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# LOCAL LODGE 774

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## 2020 Quickly Approaches

**The Collective Bargaining Agreement between  
Textron Aviation and IAM LL774 Expires on  
September 20, 2020**

*We are the determining factor for what wages and benefits will be like in the next generation.* The bargaining unit at Textron Aviation has sadly spent the last five years suffering with health insurance plans that some would say isn't insurance at all. There are a magnitude of costs to employee's for a basic human need, including a penalty's for employee's who have a spouse that is offered a healthcare plan through their own employer.

Everyone has been affected, from the younger employees who may be just starting a family, to the older employees beginning to encounter health issues. We need a decent health care plan! To add insult to injury, your charged premiums on coverage that doesn't cover anything until you've spent thousands of dollars. Incidentally, it

lowers wages, and quality of life. Consider this, when one (1) employee out of 6,000 employee's goes to the company asking for a change versus 6,000 employee's going to the company asking for change, each scenario will warrant a much different outcome. You, nor I alone have the power to make the changes we need in our agreement in 2020. Together we will have the power!

The District and Local Lodge leadership urge you to be involved in your union. Make your future a priority! It could be the difference between life and death in the case of health insurance.

Had George Washington stood alone against Great Britain, the end of his story would have been much different. Most likely, he would have been swinging from a near-by branch. Rather, 12 of the 13 colonies voted to

adopt a resolution for independence. Now, America is a union of 50 states.

### YOU CAN MAKE IT

The main thing for people to remember is that you can make it by placing honor, integrity, family, friends, co-workers and a better future, first.

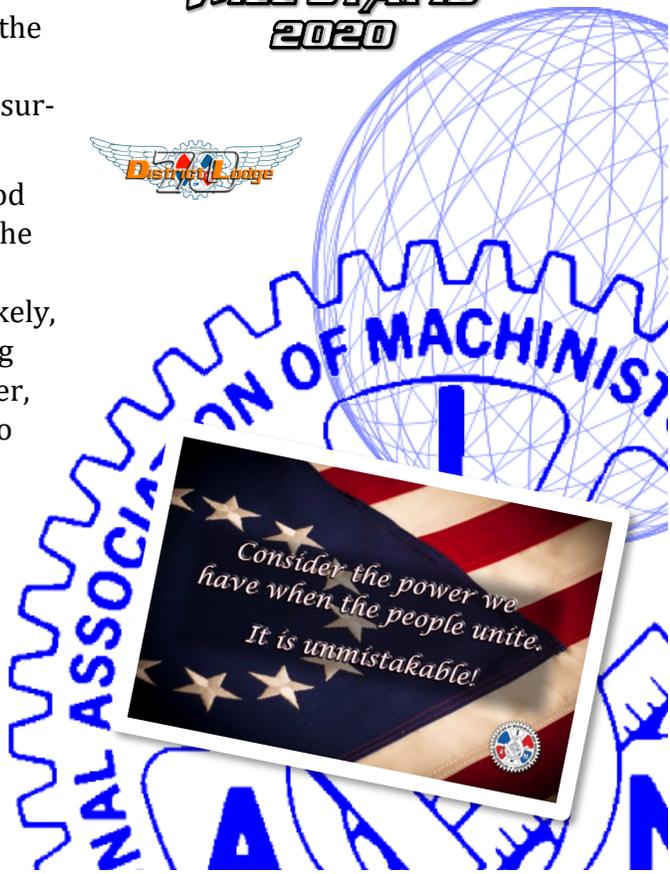
Be positive with your co-workers. Do not hesitate to tell your managers that you are willing to do whatever it takes (including striking) to obtain a fair contract. Crew meetings, breaks and lunch periods provide an excellent forum to share your views and demonstrate solidarity.

**UNDIVIDED We  
WILL STAND  
2020**



*"The next generation will not commend us for what we have accomplished, but condemn us for what we failed to do."*

Author Unknown



# LOCAL NEWS

Local Lodge 774, Recording Secretary has submitted a letter of resignation to the Executive Board.

“Sharon Jones has been our Recording Secretary for 6+ years, and I thank her for all she has done through-out her years of service to this membership. Sharon, you will be missed, and as President, I understand your decision to step down. Thanks again and I wish you the best in whatever life brings you,” said Local Lodge President Brian Alexander. “I congratulate Wendy Brooks for accepting the appointed position as Recording Secretary for the remainder of the term.

I believe Wendy will do a great job over the next several months until we complete the officer nominations and elections scheduled for this year. Wendy has been very active in a variety of union positions at Textron Aviation. Please, everyone welcome Wendy and support her in this new position.”

Wendy is the Shop Steward and Safety Advocate in Department 132. She is a 22+ year member and works as an Avionics Tech on the CJ4 product line. Wendy says she is looking forward to the opportunity, to learn and to do a good job!

*Article by Scott Gardner*



More than 2,500 Machinists Union members identify as veterans. The IAM’s Veterans Service Program brings them together across the United States and Canada through local committees.

If you’re a member who wants to submit your contact information, please do so at:

**[WWW.D70IAM.ORG](http://WWW.D70IAM.ORG)**

**It’s coming, be ready!**



Look us up on the web! We are continually making upgrades to the web page in an effort to make it a hub of the latest Local and International IAM information and communication. In addition, we’ve added pertinent and relevant links for your convenience. Look for the “Members Only” area, coming soon.

**NEXT MEETING:**  
**Saturday, February 16,**  
**2019**

**Machinists Hall - 3830 S. Meridian**  
**Wichita, Kansas 67217**

**Executive Board Mtg. @ 8:30 AM**  
**Regular Mtg. @ 10:00 AM**

**IAM MEMBER CONTACT UPDATE FORM**

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