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Director's Letter

My Fellow Retirees . . .

Mike Tutrone

The TWU Local 100 Retiree Association membership is now officially over 7,000 members, and is continuing to grow. We strive to provide a vital service for retirees. In this edition, we are starting a letter section. We welcome your feedback, so send us your letters both pro and con. Send us your ideas and we will put them to good use. Below are some items that I hope you will find of interest:

- ✓ The Political Action Committee is moving forward in typical retiree fashion, slow and easy. You can expect a mailer in the next month or so from them.
- ✓ The Veteran theme of this edition will carry on into the Fall edition, if the pictures keep coming in.
- ✓ Reminder—All of our New York State members are automatically enrolled into the New York State Alliance of Retired Americans. If you are on the internet and are not getting their weekly update, give us a call and we will get it corrected.
- ✓ MEDICARE PART B Reimbursements. As hard as we have tried to reach out to inform everyone on Medicare that they are entitled to a level of reimbursement, we still get calls from retirees asking about the reimbursement. So, if you know a fellow transit retiree on Medicare, ask them if they are getting their reimbursement (see the Medicare comparison page in this edition for details).
- ✓ Vietnam Veterans should be aware that the Agent Orange/Dioxin Children's Healthcare bill (S.901) was

passed on December 16, 2016 and is now law. For further information, you should contact the Veterans Administration to get the VA form 21-0304 to register children and grandchildren. It will most likely be denied in full Veterans Administration fashion and then be archived. As the VA moves forward on bill S.901, those archived registrations will be revisited.

Our promise to you is that we will try to bring you the latest information on issues that will affect you and offer you ways to join us in defending vital programs.

Enjoy the summer!

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Retirement & Social Security Law

By Norman Rosenfeld Pension Consultant

Paying Off a Tier-4 Loan After Retirement

Of course, it would've been better to retire without a pension loan outstanding at the



time of retirement. If, for whatever reason you could not pay back your pension loan prior to retiring, two things happened. Number One, the outstanding loan amount is considered a distribution and an IRS form 1099 was issued by your retirement system (NYC-ERS or MaBSTOA) in the January following your retirement. This amount should've been added to your other income and taxes paid on the distribution. Secondly, in addition to paying the applicable taxes, your retirement allowance was actuarially reduced for the rest of your life. Many retirees have called me staying "Mr. Rosenfeld, I think I paid back my pension loan, when will my pension be revised?" The answer is NEVER!!

Chapter 511 of the Laws of 2005 permit a retiree who retired with an outstanding loan to repay the full amount that was outstanding at the time of retirement and get an upward revision in their pension from that point on. There is no retroactive increase. This is important to understand because if you've been retired for many years, it may not pay to repay the pension loan. Other things to consider is if you pay back your loan are the amended tax returns that may have to be filed. A Certified Public Accountant should be consulted regarding this.

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Dear Mike (Tutrone):

This is just to say thank you to all my fraternal brothers and sisters of the greatest union in the world, Local 100 of MaB-STOA. All the greatest people anyone would be proud to be a part of, working brothers



and sisters of NYCT. Also, thank you very much for my beautiful TWU hat, that I'm very proud of anytime I wear it. God continue to bless MaBSTOA and all its great people. I love and miss you guys til the end of the end.

Your faithful fraternal brother.

Olsen P. Louis

Valdosta, GA

Dear Mike and Staff:

These few lines are to express my gratitude for the total dedication you've all given to all the members of the Retirees Association through the years. I wish you all the best of God's blessings, and thank you for your service.

Joe Kotz

Mike (Tutrone):

Hope all is well with you and yours. Say "hi" to all. It's been a great ride with a great union.

Sonny Hall

Retired Local 100 and International President Bronx, NY

Dear Retirees Association:

My father, Leo Kwiatkowski, passed away recently. He was a proud union member and was proud to part of the TWU Local 100 Retirees Association for almost 30 years. He always said how lucky he was to have a union to support transport workers. Thank you for all you efforts for these hard working men and women. Sincerely.

Darlene DiCicco

Retirees staff:

I want to thank you for all you are doing for us. It's a privilege to belong to this organization. I'm 80 and still kicking.

Juan Kortright

Bronx, NY

Retirees Association:

We are most grateful for your previous thoughtful gifts. Remembering us in your mailing list with much appreciation. Safe, health and happiness to all.

Frank Joe

Boca Raton, FL

Interviews with Retirees a Focus of Documentary

Producer Crafting Film of TWU Founder Mike Quill

TWU founder Michael J. Quill will be the focus of the upcoming feature length documentary "Which Side Are You On?" by award winning filmmaker, Macdara Vallely. Vallely hails from the north of Ireland and now lives in the Bronx. TWU Local 100, the TWU International Union and the TWU Retirees Association are supporting its production. We recently sat down with Vallely to discuss "Which Side Are You On?" and to learn more about how he's making this important documentary.

