PARTS DEPOTS UNITS



Frank Fabrizio, President

SUCCESSFUL JOINT CONFERENCE

This year the UAW-Ford Conference was held during the week of March 20th. The theme for this year's conference was "Back to Basics." This conference provided a unique opportunity for all elected and appointed UAW representatives to discuss issues and concerns that affect the membership that we represent. The UAW Representatives and their Company counterparts from Benefits, Health & Safety, Job Security, Quality, ESSP, Education, and the Joint Apprenticeship Committee, along with your elected representatives, participated in their respective training sessions and found them to be both informative and beneficial. A successful conference doesn't just happen by luck. This conference was successful due to the dedication, commitment, and hard work from Gerald Bantom and his entire staff at the UAW National Ford Department. Thanks to all of you for providing such a well-planned and informative conference.

HONOR OUR VETERANS

On May 26th, as we enjoy the Memorial Day holiday with our families and friends, let us pause to give thanks and remember the people who have served this Country and those, and their families, who are serving our Country today to protect the freedoms that we enjoy.

ABSENCE OF ANSWERS

The Parts and Service Division of Ford Motor Company keeps shooting itself in the foot. Never have so many been led by so few, with no idea where they are going or how they are going to get there. An example of this is the redeployment of the PDC's, or the "Phoenix" project. Dates change, location sites are changed, numbers go up and down, and so on. I am amazed that this division actually gets anything accomplished.

During one conference call, the question was asked about how tall the flag poles were at the new PDC's. There was at least a 15 minute discussion about this "hot item," but when asked when they were going to open, where they were located, and how many people were needed to staff them, no one had a real answer. This division has a self-fulfilling formula for failure.

UNIT PICNIC

Remember to mark your calendar this June for our Unit Picnic. More details will be posted in the plants on the location, date, time, and events.

CONDOLENCES

It is with great sadness that I must report that Doug Short, an active worker at DPDC, and Robert Nowc, a retiree from NPDC, have passed away. The Committee and I express our deepest condolences to their families. Doug and Robert will be missed by all of us.