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Kansas Honor Flight

Donation honors parade veteran

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WICHITA – SPEEA honored Korean War veteran **Raymond Franz** by donating to the Kansas Honor Flight in his name.

Franz rode with SPEEA in the Veterans Day parade because **Dee (Darlene) Martin**, his significant other for 20-plus years, is a SPEEA member.

Franz wouldn't have participated in the veteran's parade if it hadn't been for the Honor Flight, said Martin. "It changed the way he sees himself as a veteran." Franz, 87, died Jan. 30 due to cancer. "He took pride finally" for his service in the U.S. Army.



Raymond Franz joined SPEEA in the Wichita Veterans Day Parade for three years. Franz, who died in January, is shown here at the Korean War Veterans Memorial while on the Honor Flight.

'welcome' home in 1954 after serving 18 months in Korea. Civilians on a train full of troops called the soldiers 'baby killers.'

'Healing happens'

The Honor Flight showed him another side. "To have people applauding the veterans at the airport, thanking them for their service and sacrifice, you could see it across the board with all of the veterans, not just with Ray," Martin said. "That's the important thing with these flights. So much healing happens."

After returning from the Honor Flight, Franz jumped at the chance to join SPEEA in the Wichita Veterans Day Parade when Martin invited him to join her and other union members, including Council Rep **Daryl Doshier**.

Doshier brought up the idea for a SPEEA donation with Martin before approaching SPEEA. The Executive Board approved it after the Midwest Council passed a motion in support of the request. "I told Daryl this would mean a lot to Ray," Martin said. "He loved the guys in the union."

About Honor Flight

Honor Flight is a national non-profit that organizes trips to Washington, D.C., for veterans to see the war memorials and military tributes. The veterans' travel expenses are covered by donations to the organization. SPEEA's donation in Franz' name would cover the cost of a veteran from Kansas.

"It's not about a trip to Washington, D.C., it's returning to these men and women who served our country, their dignity and respect," Martin said. The trip, she says, shows "they were needed and appreciated for their service."

In addition to the travel logistics, Honor Flights arrange for crowds of people to meet the veterans at the airports in Washington, D.C., and their return flight. Hundreds come out to shower the veterans with gratitude for their sacrifice.

Prior to the Honor Flight trip, Franz hid his military service in part because of his

Join us
SPEEA Veterans Committee
Thursday, May 23
 4 p.m. (PDT) / 6 p.m. (CDT)
 SPEEA offices

2019 Prof/Tech salary charts are online

SPEEA-Boeing Prof and Tech salary charts for 2019 are now posted online at www.speea.org. The charts are linked under 'Member Tools.' The charts are based on data provided by The Boeing Company after this year's salary adjustments.

Remember - access requires BEMSID and is available to SPEEA dues-paying members in good standing.

Spirit AeroSystems salary adjustments are scheduled to take effect in July. Charts will be published when data is available.

OT voluntary on holiday weekend

Overtime (OT) is voluntary on a holiday or the weekend which precedes or follows a holiday per the SPEEA contracts for Profs and Techs and represented employees at Spirit AeroSystems. This applies to Memorial Day weekend.

In recognition of Memorial Day, May 27, SPEEA offices will close at 3 p.m., Friday, May 24, and re-open on Tuesday, May 28.

SPEEA job opening at Ed Wells

SPEEA has an opening for Ed Wells Partnership program administrator. This position reports to the SPEEA executive director but will work directly with the Ed Wells Partnership SPEEA co-director for day-to-day work assignments.

SPEEA-represented employees with an appreciation for labor unions' role in society, SPEEA's role in representing Boeing employees and a passion for the learning opportunities offered by the Ed Wells Partnership are encouraged to apply if eligible.

More details, including the job description, skills and qualifications, are at www.speea.org. Apply by 5 p.m., Friday, May 31.

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Worker memorial ceremonies

SPEEA members joined the labor community to remember those who died at work.