Macdara, what inspired you to make this film?

I have a family connection to Mike's story. I am related through marriage to Monsignor Owen Rice who was a life long friend and supporter and actually officiated at Mike's funeral service in St. Patrick's Cathedral back in 1966.

Mike was such a great character – savvy, pugnacious, funny, with a really big heart. You literally couldn't make him up. He was one of the great unsung heroes in American history and his story – which hasn't been told – is incredibly relevant to what's going on in the world today.

More than anything though, it's such a dramatic story, the way Mike literally fought to his death to protect the rights of TWU members.

Where does the title come from?

According to Pete Seeger, who sang it at Mike's funeral, Which Side Are You On? was one of Mike's favorite songs. The song is about a bloody union war in Harlan County Ken-

tucky, and it's fantastic. For me it sums up Mike's no com-

Anyone who wants to get involved and be a part of bringing Mike's story to the widest pos-

There, you can see our video trailer, order an advance copy of the DVD or download, and/or

sible audience can make a donation throught the film's website mikequillfilm.com

Filmmaker Macdara Vallely speaking about the Quill documentary at the TWU Convention in 2017

A young Mike Quill speaks at a workers rally outside the Holland Tunnel, circa 1941.

Tell us about the interviews you did with the retirees

Well, my approach has been a bit like the Band of Brothers TV series, if you've seen that. The retirees I spoke with describe unbelievably bad working conditions that they and their fathers before them had to endure – split shifts, gruesome workplace accidents and terrible pensions that forced men to work until they dropped dead. It kind of makes you understand why they loved Mike so much – he got rid of a lot

of that.

I loved talking with Salvatore Montanino, who went out to strike in 1966. He's still up there working at the 207th St. shop, and he told me about the intimidation some of the

strikers felt from members of the public. One woman threatened to throw acid on them!

But there are also really touching human moments, like when Bill Quinn told me the story about his parents dancing in their kitchen after the TWU leadership negotiated a contract in the 1930s that not only gave them a raise but also two weeks paid vacation.

promise approach to his life's work – you were either with the working people or you were against them.

How are you telling the story?

make a tax deductible donation to the project.

I want to keep it as real as possible, so I am telling it through the words of retired rank and file TWU members who knew Quill personally. I've already interviewed over 30 of them and have more interviews planned in the months to follow. I'm also making Mike's own voice central to the film. Since the 1930's, the union has created compelling films and stories so its voice could be heard. All that has been preserved. It's incredible stuff – footage of Mike and of TWU members at work, at play and on the picket line. My favorite film is from the 1940's – an event run by the TWU to raise money for American forces fighting in World War II. You see men and women of all colors and ethnicities enjoying a day out in the Bronx laughing and dancing. They're like a family coming together at a time of real national need.

The film will also have dramatic reconstructions of key moments in the Mike's life - fighting against the British in the Irish War of Independence; going up against the KKK in Philly in 1944 and his imprisonment and death in 1966.

When will the film be finished?

We've created a fifteen minute teaser and we're currently raising money to finish shooting and complete production. We're planning to have the film finished in late 2019, but the exact date all depends on funding.

Getting this film financed has been a tough road. I've had the door slammed in my face a few times from corporate TV types. I suppose it's not in their interest to have Mike's story told, which is probably why we don't hear stories about working people's struggles in this country.

The TWU knows how important Quill was. In the current climate of unions being attacked, this film has the potential to be a call to action, highlighting the labor movement's heroic story. We all should look forward to seeing the final product.



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Get yourself checked out at one of 4 strategically located Medical Clinics of Mt. Sinai Hospital Occupational Health Clinics. They accept Medicare and Medicaid and your health insurance. When you call for a checkup appointment tell them your from TWU Local 100. [By the way if you are in New Jersey and Pennsylvania you can use these clinics]. We are working on a Florida location.

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The TWU Local 100 Retirees Association sent out a postcard some months back asking members who had served in the U.S. Military to send in a photo from back in the day in the military and from today as a retiree. Wow, what a response. So, as our nation celebrates its freedom this July 4th, we say to all our military veterans, loud and clear, "Thank You for Your Service."





Leila "Wendy" Richardson Wendy volunteered for service to her country at the age of 30, serving in the U.S. Army on active duty from 1985-1988 and then in the Reserves until 1992. She worked for Transit for 25 years as a Station Agent,



Robert was drafted in September 1969 by the U.S. Army. He served for two years until honorably discharged after serving as a heavy vehicle driver at Fort Richardson in Anchorage, Alaska. He went to work for the old Steinway Transit Co. in Queens right after the military. He drove a bus for Steinway, then Queens Surface Corp. and finally MTA Bus before retiring in 2009.



