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**New Trustee Appointed by Executive Board**

Thank you to Marc Lindvall for accepting the position of Trustee. Marc is a 36-year mechanic out of Hardings with decades of experience doing union business. He spent 8 years as an Insulator Steward, 10 years on the Safety Committee, and was on the 2015 and 2023 Negotiating Committees. We are happy to have him as part of the team here at the hall.

**Local S6 Committee Openings**

The Legislative, Safety, Education, Womens, and Young Machinists Committees are looking for volunteers to fill vacancies. If you are interested in getting involved with one of these committees please call the union hall, 207-442-2063, and ask for Ray Orff.

**No Report**

Employees are required to report an absence through the call-in process within one hour of the start of shift. If you do not call-in on time, you will still be able to choose whether you want to use CTO or PB, but you may be subject to discipline for a No Report. No Reports start with a formal counseling but can progress to further discipline. Please reach out to your steward with any questions.

**Return Welding Wire to Tool Crib**

It is important to bring your welding wire back to the tool crib by the end of your shift every day. Leaving wire in a toolbox, locker, or in a wire feeder is considered improper storage and Navy standards require that wire stored in such a way be disposed of. Management has been on the lookout for improperly stored welding wire and may attempt to discipline those not following this policy.

**This Week in Labor History**

January 21, 1946 - The 1946 US steel strike started after failed negotiations. It lasted several months and included 750,000 steel workers of the United Steelworkers union. It was a part of a larger wave of labor disputes, known as the US strike wave of 1945–1946 after the end of World War II, and remains the largest strike in US history. The strike ended after the steel industry agreed to a wage increase of 18 1/2 ¢ an hour for steel workers in individual agreements.

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**DECH Nurses Rally in Machias**

Friday, Jan 26, 3:30pm - 4:30pm - 97 Main St. in Machias

Saturday, Jan 27, 11am - 12pm - Bad Little Falls Bridge in Machias

Nurses and technicians with the Maine State Nurses Association at Down East Community Hospital in Machias are rallying for patient safety and a fair contract. The nurses are struggling to provide optimal care to their patients because of a lack of staffing in the facility. They would like the hospital to bring on more employees to guarantee the safety of the patients and staff alike. MSNA workers have been in negotiations since September 2023 and would appreciate support for their rallies this weekend.

**IAM Veterans Services Coordinator Appointed to VA Committee**

IAM Veterans Services Coordinator Rich Evans has been appointed as a Special Government Employee to serve as a member of the Department of Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation. Evans, a Navy veteran, has a proven track record of advocating for veterans’ rights. His advocacy has led to \$1.2 million in VA back pay for IAM veterans in addition to contributing to a better understanding of the intricacies of disabilities arising from military service. “I’m honored to accept this appointment and sit next to fellow advocates, as well as doctors and experts, to make sure our government is doing right by the people who have served our country.”, said Evans. We congratulate him on his success and we're glad to see our members taking positions to further improve working class lives.

**Know Your Rights, Call your Steward**

Safety Engineers are telling mechanics that they will not be disciplined as a result of their safety investigations. On the contrary, Labor Relations has been using Safety Engineer reports as evidence to discipline members, with some safety reports actually recommending a mechanic be disciplined. Safety Inspectors are Local S6 Members, but Safety Engineers are not.

All members have the right to request union representation during investigatory interviews. At any point in the conversation, you can ask for a representative, but should do so before you answer any questions. If your request is refused and management continues to ask questions, you may refuse to answer. Don’t hesitate to reach out for help, don’t allow yourself to be tricked or coerced into having conversations without a representative.

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