardized production methods.

Meanwhile, Japan, South Korea, and China have become powerhouses of maritime might, far surpassing the United States in shipbuilding. The primary U.S. naval shipyards continually struggle to build enough ships to achieve economies of scale. Without a stable and predictable work outlook, keeping a highly skilled U.S. shipbuilding workforce is extremely difficult.

It is disturbing that while China has undertaken a massive build-up of its combat fleet, including a growing submarine force and modern surface combatants, the U.S. naval fleet hovers near historic lows — and now faces further cuts. The Navy’s practice of leasing foreign-built ships exacerbates the problem. If we are short of those ships, we need to build them in U.S. shipyards, creating good-paying jobs and boosting the economy. Northrop Grumman’s announced closing of a major shipyard, Avondale in Louisiana, with the loss of 5,000 jobs, should send alarm bells sounding across the country.

It is also disturbing that, against the wishes of organized labor, Washington



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pushed through three more free trade deals, with South Korea, Colombia, and Panama last October. Nearly all (97 percent) of the goods flowing between the United States and other countries is carried by foreign ships. Signing free trade agreements with three more countries will be good for foreign commercial fleet owners but will have little or no positive impact for America’s minimal trans-ocean shipping fleets.

Expanding maritime industry would strengthen economy

IF THE UNITED STATES had the will and the vision, it could re-build the nation’s maritime strength — in warships, commercial carriers, and shipyards and related industries. A substantial investment would yield positive results in job creation and economic growth.

A paper submitted to the Naval Post-Graduate School last year by Navy Lt. Nicholas Meyers, titled “An Economic Analysis of Investment in the United States Shipbuilding Industry,” concluded that “increased investments in shipbuilding and repairing can provide a timely and substantial return and should be part of the next effort to provide economic stimulus. Congress may be confident that [authorizing \$20 billion annually from fiscal year 2011 through 2015] will provide a healthy benefit in job growth throughout 49 states, as well as about \$3.35 billion in increased total economic activity for each \$1 billion invested.”

A \$3.35 return on each \$1 invested certainly makes good economic sense. Unfortunately, Mr. Meyers’ suggestion is not likely to be followed anytime soon. The Republican Party is too busy looking for ways to slash the national budget, burn the programs that improve and secure the lives of ordinary citizens, and destroy the effectiveness of our government. All this so their rich benefactors — individuals and multinational corporations alike — don’t have to endure “excessive” regulatory oversight or pay a fairer share of taxes on their gluttonous incomes and profits earned through special interest tax loopholes. ▣