Robert Carter





Robert Gatley Vietnam War Veteran Robert Gately, served in the U.S. Army from 1966-1969 in the 223rd Combat S upport Aviation Battalion, 18th Aviation Company. He worked for Transit as a RR Stock Handler and Conductor on the N Line. He retired in 2011.



Conductor and Train Operator.



Arthur M. Denaro Arthur served his country in the U.S. Army in Vietnam from 1968-1969. He worked as a Car Maintainer from 1980 until retirement in 2010. He lives on Staten Island.



Robert McKee

Robert, a retired Track Inspector, volunteered for the Marine Corp. at 17 with his mother's consent. He served from 1966-1968 when he was wounded in combat in Vietnam. He received a Purple Heart and an honorable discharge. He worked in the Track Department from 1970 to retirement in 1998. He's enjoying retirement in Virginia Beach, VA.



Robert Voelsing

Bob is a wounded veteran of the Vietnam War. He was hit by a bullet in the hip and received a shrapnel wound to the left forehead. He spent nearly 22 years on active duty and in the reserves, as well as 28 vears as a MABSTOA Bus Operator. He received a host of medals, including the New York State Conspicuous Service Cross. Bob was also a bass drummer in the Transit Pride Pipes and Drums band.













Rafael Rivera

Born in 1933, Raphael was drafted at the age of 19 into the U.S. Army and fought for his country in the Korean War. He became a Bus Operator in 1973 and worked until retirement in 1996. His nephew, Frank Alvarez, sent in the photos.

Bill Cotov

Bill joined the U.S. Navy at the age of 18 during the Korean War. He was deployed on the Destroyer, USS Dashiell and served in combat sea operations during the conflict. Bill and his wife, Patricia, remain "proud members of the Retiree Association." He was a MABSTOA Division 1 Bus Operator and served as an elected member of the Local 100 Executive Board. "If you live in a safe country, thank our veterans," said Brother Cotov. "If you have a secure job, health benefits and pension, thank your union."

Frank P. Neglia

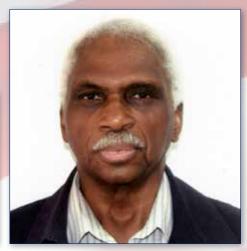
Frank served in Vietnam in the U.S. Army from 1966-1969. "I love our nation, my union, TWU Local 100 and the job with Queens Transit from 1972 to 2002," said Frank, who is enjoying retirement in Whitestone, NY. He's 75 years old.











Norman Rosenfeld

Norman, who is our Pension Consultant as part of the Retirees Association staff, served in the U.S. Navy beginning in 1968. He served on the aircraft carrier, USS Lexington.

John De Dona

John served in the U.S. Navy as an Electrician Mate from 1966 to 1970. After being discharged from the Navy, John joined NYCT in 1971 as a Signal Maintainers. He worked in the IRT Division, signals section, and in the Repair and Renewal Section.

Donald Henton

Donald did two tours of duty in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged before joining transit. He drove a bus for 27 years, and received numerous safe driving awards along the way. Brother Henton is devoted to community service in his Queens neighborhood and is president of his local Democratic organization.





















Mike Tutrone

Our TWU Local 100 Retirees Association Director, Mike Tutrone. is als a veteran of the U.S. Air Force from 1961-1965. Mike worked as a Heavy Equipment Operator in the Field Maintenance and Motor Pool in Wetherfield, England and George Air Force Base in Southern California. After leaving the military, Mike drove a bus for MABSTOA and served in various union offices, including Division 1 Chair from 1973 to 2007.

Charles Featherstone

Charles is a veteran of the U.S Navy serving on active duty from 1982 to 1986 and in the U.S. Naval Reserve from 1986 to 1990. He served in two major deployments to the Atlantic and Mediterranean and received the Naval Expeditionary Medal and other awards. He joined transit in 1989 as a Car Maintainer trainee and was promoted to Road Car Inspector after 18 months. He retired in 2011 with 22 years of service.

Herbert Lassiter

Herbert served in the U.S. Army from 1963-1965 and was stationed in Korea after basic training and Radio School in Fort Knox, KY where he learned Morse Code. He worked as a MABSTOA Bus Operator out of the 146th St. Depot (now Mother Clara Hale) from 1971 to 1995. After retirement, he moved from the Bronx back home to North Carolina. "I worked with some great guys; our friendship continues today. Every driver feels he can write a book about the life of a bus driver in New York City."