Wichita

In the Midwest, Council Reps **Joe Abbott**, his wife, Sue, and **Rick Nelson**, SPEEA Midwest Regional Vice President **Keith Covert**, his wife, Judy, and SPEEA retiree **Donna Lehane** took part in the Wichita/Hutchinson Labor Federation (WHLF) ceremony. The ceremony included a bell ringing 72 times in honor of the number of work-related deaths in Kansas last year.



SPEEA members, including Council Reps **Joe Abbott** and **Rick Nelson** (shown here sitting at right), attended the Wichita/Hutchinson Labor Federation ceremony to honor the 72 work-related deaths in Kansas in 2018.

Everett

SPEEA Council Rep **Rod Siders** attended the Snohomish County Labor Council (SCLC) ceremony April 24. "I feel it is an obligation on my part as a fellow worker and union member," he said. SPEEA retiree **Jim Gillan** also attended the SCLC event. In Snohomish County last year, 12 workers were killed because of work. This is the highest number for Washington state by county. King County came in second with 10 workers killed in 2018.



Everett Council Rep **Rod Siders**, left, and **Jim Gillan**, SPEEA retiree, attended the Snohomish County Labor Council (SCLC) event honoring workers who died because of work. Last year, Snohomish county had 12 related fatalities, the highest number for Washington state by county.

Washington state

Former SPEEA President **Tom McCarty** attended the state Labor and Industries (L&I) Worker Memorial April 25 in Tumwater, Wash., to honor those who died in Washington state in 2018. His son, **Corey McCarty**, 55, died because of a workplace accident Dec. 14. McCarty's son's name was spoken along with 90 other names as a bell

rang for each person who died because of work at the memorial.

Labor Councils host events in recognition of Workers Memorial Day, April 28 each year. The AFL-CIO started this in 1970 to draw attention to workplace safety and injury prevention efforts.

MW joint committees seek members

WICHITA – SPEEA is seeking Midwest members interested in working with management to improve the workplace through discussion and collaboration.

Per the SPEEA contracts, both bargaining units at Spirit AeroSystems have joint committees focusing on labor-management initiatives.

- Wichita Engineering Unit (WEU) - Joint Collaboration Committee (JCC) (Article 9.2)

- Wichita Technical and Professional Unit (WTPU) - Joint Oversight Committee (JOC) (Article 9.3)

If you're a SPEEA member in good standing for at least one year, you are eligible. Apply by submitting a qualification statement (250-word max) via email to **vickim@speea.org** by 5 p.m., Friday, June 21.

If you have questions, contact the Wichita office at (316) 682-0262.

Support for veterans and Wichita community

WICHITA - At the Midwest Council meeting May 9, Council Reps, on behalf of SPEEA, showed support for veterans and the community.

Council Rep **Daniel Ryan** presented a check on behalf of SPEEA to **Jennifer Green** of Wichita Festivals. SPEEA donated to the city's Riverfest event for the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) City event June 2. SPEEA will have a paper airplane contest and information booth for STEAM City.

Also at the Council meeting, SPEEA member **Dee Martin**, shown here, came to personally thank the Council for its part in a donation to the Kansas Honor Flight. Martin joined her significant other, **Ray Franz**, on a trip with the non-profit which takes military veterans to see war memorials (see story on page 1). Council Rep **Daryl Doshier**, in photo, initiated the Council motion that led to Executive Board approval.



Join SPEEA for summer fun

Midwest

Paper airplane contest at Riverfest STEAM City

WICHITA – SPEEA is hosting a paper airplane contest at the Wichita Riverfest, Sunday, June 2, from noon to 4 p.m. The SPEEA booth is part of the city's celebration of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) at STEAM City.

Visitors to the SPEEA table can fold a paper airplane and fly it toward a target. A cash prize goes to the person who can hit the target. If more than one person hits the target, their names go in a drawing for the prize.

Volunteers are welcome to help at the SPEEA booth. Email Midwest Council Rep **Daniel Ryan** to sign up, at daniel.j.ryan@spiraero.com.

