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#### Our Editorial Policy

To Our Readers: This publication is the voice of your local and international union, and it is our main vehicle for bringing you the views and actions of the leaders you elected. The publication is also the voice of the membership, and we welcome articles from UAW members. All articles should contribute positively to the welfare of this union and its members. We will accept no attacks on any union leader or member. We reserve the right to edit letters to the editor for length.

### Holidays 2023

April 7th

May 29th

July 3rd and 4th

September 4th

November 10th, 23rd,

and 24th

December 25th and

26th

# The 4-3-4 Newsletter

# President's Report

For those Active Members looking to earn the 2023 Wellness Incentive, you will need to complete a preventative care exam (Wellness Exam) with your Primary Care Physician between September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, and August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. There is no copay for a Wellness Exam. This incentive will be paid in December of 2023.

As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, there is a \$150 Fitness Center Reimbursement available to all Active Members. To receive this reimbursement, you need to login to <a href="https://www.yourbenefitsresources.com/deere">www.yourbenefitsresources.com/deere</a> and click the link for "Reimbursement Accounts". Then click on the "Fitness Center Reimbursement" link then, click the "Transactions" link and follow the instructions to submit your receipt or documentation for reimbursement.

As I stated last month, we are still having issues with the voicemail service at the Union Hall. If you are having an issue with your benefits or have a concern that you need to speak with me about, please the call the Hall Monday – Friday 7:30a – 4:00p. If I do not answer, please try calling back at another time. If you leave a voicemail, I am unable to retrieve them currently. I apologize for the inconvenience; I am just as frustrated with the situation as all of you.

In Solidarity, Brian Moens President

Greetings. Allow me to introduce myself, Vince Nylin, I'm a X-13 at Cylinder (3rd floor test lab), and I am assuming the Chairmanship of the Veterans Committee. I served as a Gunners Mate in the US Navy and retired with 20 years of service. I had the pleasure of Shipboard, SEABEE, Naval Special Warfare, and Instructor tours, loved them all. I'm honored to take over from JP and want to thank him for all the good work he's done as a Committee Chairman. If you have any ideas for the committee, or would like to join, please contact me or any of the membership.

With that out of the way, March is a very historic month for both veterans and our nation. A few of the highlights:

March 5th, 1770 was one of battles over taxation of tea in Boston that led to the revolution from Britian. March 27th, 1794, Congress authorized the building of the Navy's first seven Frigates. March 1st, 1961, John F. Kennedy established the Peace Corps. March 13th is K9 Veterans Day honoring the 4-legged veterans that have served. March 19th, 1941, the 99th Pursuit Squadron, which would become the Tuskegee Airmen was stood up. March 21st is Rosie the Riveter Day a salute to all women who have not only served but stepped up and supported the war efforts., March 25th is Medal of Honor Day.

I would like to bring special attention to March 29th. That is Vietnam Veterans Day which was finally established by the Recognition Act of 2017. We are losing our Vietnam veterans at a frightening rate. These folks not only fought a hellish war, but they got no thanks on their return home. If they made it home. I would ask that if you know a Vietnam Veteran, give them a kind word. You can also support the honor flights, the USO, and other veteran groups. They're all doing good work.

Chairman Veterans Committee

Vincent Nylin

## Safety Report YTD

Seeding
First Aid 26
OSHA 4
Near Miss 60 10 open

Cylinder
First Aid 9
OSHA 4
Near Miss 18 3 open

# UAW Local 434 Newsletter

This months Union meeting is Sunday,

March 19, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

COME TO A
MEETING!

E-board meeting at 7:45 A.M. and Steward Council at 9:00 A.M.

Next months meeting is April 16, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.



# ATTENTION 434 RETIREES

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Lunch starts at noon and doors open at 10 if you want to come early and catch up! Call for your reservation by Noon Monday prior to the meeting.

Cost is \$7.00 per person. Bob Buller at 309-738-3740



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Made in America Store: Did you know the "Made in America" stamp can be put on any product that consists of 50% foreign material. At the Made in America store the 50/50 products don't fly. They only sell products that are 100% American made. Visit their website www.SaveOurCountryFirst.com

Spring is fast upon us and with it the Municipal election April 4<sup>th</sup> 2023. Your UAW QC Area CAP council has endorsed several Labor friendly candidates this cycle. In Moline for City Council Abdur Razzaque Ward 3, Jessica Finch Ward 5 and Anna Castro Ward 7. In East Moline City Council Jeff Deppe Ward 2 and East Moline School Board Evelyn Gay. For a more extensive list of Labor friendly candidate in both Illinois and Iowa please check <a href="https://www.quadcityfed.com/political-legislative/">www.quadcityfed.com/political-legislative/</a>.

### Passing's:

Robert "Bob" Lester

69 of Rock Island, IL

02/28/53 to 02/01/23



Be safe if you decide to celebrate.

### Important Telephone Numbers

Local 434 Union Office 1-309-755-5046 434 Committee Office 1-309-765-7077 or 1-309-765-7088 MetLife Legal Service 1-800-821-6400 Mental Health or Chemical

Dependency/United Behavioral Services 1-800-867-6758 Fidelity Investment 1-800-354-3427

Deere Direct 1-888-432-3373
United Healthcare 1-888-533-3731
You can create an account
www.myuhc.com

Benefits Center 1-844-689-7833 www.yourbenefitsresources.com/deere

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### Retiree's monthly lunch menu

April is Pork Chop, May is Roast Beef, June is Chicken, July is Swiss Steak