George Pierce

George was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1970. He did his basic training at Fort Dix and additional training in communications at Fort Monroe in Virginia. He spent 12 months in Korea as a telephone repairman. He worked as a MAB-STOA Bus Operator for 25 years, most them at the old Hudson Depot. He retired to Greensboro, NC.

Michael J. Purcell

Michael was already working for transit as an Electrical Helper in the Signal Lighting Department before joining the U.S. Navy in 1944. He received a commendation for helping to save the life of an Officer candidate during a training accident. He was honorably discharged as a Chief Petty Officer 1st Class in June 1946. He returned to transit and worked until retirement in 1975. He's a proud member of the American Legion.

Olsen Louis

Olsen is a Korean War veteran of the U.S. Army who has been retired from on a MABSTOA pension for 22 years. Now 88, he lives in Valdosta, GA but still misses New York. "God bless all my fraternal brothers and sisters. I'll never forget your greatness to me. May God bless TWU in a great way."







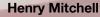






Louis A. Robles

Louis passed away in 2005, but his wife, Nelida, is still a member of the Association and sent in photos of him in the military and then later in life. He spent his retirement years in Puerto Rico.



"Mitch" served with the U.S. Army's 3rd Division Infantry in France, Germany and Austria during World War II. He was honorably discharged in 1946 at the rank of Staff Sergeant. He started as a Bus Operator with the old Surface Transportation Company (now MABSTOA Division II) in 1954 and worked 25 years, much of it on the 207th Street and Broadway to City Island-Orchard Beach run. "I made many good friends in the Bronx Division," he recalls.

Michael J. D'Alto

Michael served in the U.S. Army for three years during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged in 1954. He started working for transit as a Conductor in 1968 and retired in 1988. Much of this time, he worked on the #6 line which, he says, "I found to be a very interesting job." He now lives in Matamoras, PA.













Anselmo Rivera

Anselmo did his service time in the U.S. Army from 1961-1963. He did his basic training at Fort Dix, NJ and spend time at Fort Sill, OK and Fort Knox, KY. He worked as an ammo handler and stockade guard. He worked for transit for 20 years from 1972 to 1992. He's 80 now and lives in St. Petersburg, FL.



Bruce served in the U.S. Army for three years. He was stationed in Germany where he worked as a truck driver. He put the driving skills learned in the military to good use back in civilian life as a Bus Operator for 27 years out of the Fresh Pond Depot. He retired to Henderson, NC.

Charlie Miranda

Charlie enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1967 at the height of the Vietnam War. He was sent to signal school at Fort Monmouth, NJ and then was deployed to Vietnam where he served for a year in the First Signal Brigade. He joined transit as a Structure Maintainer 'F' in 1988 and worked as a sign painter for 21 years. "I worked on some fun projects including signs for the movie "Bonfire of the Vanities," as well as banners for the Jackie Gleason Depot and for the NYCT Bus Roadeo," he recalled with fondness.





Phillip Durante

Phillip recently celebrated his 93 birthday. He still has fond memories of his years with transit where he worked as a Conductor mostly out of the 241st Street and 180th Street terminals. He served in the U.S. Army for two years as a truck driver.



William S. Griffin

Bill joined the U.S. Army in 1964 and served for three years until being honorably discharged. He also served in the New York Army National Guard in the 369th Harlem Hellfighters from 1974 to 2004. He worked as a Bus Operator out of the East New York Depot for 35 years until retirement in 2004. He now lives in Garner, NC.



Charlie Williams

Charlie joined the U.S. Army in 1952 while still in High School. He served for three years and was honorably discharged. He requested to rejoin the Army in 1956 and served his country again until 1958. He served in Germany, Columbus, GA and Fort Jackson, SC. Charlie joined transit in 1966 as a Conductor. He worked for 25 years and retired in 1991 as a Train Operator. He now lives in Yemassee, SC.





Rafael Dominguez

Rafael was drafted into the U.S. Army a year after he had just celebrated his first wedding anniversary. He did boot camp and Morse Code training at Fort Devens, MA. He was shifted to Fort Campbell, KY during the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962. He worked as Bus Operator for 21 years until retirement in 1991. He





now lives in Powder Springs, GA.



Michael Guidicipietro

Michael served in the U.S. Army from 1955 to 1957. He worked for 20 years as a Maintainer 'A' and was very active in the union. He served as a union shop steward and on the Local 100 Executive Board during the Sonny Hall administration.



Phillip Caruana

erans Committee.

