



# *Local Lodge S6 Leadership Connection Proudly Serving Our Membership 12/8/23*



## **Baileyville Workers Ratify Contract, Ending Strike**

After 6 weeks of being out on strike, the members of IAM Local 1490, Millwrights Local 1121, and SEIU Local 330-3 have ratified a collective bargaining agreement with Woodland Pulp. The company came back to the table with union proposed language just a day after the Baileyville Police and Washington County Sheriff's department came to the picket line and arrested 1 member of Local 1490 and 3 members of Local S6. We maintain that these arrests were wrongful and believe the charges will be overturned. Our picketing members were on public land when they were arrested for criminal trespassing. We want to commend Eric Severy, Adam Bowen, and Marc Lindvall for holding the line while under the threat of arrest. While many of our members assumed the same risk, these three were arrested in an attempt to scare the rest of the picketers. Fortunately, the tactic did not work. We did not back down. Union leadership continued to explain that we were engaging in protected activity and were not in violation of the law. The picket line held and the police left the scene.

The CBA gave general wage increases of 4%, 3%, and 3% over the life of the contract, with an option for journeymen maintenance employees to be placed in a new classification to receive a 11.6% immediate wage increase. They also received an increase to their vacation time and paid sick leave. We wish our brothers and sisters well as they move forward with their new contract. It is great to see what is possible when we stand together for each other's benefit.





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### Absenteeism Policy

If any member has not received all three forms of notification when written up for Absenteeism, they should reach out to their shop steward. The Company needs to mail a letter to the address on file, send a text to the number on file, and email the FLS who should notify the mechanic as soon as possible. Remember, it is every member's responsibility to make sure their information is up to date with the company. If the Company fails to follow the contract by appropriately notifying the membership, we will do everything we can to make things whole.

### Bag Checks on The Rise

The Company has recently increased the amount of bag checks when entering the shipyard. Please be aware of what's in your bag/on your person when entering the shipyard. A quick double-check never hurt.

### Toys For Tots

Toys for Tots was a massive success this year. You donated a massive number of toys for children of various ages. You also donated nearly \$12,000! This is something we can all be proud of. Thank you for supporting this wonderful program and bringing joy to thousands of Maine children.

### Wreaths Across America

Wreaths Across America is a non-profit organization with the goal of honoring our service members by placing a wreath at the headstones of veterans. In 2022, Wreaths Across America and its national network of volunteers placed more than 2.7 million sponsored veterans' wreaths on the headstones of our nation's service members at 3,702 participating locations.

The Local S6 Veterans Committee is looking for volunteers for a couple of upcoming events related to this group. On Sunday 12/10/23 at Noon they are looking for volunteers to walk in the first-ever Wreaths Across America parade in Belfast. On 12/16/23 they are looking for volunteers to lay wreaths on headstones at the Central Maine Veterans Cemetery in Augusta for Wreaths Across America Day. If anyone is interested in volunteering for these events, please reach out to Brandt McCollet with the Veterans Committee or call the hall at 207-442-2063.

### Rosie the Riveter Celebration

The annual Rosie the Riveter Celebration will be taking place on January 12, 2024, at J.R. Maxwell & CO- 22 Front St, Bath, ME 04530- downstairs in the Boatbuilders Pub, from 11:30 AM till 4:00 PM. This event is being organized by the Local Lodge S6 Womens Committee.

### General Membership Meeting: 12/16/23

The next General Membership Meeting is next Saturday, 12/16/23. The meeting starts at 9:30 AM at the Bath Area Senior Center, 45 Floral Street, Bath, ME, 04530. Come join us, this is the membership's opportunity to participate in Union business.

*In Solidarity, Local S6 Leadership*

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