Discount tickets to Tanganyika Wildlife Park

GODDARD – The Midwest Membership Activities Committee is offering discount tickets to Tanganyika Wildlife Park, Saturday, June 22.

The tickets are \$5 each for members and their families. Children younger than 2 years old are free.

The park, in Goddard, features interactive experiences with rare and endangered species. They have giraffes, primates, kangaroos, penguins and more at one of the largest family owned zoos in the country.

SPEEA admission is between 9 -11 a.m. A special animal encounter is scheduled for SPEEA members' families at 11 a.m. with an African Crested Porcupine in the Manyara Garden.

Members must buy tickets in advance only at the SPEEA office during business hours.

Northwest

Fishing event for kids

RENTON – SPEEA members can take their children fishing Saturday, June 1, at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park, Renton.

The Northwest Membership Activities Committee arranged for discount tickets for C.A.S.T. for Kids, a non-profit that promotes fishing for youth ages 5-14. Space is limited.

See the registration form under SPEEA events link, at www.speea.org. First come, first served. Registration ends May 23.

Discount tickets for women's basketball

SEATTLE – Get discount tickets to see Seattle Storm play the Phoenix Mercury, Sunday, June 30 – 4 p.m.

The Northwest Membership Activities Committee arranged for a limited supply of \$10 tickets. Look for a link to purchase tickets on the SPEEA events page, at www.speea.org.

TRAINING/ EVENTS

See online calendar for details. RSVP where you plan to attend.

PUGET SOUND

SPEEA Kids Fishing Day

With C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation

Saturday, June 1 – starting at 9 a.m.
Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park, Renton

SPEEA discount \$5 per youth
Limited supply – first come, first served

Register by May 23

Details at www.speea.org

NW Membership Activities Committee

SPEEA 101

Wednesday, June 12 – 4:30 p.m.
SPEEA Everett

Email speea@speea.org – space limited

\$50 gift card for first-time attendees if dues-paying member hired within past year

NW New Hire/Young Members Committees

SPEEA member discount - WNBA

Seattle Storm vs. Phoenix Mercury

Sunday, June 30 – 4 p.m.
Alaska Airlines Arena, University of Washington, Seattle

Link to buy tickets at www.speea.org (SPEEA Events)

NW Membership Activities Committee

WICHITA

SPEEA paper airplane contest at Riverfest

Sunday, June 2 – noon to 4 p.m.

Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) City

Main Street, outside of old downtown library

SPEEA member discount

Tanganyika Wildlife Park

Saturday, June 22
Arrive between 9 -11 a.m.
Goddard, Kansas

Special animal encounter at 11 a.m.

Discount tickets are \$5 each for members and their families (free up to age 2)

Tickets only on sale at SPEEA Wichita during business hours

MW Membership Activities Committee

Regional Councils elect officers



R Matthew Joyce



Chris Streckfus



Emily Forest



James Raskob



Mike Arrington



Douglas Brazeal

The Midwest and Northwest regional Councils conducted elections May 9.

Midwest

- Chair – R Matthew Joyce (S-1)
- Treasurer – Chris Streckfus (S-1)
- Secretary – Emily Forest (S-12)

Northwest

- Chair – James Raskob (E-60)
- Treasurer – Mike Arrington (F-10)
- Secretary – Douglas Brazeal (A-30)

Members fill 11 Council Rep vacancies

A total of 11 members ran uncontested for vacancies in the Midwest and Northwest. They were seated at the May 9 regional Council meetings. SPEEA regional Tellers validated the petitions which were due May 7.

Valid petitions

Midwest

- S-4 – Cathy Yeager

Northwest

- A-20 – Colin Wright
- D-9 – Amy Freiburghaus
- E-2 – Debi Pennington
- E-17 – Lindsey Meiling
- P-2 – David Carpenter
- P-4 – Brian Connolly

- R-1 – Deena Hougham
- R-5 – Mohammed Kadir
- R-6 – Peter B Goodfellow
- C-10 – Jonathan Vanover

Election

In district A-10, the Tellers will conduct an election for members in that district to vote for one of the two candidates below. Ballots go in the mail May 20 and will be counted June 5.