Phil is a U.S. Army veteran of two

25th Infantry Division and a proud

retiree out of Stations Department. Phil was active in the union and

served as Stations Division Recording Secretary and Vice Chair from

issues concerning military veterans,

as well as Workers Comp concerns,

and continues to serve the union on

on those areas. He is also an active

member of the TWU Local 100 Vet-

a part time basis to provide advice

2001 to 2006. He is an expert on

tours the Vietnam War as part of the







Russ Langlois

Russ was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1942 and was trained to be a combat medic and radio operator. He was deployed to Asia, and served in numerous locations including China where radio operators were in short supply. He returned home in December 1945 and a month later was hired by the old Third Avenue Railway System (now MABSTOA), where he drove a trolley and later a bus. He drove for 29 years until retirement. He says, "I enjoyed my job and I'm still enjoying the pension made possible by TWU."



Viriato Da Silva

Viriato served in the U.S. Army, receiving his basic training at Fort Dix, NJ. He was then sent to Korea where he served for two years along the DMZ in the Chorwon Valley. Years later, he and his wife, after having two of their own girls, decided to adopt a Korean girl. They also adopted a set of Korean twins and then another little girl and boy.





Willie Spigner

Willie served in the U.S. Air Force from May 1965 to October 1968. He was honorably discharged, and then served in the New York Air National Guard from 1979 to 1996. Willie and his wife, Roseann, have been married for 48 years.











Raphael Ramirez

Raphael graduated from Brooklyn Automotive High School in June 1956 and two months later joined the U.S. Navy at age 17. He served honorably until January 1960. Ion 1968 he joined transit as a Track Worker and later as a Maintainer. He retired in 1989. He also served in the U.S. Naval Reserves from 1975 to 1997.



Ezell Turner is a man of few words (written anyway). He sent these two photos, one from his days in the U.S. Navy and the other a recent pix in retirement in Victoria, VA.

Raymond Reilly

Raymond served in the U.S. Navy from 1955 to 1960. He worked for 21 years as a Bricklayer and member of the Bricklayers Union Local 21. He joined transit in 1981 and worked for the next 20 years as a Structural Maintainer B until his retirement in 2001.













Lester Whitfield

Lester served in the U.S. for four years from 1948 to 1952. He was in the 74th Engineers Combat Battalion at Camp Campbell, KY for two years and then in the 82nd Airborne out of Fort Bragg from 1950-1952. We worked as a Car Maintainer F and Road Car Inspector during his 20 years with transit. Talk about a small world! His Platoon Sergeant in 1948, Norman Baker, wound up his foreman at NYCT. Lester retired to North Las Vegas, NV.

Phillip J. Ucci

Phillip was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1965. After basic training at Fort Jackson, SC, he was deployed to Pleiku, Vietnam where repaired and maintained jeeps, trucks and tankers which delivered fuel to the life-saving helicopters. He was honorably discharged in 1967. He started a 32-year career with transit in 1970 as a Signal Helper. After 28 years in Signals, he earned a promotion to Power Maintainer. He is an active member of the VFW Post 433.

Chuck Biviano

Chuck served in the U.S. Marine Corps and fought for his country in the Vietnam War. He was a parachute rigger and served in Da Nang and Chu Lai. Chuck spent his transit career as a Power Distribution Maintainer. He retired in 2007 at the age of 64. "I loved working for NYC Transit," said Chuck.









Irwin K. Copelly

Irwin is now 90 years old enjoying retirement in Pompano Beach, FL. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946 in the Philippines, Okinawa, China and Japan. He and his shipmates were in Tokyo the day Japan surrendered ending the War in the Pacific. He started with MABSTOA in 1963 and worked until retirement in 1985. "My wife was tired of the winter, so we moved to Florida," said Irwin.



Ashley Crummey

Ashley served in the U.S. Army from 1965 to 1969 and worked for transit from 1971 to 1995.

Carmelo D'Orazio

Carmelo served in the U.S. Navy beginning in 1967. He served as an aviation electrican's mate on the USS Shangri-La as part of Squadron 81 out of Jacksonville, FL. He started as a Trackworker with NYCT in 1982, and shifted over to Third Rail some years later. He's been retired for the past 9 years.







Thomas served in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1968. He spent a vear in Vietnam with the 9th Infantry Division and the 1st Cavalry Division. After being honorably discharged, he went to work for NYCT in 1970 as a Conductor. He retired in 1993. Thomas is part of real transit family. His dad, James Emperor, was a conductor and trolley driver, and his son, Michael, was also a Conductor. "I was proud to have served my country and as a NYC Conductor for 23 years," he said.



