

Machinists Salute Pearl Harbor Survivors

More than 60 San Diego-area veterans were able to travel to Hawaii for the 65th reunion of Pearl Harbor survivors with help from members of IAM District 725.

District 725, its affiliated Local Lodges and area employers raised more than \$17,000 to make sure every veteran who was well enough to make the trip could go.

The San Diego group included 97 year-old John Finn, who helped organize the trip. Finn was the first Medal of Honor winner for gallantry in World War II.

The annual reunion honors veterans of the fateful day, December 7, 1941, when the U.S. naval installation at Pearl Harbor was attacked by the Japanese Imperial Navy.

More than 2,400 Americans were killed, the Navy's Pacific Fleet severely damaged and it marked America's entrance into the Second World War.

Donations from area IAM members allowed veterans from San Diego, CA, including Medal of Honor winner John Finn, center, to attend the 65th reunion of Pearl Harbor survivors.



Photo by Veterans Journal

IAM Featured On Wheel of Fortune

To showcase the pride and skill of Machinists union members, the IAM is sharing sponsorship of *Wheel of Fortune* TV episodes later this

year. Not only will contestants compete to win some products manufactured by IAM members, but up to 47 million viewers per week will learn about the Machinists union through a series of commercials that will air periodically.

Look for IAM spots and products on shows aired between April 23 and May 18

and then again from August 27 through September 7 (including Labor Day). Check your local listings for program times as air dates draw nearer.

"We want America to know about the Machinists union and the products our members proudly manufacture," said IP Tom Buffenbarger. "As the number-one syndicated show in America, *Wheel of Fortune* is a great way to get our message out about the Machinists union and the benefits of union membership."



Look for IAM products and commercials appearing periodically on Wheel of Fortune this Spring and Fall.

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Subscribers can also take action on important legislative issues and watch "Machinists News Network" videos on YouTube. To sign up for *iMail*, go to www.goiam.org, and click on *iMail*.

Once you subscribe, a link to the current *iMail* will be sent directly to your email address on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you're already a subscriber, tell your co-workers to sign up, too.

Miss Georgia Winner Hails From IAM Family

At the 2007 Miss USA pageant in Los Angeles in March, Brittany Swann, the daughter of Local 709 member Ray Swann in Fayetteville, GA will be representing the Peach State.

If she wins the Miss USA title, Swann will represent the U.S. in the Miss Universe contest.

Swann is a senior at Georgia State University. She is an honor student majoring in marketing and management. Swann also does extensive volunteer work with youth organizations and the Susan G. Komen Foundation to promote breast cancer awareness.

"We're proud of Brittany and happy that at least one of the contestants for Miss USA hails from a union family," said Ray Swann.

Local 709 member Ray Swann, left, and his wife Deborah with their daughter Brittany, center, who won the Miss Georgia title and will compete in the Miss USA pageant in March, 2007.



IAM Scholarship Deadline Feb. 23

Each year the IAM scholarship program helps many IAM members and children of IAM members complete a four-year college degree or two-year technical/vocational program. IAM Scholarship applications must be postmarked no later than February 23, 2007.

For application information and eligibility rules, go to:

www.goiam.org/iamscholarship
or call 301-967-4708