- Kevin Mjor
- Kevin Boyd

**Names in ballot order*

Council Rep vacancies

- Bellevue – B-10
- Developmental Center – D-1, D-3 and D-7
- Everett – E-1, E-3*, E-6, E-10, E-15, E-31 and E-35
- Kent – K-10
- Renton – R-1, R-6 and R-10
- Thompson – T-10
- Utah – U-1
- Pilots – PLT
- Second shift – AS-10, ES-10 and RS-10

**More than one vacant seat*

Interested?

If eligible and interested in serving as your co-workers' union liaison, see election information online at www.speea.org (drop-down menu: Councils/Forms and Petitions).

Executive Board mini-minutes – April 18

Attendees: Joel Funfar, Jimmie Mathis, Daniel Peters, Mike Shea, Dan Nowlin, Keith Covert

Excused: Ryan Rule

Council officers: R Matthew Joyce, Mark Gayer, Doug Brazeal, James Raskob, Theryl Johnson, Tony Hickerson

Staff: Ray Goforth, Robin Fleming, Matt Kempf, Rich Plunkett, Bill Dugovich, Earl Carter

At their regular meeting, the Board:

- Approved **Steve Spyridis** the use of the SPEEA Everett Hall on Saturday, May 18.
- Approved the SPEEA logo at the C.A.S.T. Foundation event June 1 for C.A.S.T. T-shirts and webpage and guaranteed a minimum of 50 tickets.
- Approved a contract with Jurassic Parliament to present two Robert's Rules of Order training classes for \$1,500.
- Approved up to \$1,200 for Wichita Riverfest STEAM City Sunday, June 2.
- Approved \$1,000 donation to the Kansas Honor Flight in honor of **Ray Franz**.
- Approved up to 32 hours of SPEEA compensated time each for **Ronda Cockrell**, **Rick Nelson** and **Michelle Gramke** to attend the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Legislative Summit Aug. 5-8 in Nashville, Tennessee.
- Approved up to 20 hours compensated time for **Daniel Peters** to attend the Washington State Labor Council (WSLC) Economic Development & Transportation Committee meeting Thursday, May 2, and WSLC Executive Board Retreat & Strategic Planning session May 14-15.

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULES

NORTHWEST MEETINGS (ALL TIMES PDT)

Week of May 20, 2019	
Monday, May 20	3:30 p.m. SPEEA Legislative & Public Affairs
Tuesday, May 21	4:00 p.m. Council Officers
Wednesday, May 22	4:30 p.m. NW New Hire/Young Members
Thursday, May 23	4:00 p.m. SPEEA Veterans
Week of May 27, 2019	
Tuesday, May 28	4:30 p.m. NW Women's Advocacy
Week of June 1, 2019	
Monday, June 3	4:30 p.m. NW Legislative & Public Affairs
Tuesday, June 4	4:00 p.m. SPEEA Leadership Development & Training
Wednesday, June 5	4:30 p.m. NW Action and Communication Taskforce
Friday, June 7	TBD SPEEA Council

MIDWEST MEETINGS (ALL TIMES CDT)

Week of May 20, 2019	
Monday, May 20	4:30 p.m. MW Legislative & Public Affairs
Monday, May 20	5:30 p.m. SPEEA Legislative & Public Affairs
Tuesday, May 21	6:00 p.m. Council Officers
Thursday, May 23	6:00 p.m. SPEEA Veterans
Week of May 27, 2019	
No meetings scheduled	
Week of June 1, 2019	
Tuesday, June 4	6:00 p.m. SPEEA Leadership Development & Training
Thursday, June 6	4:00 p.m. MW Membership Activities
Friday, June 7	TBD SPEEA Council