Thomas J. Romano

Thomas joined the U.S. Navy in 1968 during the Vietnam War. He had graduated Maritime Trades High School with a degree in cooking. He received an honorable discharge in 1970. In march of 1974, he became a MABSTOA Bus Operator and spent the next 33 years driving in the Bronx. "Since I love people, this was a great job for me, with good pay and great benefits too," recalls Thomas. He retired in 2007.





Tom served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1955 to 1957. He started as a Bus Operator in 1960 with the old Surface Transit Company (now MABSTOA). He worked for nearly 40 years as a driver in the Bronx and retired in 2000. "I am very fortunate to have a nice pension thanks to TWU Local 100," said Tom.



James J. Finan



James passed away at age 79 in 2008, but his wife, Louise, remains a member of the Retiree Association and sent in these two photos. James fought for his country in the Korean War from 1952 to 1954. He received the Korean Service Medal with 3 Bronze Service Stars, the national Defense Service Medal and the United Nations Medal. He worked for transit as a conductor from 1972 to 1992, mostly on the old RR line from Ditmars Blvd. in Astoria to Bay Ridge, Brooklyn. Louise said, "Jim made many friends in transit and the remained close all through the years of his retirement. I still keep in touch with these families."



Herbert L. Fentress

Herbert spent 8 years in the U.S Navy from 1951 to 1959 when he was honorably discharged. He worked for NYCT as a Trackworker from 1983 until his retirement in 1999. Says Herbert, "thank God for our union. God bless you all."



Ruben Rivera

Ruben was born in Puerto Rico in 1951 and raised in Brooklyn. He was drafted in 1971 into the U.S. Army in 1971 and was honorably discharged in 1973. He had taken the test for RR Clerk before going into the service, and was called for the job in a month after getting out of the service. He and his wife of 44 years, Margarita, have two sons, one of whom is a Station Agent and the other a chef. Said Ruben, "I was promoted to Collecting Agent and worked on the Money Train as Tally. I bought back two year of military service and retired with 30 year of service in 2001 at the ripe old age of 50. What a ride."





