

IN MEMORIAM

Machinists mourn loss of Dick Schneider

March 24, 1945 — March 17, 2020

Dick Schneider, a 51-year member of Machinists Local 63 and a former Grand Lodge representative of the International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers (IAM), died March 17 of cardiac arrest. He was one week shy of his 75th birthday.

Schneider, of Gresham, retired in April 2007 as a coordinator in the international union's Aerospace Department, where he was responsible for 115 labor contracts with the Boeing Company and other aerospace firms in the United States and Canada.

Schneider initiated in 1968 as a member of the IAM in Long Beach, California, after taking a job in the plastics lab at Douglas Aircraft. One year later he transferred his membership to Local 63 when he moved to Oregon and began working as a helper at Portland Iron Works.

He was very active in the union, and in September 1978 was hired as a business representative of Machinists District Lodge 24. He next worked as the assistant directing business representative, and spent eight years as the IAM's political director and lobbyist. He served as

secretary-treasurer of the Machinists Non-Partisan Political League of Oregon and as a trustee on the Oregon Marine Machinists

Health and Welfare Trust. Gov. Vic Atiyeh appointed him to a Citizens Unemployment Advisory Committee, and he served on the Portland Community College Advisory Board for many years.

He went to work for the international union in October 1988, accepting an appointment as a Grand Lodge special representative for the Western Territory. Two years later he became a Grand Lodge rep for General President George Kourpias. He was hired as administrative assistant to General Vice President Lee Pearson in July 1996. He held that position until November 30, 1997, when International President R. Thomas Bufenbarger appointed him to serve as Aerospace Coordinator for a newly formed IAM Aerospace Department.

RICHARD (DICK) LEE SCHNEIDER was born on March 24, 1945 in Lebanon, Oregon. He attended schools in the Portland area and in other places because his father, Bob, worked construction, requiring many moves for the family. His father was a member of Operating Engineers and worked out of Local 701 when he was in Oregon.

Schneider attended Benson High School in Portland and graduated from high school in Long Beach, California.

After high school he worked pulling green chain in a sawmill in Oregon and in 1963 joined the U.S. Army. He spent most of his military service in an artillery unit in Germany and earned the three stripes of a sergeant.

He married Kathi Dyer in 1988. She is a member of Office and Professional Employees Local 11 and was employed as an office secretary at District Lodge 24 for 39 years. Between them, they have five children, 15 grandchildren ranging in age from 6 to 29 years of age, and one great-grandchild (with two more on the way this year). Both were married previously.

Because of restrictions due to the coronavirus pandemic, a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

The family suggests memorial contributions be sent to IAM-sponsored Guide Dogs of America at guidedogsofamerica.org/gifts-in-memory-honor.



Dick Schneider



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LERC's Steve Deutsch remembered

[Editor's note: In our March 6 issue, we reported on the death of life-long labor educator Steven Deutsch at the age of 82. A memorial service planned for March 14 in Eugene was postponed due to the coronavirus and will be rescheduled at a later date.]

I have many great memories of the Labor Education and Research Center (LERC) in general but especially of Steve Deutsch. I had my first experience with Steve in the late '80s, early '90s. Steve was always inclusive, caring, and thoughtful. What really stands out in my memory was in 1997 when I undertook the challenge of entering the now defunct National Labor College. I was 50 years old then, an industrial worker, and member of United Steelworkers of America (USWA). I hadn't been in a real-life academic setting in 30 years. I was very nervous, of course. During a class break at the National La-

bor College I ran into Steve Deutsch in the halls. He was very excited to see me. He took me around to each class and introduced me to every USWA member that was attending the school. I had instant friends to reassure me and connections that would help me along to the road of getting a degree in labor history in 2000, a degree I use extensively to this day doing the political work in the state of Oregon for the Association of Western Pulp and Paper Workers (AWPPW).

It was Steve's hand "up" that helped me on this quest that didn't seem possible. He was a friend to me and many others, and a testament to what we all should try to be—caring. To paraphrase an old saying: "It is better to have known and loved Steve Deutsch than not to have known him at all".

Rest in peace, Brother Steve Deutsch.

— Mike Sullivan

Oregon labor commissioner won't let employers fire workers who lack child care

In case any large employers were thinking of terminating workers who don't show up

rule is in effect from March 18 to Sept. 13, 2020.

"We're doing this to make sure Oregonians know they're allowed to take this time," said Bureau of Labor and Industries spokesperson Jenny Smith.



Val Hoyle

because school is out and they can't find child care ... Oregon Labor Commissioner Val Hoyle announced a temporary rule banning that. Hoyle cites the Oregon Family Leave Act (OFLA), which says that employers with over 25 workers must allow up to 12 weeks unpaid leave per year for workers to care for their minor children who have an illness, injury ... or a condition that's not a serious health condition but requires home care.

The new rule interprets that to include care for a child whose school or place of care has been closed in conjunction with a statewide public health emergency declared by a public health official. The

Due to the uncertainty of the current situation with the Covid-19 outbreak

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the application for Apprentice Glazier that was scheduled for April 6-17.

Once it is rescheduled, a notification will go out.

In preparation, potential applicants should continue to gather their high school diploma, GED and test scores, reference letters and official high school transcripts.