Chair’s Message

Let’s begin a dialogue…

I’m your new AWS NJ Section Chairman and I come to you asking for help. As the Sales Manager of a well-established north Jersey welding supply distributor, I currently manage a group of inexperienced customer service people who need training and are hungry for industry knowledge.

I would like to have them trained the way I was trained. Back in the good old days I was sent to training programs put on by the major equipment manufacturers; and these excursions took me to many interesting places around our great country. Training was typically eight hours a day for three to four days per program.

Can companies like mine afford to do this? Just about all of the products my team needs to be trained on are sold on web sites at single digit margins. How do I justify the expense to train them?

Being an organization that has outstanding knowledge of the products we sell is what welding supply distributors have always been. What should I do?

Your comments are welcome.

Vince Murray
AGL Welding Supply Company, Inc.
AWS NJ Section Chairman
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New: The Code Clinic

Starts September 16th

At each meeting, we will hold an informal clinic to discuss the nuances and pitfalls of various codes starting with D1.1.

We will gather for a half-hour between the Executive Board meeting and the Dinner. All are welcome.

Jim Dolan, CWI
Education Chairman

Member News

Changed companies? Received a promotion? Share your news and achievements with other NJ Section members by sending it to the newsletter:
Email to: grillonpkg@comcast.net
Subject: AWS NJ Section News
September 16, 2015 Meeting Info

Building the 9/11 Memorial Monument

Speaker: Joe Moretti Jr., Co-owner
Service Metal Fabricating, Rockaway, NJ

Did you know that the landmark 9/11 Memorial Monument plaques were fabricated right here in Rockaway, New Jersey? Service Metal Fabricating was selected for the project for their fabrication capabilities and innovative ideas.

There are 152 brass plates. Each one is ten feet long by five feet high and weighs nearly 1,100 lbs. Many of the engineering aspects of the job were ‘design and build’ in nature, leaving the management team at Service Metal faced with many hidden challenges. For example, how do you keep the 1/2” bronze panels cool enough for human touch in the blazing heat of July? Or keep them warm enough from icing over in the winter? How do you engineer letter centers for letters such as ‘D’, ‘O’ or ‘R’, when the full perimeter of the letter has been drop cut?

You may recognize Joe Moretti from documentaries filmed on site during the productions for the History Channel or Discovery Channel. His talk will take you further into the production details from water jet cutting names into the panels, to welding the 3/4” stainless steel pedestals. The detail that is usually overlooked when observing the Memorial Monument is truly fascinating.

Visit their website at: www.servicemetal.com

Keep Current

Please keep your contact info current at AWS National Headquarters. Log in to the website at: www.aws.org Click on “My Account” then click on “Address” to update your email and other info; or just call AWS Member Services at: 800-443-9453 ext. 480.

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Welcome New Members

The AWS NJ Section welcomes the following members who have either joined or transferred in from another Section since last season:

Hari Ashikari, Quality Control Lab
Desmond Alvarez
Marc S. Aspinwall
James F. Ball
James W. Breen
John Bungs, ExxonMobile Res. & Eng.
Joe Carroll, PWP, Inc
Jack Danna
Mark DeBlasi
John Devlin, Weeks Marine
Chase Ferraro
Michael Hager, Verder Scientific
David Jones, Stryker Orthopaedics
Chester Komoroski, SMWIA LU22
Thomas Kopitar, Passaic Valley Sewarage
Kyle Martin
Barry Matarangas

FREE Welding Workshop for Veterans 10/2 & 10/3

Presented by: American Welding Society NJ Section
PSEG Power LLC & Morris County Vocational District

Learn basic job specific processes in SMAW, GTAW, GMAW and FCAW. You choose the area of welding you wish to learn.

When:
Friday, October 2, 2015 6:00pm to 9:00pm
Saturday, October 3, 2015 8:00am to 3:00pm

Where:
PSEG Mercer Generating Station
2512 Lamberton Road, Hamilton, NJ 08611

To reserve a seat just call 908-412-3120.
All you need is your name, address, email, phone number, date of separation/discharge and a copy of your DD Form 214.

Brian Meister
Kevin Minnella
Edward Mironski, Local 11 Train. Cr.
Jere Murdock, Murdock Eng.
Isaas Pena
Mario Ramirez
Orlando Rodriguez, Shamrock Const.
Robert Rubolotta, Mid-Atlantic Prod.
Richard Salisbury
Wilfredo R. Sanchez, AEIS

Fredric A. Schuster
Brian J. Tortora
Lou Vendrell, Lincoln Tech
John Walters
Mohammadfar Zandieh
Derek Zetterberg, Mr. Z’s Tree Ser.

We are looking forward to seeing you at an upcoming meeting.
Remember that dinner at your first meeting is complimentary.

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Fabtech 2015

November 9-12 in Chicago
Register by 11/6 for Free Admission

North America’s largest combination metal forming, fabricating, welding and finishing event will be held at McCormick Place, 2301 S. Martin Luther King Dr., Chicago, IL.

Over 1500 exhibitors are expected to cover more than 500,000 square feet throughout the A., B, and C buildings of the Congress. Over 100 educational sessions and presentations will also be held. 40,000 attendees are expected.

Register by November 6 for Free Admission. For complete information about the event, please visit: www.fabtechexpo.com

CWI Seminar & Exam

South Plainfield, NJ

Seminar: October 11 - 16, 2015
Exam: October 17, 2015

★★ The AWS application deadline is September 7, 2015 ★★

Location: PSEG Power, LLC. Fossil Training Center
40 Cragwood Rd., South Plainfield, NJ 07080

Participating Hotel: Red Roof Inn, 860 New Durham Rd, Edison, NJ 08817

Note: Hotel reservations are also needed in advance—call 732-248-9300

For Exam, you must submit a completed application before the deadline. For full information about requirements, pricing, and online registration, go to the AWS website: www.aws.org - Click on “Certification” then follow the appropriate application links. For questions, call AWS Certification: 800-443-9353 ext. 273. The Event ID is: NJ39515 Instruction: James Greer.

Note: All re-exam candidates applying for the second or third retest (or after the one year grace period), must provide 40 hours of additional training prior to being accepted to the exam site. This information (proof of earlier training or confirmation letter for seminar scheduled just prior to the exam date) must be received no less than two weeks prior to the scheduled exam date. Candidates who fail to provide this will not be allowed to take the exam.

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Coming Events
AWS NJ Section Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from September through May except during the month of December. Unless otherwise posted, the meeting location is: Pantagis Renaissance/Snuffy’s Clambar, 250 Park Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ. Guests are welcome.

September 16, 2015  6:00pm
AWS NJ Section Meeting
“Building the 9/11 Memorial”
Mr. Joseph Moretti, Jr.
Service Metal Fabricators

October 2 - 3, 2015
Welding Workshop for Veterans
PSEG Mercer Generating Station
See article on page

October 2 - 3, 2015
Patriots Path Council
Boy Scout Jamboree
Focus will be on S.T.E.M. subjects
Liberty State Park, NJ
www.libertyjamboree.ppbsa.org

October 11 - 17, 2015
AWS CWI Seminar & Exam
PSEG Power, LLC
South Plainfield, NJ
Application deadline 9/7/15
www.aws.org

November 9-12, 2015
Fabtech 2015
AWS Annual Convention/Show
Chicago, IL

November 18, 2015  6:00pm
AWS NJ Section Meeting
“MagneGas”
Mr. Spyro Vassiliou
MagneGas Corp.

No meeting in December
Programs & speakers may change
If your company would like to present a welding related technical program please contact us:
weldnj@optonline.net

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