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Name of I	Deceased	Title Date	of Death	Name of D	Deceased	Title Date	of Death
Raymond	Lent	Track Worker (Specialist)	04/03/18	Ronald	La Plante	Track Worker (Specialist)	01/10/18
John	Flanagan	Bus Operator(Revenue Vehicle)	04/03/18	Martin	Larsen	Conductor (Rev.Veh)	01/10/18
Gary	Nedball	Bus Operator (Rev. Vehicle)	03/31/18	Henry F	Drakeford	Bus Operator (Rev Veh)	01/10/18
James	Harrington	Bus Operator(Revenue Vehicle)	03/28/18	Hardy	Williams	Track Worker	01/10/18
John B	Coulter	Bus Operator (Rev Veh)	03/26/18	Ralph	Carl	Conductor (Rev.Veh)	01/09/18
Carmen	Gonzalez	Bus Operator(Revenue Vehicle)	03/22/18	Charles F	Starnes	Bus Operator (Rev Veh)	01/09/18
Maxie	Williams	Bus Operator (Rev. Vehicle)	03/16/18	Harvey	Wilson	Bus Operator (Rev. Vehicle)	01/09/18
Carl L	Richardson	Bus Operator (Rev. Vehicle)	03/15/18	Abraham	Brown	Train Operator (Rev.Vehicles)	01/08/18
Clifton	Atkinson	Bus Operator(Revenue Vehicle)	02/28/18	Salvatore	Failla	Structure Maintainer(A)	01/08/18
Joseph J	Lucardi	Conductor (Rev.Veh)	02/28/18	William H	Jones	Car Inspector (Assignment A)	01/08/18
William	Doherty	Train Operator (Yard)	02/27/18	Charles	Payne	Bus Operator (Rev Veh)	01/08/18
Judge	Satterwhite	Bus Operator (Rev. Vehicle)	02/26/18	Henry	Kelly Jr	Bus Operator (Rev Veh)	01/08/18
Hans W	Soencksen	Train Operator (Rev. Vehicles)	02/26/18	Pasquale	Volpe	Bus Operator (Rev. Vehicle)	01/07/18
Frank	Cawley	Bus Operator(Revenue Vehicle)	02/23/18	Cornelius	Delucia	Bus Operator(Revenue Vehicle)	01/07/18
Jasper	Adams	Bus Operator(Revenue Vehicle)	02/22/18	Joseph L	Wallace	Structure Maintainer(B)	01/06/18
Jerome	Cooper	Bus Operator(Revenue Vehicle)	02/19/18	Ernest	Festa	Car Inspector (Assignment B)	01/06/18
Valdemore	Frett	Railroad Clerk	02/15/18	Paul R	Murphy Jr	Cleaner (Transit Authority)	01/06/18
Henry L	Hudson	Railroad Clerk	02/15/18	Hubert	Wilson	Structure Maintainer(A)	01/06/18
Marion	Goldsmith	Train Operator (Rev.Vehicles)	02/12/18	George	Bullon	Transit Property Prot. Agent	01/06/18
Winston	Pine	Bus Operator (Rev. Vehicle)	02/12/18	Edward	Schaum	Bus Operator (Rev. Vehicle)	01/06/18
William	Payne	Signal Maintainer	02/10/18	Jose A	Rivera	Car Maintainer E	01/05/18
Frank J	Induddi	Mechanical Maintainer B	02/06/18	James M	Day	Car Inspector (Assignment B)	01/05/18
Steven	Cheeks	Elevator&Escalator Maintainer	02/03/18	Vincent	De Vita	Car Maintainer A	01/05/18
James	Gillard	Bus Operator(Revenue Vehicle)	02/02/18	William H	Piper	Train Operator (Rev.Vehicles)	01/05/18
Yefim	Parkansky	Car Inspector (Assignment B)	02/02/18 02/01/18	Boris V	Styagov	Car Inspector (Assignment B)	01/05/18
Thomas P	Messineo	Bus Operator (Rev Veh)	02/01/16	Richard	Schumann	Bus Maintainer Chassis Bus Operator (Payonus Vehicle)	01/05/18 01/04/18
Eugene Pedro	Cawley Sanchez	Bus Operator (Revenue Vehicle)	01/29/16	Oliver William	Farquharson	Bus Operator (Revenue Vehicle)	01/04/18
Jeffrey	Montgomery	Bus Operator (Rev. Vehicle) Bus Operator	01/28/18	Luis M	Cunninghan Donato	Bus Operator (Rev Veh) Maintainer Helper B	01/03/18
David S	Johnson	Conductor (Rev.Veh)	01/28/18	Hamlet A	Hackshaw	Airbrake Maintainer	01/03/18
Frank P	Pergola	Signal Maintainer Helper	01/26/18	Almo	Williams III	Train Operator (Rev. Vehicles)	01/03/18
Glaster	Dupree	Train Operator (Rev.Vehicles)	01/25/18	Ralph	Attonito	Bus Operator (Rev Veh)	01/02/10
Bernard	Kenny	Bus Maintainer Chassis	01/23/18	Anthony	Aubert	Cleaner (Transit Authority)	12/30/17
Harold J.	Solomon	Bus Operator (Rev. Vehicle)	01/23/18	Joseph	Arenas	Signal Maintainer	12/30/17
Robert C	Terry	Station Agent AFC	01/22/18	Thomas M	Gotthelf	Train Operator (Rev.Vehicles)	12/29/17
Lawrence	Jeffrey	Train Operator (Rev.Vehicles)	01/21/18	Herbert	Cangiano	Bus Operator(Revenue Vehicle)	12/28/17
Michael	Brennan	Bus Operator(Revenue Vehicle)	01/21/18	Herbert E	George	Train Operator (Rev. Vehicles)	12/27/17
Nathaniel	Griffith	Bus Operator(Revenue Vehicle)	01/21/18	Robert	Robertson	Bus Operator (Rev. Vehicle)	12/27/17
Luigi	Adipietro	Conductor (Rev.Veh)	01/20/18	Joseph	Campo	Car Inspector (Assignment B)	12/25/17
Jonnie M	Atkinson	Station Agent AFC	01/19/18	Ludwig J	Mikol	Structure Maintainer(G)	12/25/17
Joseph	Metts	Bus Operator (Rev Veh)	01/19/18	John W	Dixon	Conductor (Constr & Flagging)	12/25/17
Patrick	Mc Cabe	Bus Operator(Revenue Vehicle)	01/19/18	Mary	Cooney	Bus Operator(Revenue Vehicle)	12/25/17
Robert	Kuczynski	Signal Maintainer	01/17/18	Thomas	Mulligan Jr	Track Worker	12/25/17
Alfred O	Collins	Structure Maintainer(G)	01/17/18	George	Sorkine	Railroad Clerk	12/23/17
John	DeChirico	Airbrake Maintainer	01/16/18	Walter	Myers	Bus Maintainer Chassis	12/23/17
Anthony	Cammarata	Bus Maintainer	01/15/18	William E	Glenn	Train Operator (Rev.Vehicles)	12/23/17
Jack	Karas	Tower Operator	01/15/18	Michael	Gross	Bus Maintainer B	12/23/17
Nicholas	Mckeigue	Bus Maintainer B	01/15/18	Frank	Matagrano	Car Inspector (Assignment A)	12/22/17
Salvatore	Arpa	Conductor (WorkTrain, Flagging)	01/14/18	Victor T	Russell	Bus Operator (Rev Veh)	12/22/17
Frank L	Boone	Train Operator (Rev.Vehicles)	01/14/18	Marcel	Cesar	Cleaner (Transit Authority)	12/22/17
Samuel L	Brevard	Train Operator (Rev.Vehicles)	01/14/18	Radcliffe	Teague	Railroad Clerk	12/22/17
Jannie	Swinton	Station Agent AFC	01/14/18	Moisey	Royzman	Car Inspector (Assignment B)	12/22/17
Thomas	Morrin	Bus Operator(Revenue Vehicle)	01/13/18	Seymour	Needelman	Car Maintainer E	12/21/17
Melvin B	Headen	Train Operator (Rev. Vehicles)	01/13/18	R	Gadell	Bus Operator (Rev Veh)	12/21/17
Oliver W	Adams	Bus Operator (Rev Veh)	01/12/18	Ernest	Richardson	Cleaner (Transit Authority)	12/20/17
Earl J	Wilkes Sr.	Transit Property Protection	01/11/18	Melvin	Saulsburn	Tower Operator	12/19/17

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John	Keegan	Bus Operator(Revenue Vehicle)	12/18/17
Norberto	Braganza	Light Maintainer	12/17/17
Dennis M	Cates	Station Agent AFC	12/16/17
Peter	Ingoglia	Airbrake Maintainer	12/16/17
Michael J	Mancino	Car Maintainer E	12/16/17
Edward M	Phillips	Train Operator (Rev.Vehicles)	12/16/17
Gregory C	Cooley Sr,	Train Operator (Rev.Vehicles)	12/15/17
Rufus	Ferrell	Station Agent AFC	12/15/17
Joseph	Pirulli	Power Maintainer B	12/15/17
Dorothy	Avin	Cleaner	12/14/17
George	Thomas	Car Inspector (Assignment B)	12/13/17
Clement J	Palumbo	Car Maintainer E	12/13/17
Charles T	Hughes	Station Agent AFC	12/13/17
Angel	Lopez	Cleaner (Transit Authority)	12/12/17
William	Code	Conductor (Rev.Veh)	12/12/17
Richard G	Martin	Track Worker (Specialist)	12/12/17
Semyon	Selivanov	Light Maintainer	12/12/17
Frank P	Lewis	Transit Property Prot. Agent	12/11/17
Bruno F	Contrucci	Signal Maintainer	12/11/17
Joscelyn	Cunningham	Bus Operator(Revenue Vehicle)	12/11/17
Patrick	Murphy	Bus Operator(Revenue Vehicle)	12/11/17
Verona R	Fisher	Station Agent Paid As Col Agnt	12/10/17
Willie	Manning	Train Operator (Yard)	12/08/17
Eddie	Gamble	Conductor (Rev.Veh)	12/08/17
Edwin	Ewald	Car Inspector (Assignment B)	12/08/17
Albert	Russo	Structure Maintainer(C)	12/07/17
Richard H	Lambert	Bus Operator(Revenue Vehicle)	12/07/17
Joseph F	Schiumo	Power Dist. Maintainer	12/07/17
Charles	Micciche	Station Agent AFC	12/07/17
Marcia Y	Straker	Cleaner (Transit Authority)	12/05/17
John W	Miller	Bus Operator (Rev Veh)	12/05/17
Andy O	Wills	Cleaner (TA-Labor)	12/04/17
Govan	Golson	Train Operator (Rev.Vehicles)	12/04/17
George N	Wilson	Bus Operator (Rev Veh)	12/03/17
Melvin L	Tucker	Conductor (Rev.Veh)	12/02/17
Kenneth L	Gilliam	Train Operator (Rev.Vehicles)	12/01/17
Andrew J	Bednarczyk	Power Electronic Maintainer	11/30/17
Jerald J	Lundy	Railroad Clerk	11/30/17
Allan	Smith	Bus Operator (Rev Veh)	11/30/17
Luciano	Mannarino	Structure Maintainer(B)	11/29/17
Emile R	Staco	Cleaner	11/28/17
Randolph	Gray	Track Equipment Maintainer	11/26/17
James L	Hawkins	Railroad Clerk	11/25/17
Raymond	Grazul	Car Maintainer C	11/25/17
Rupert M	James	Power Dist. Maintainer	11/23/17
Eric	Corley	Conductor (Constr & Flagging)	11/20/17
Henry S	Trybun	Car Inspector (Assignment B)	11/19/17
Otis	Manuel	Track Worker	11/17/17
Orazio	Petito	Structure Maintainer(B)	11/15/17

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