

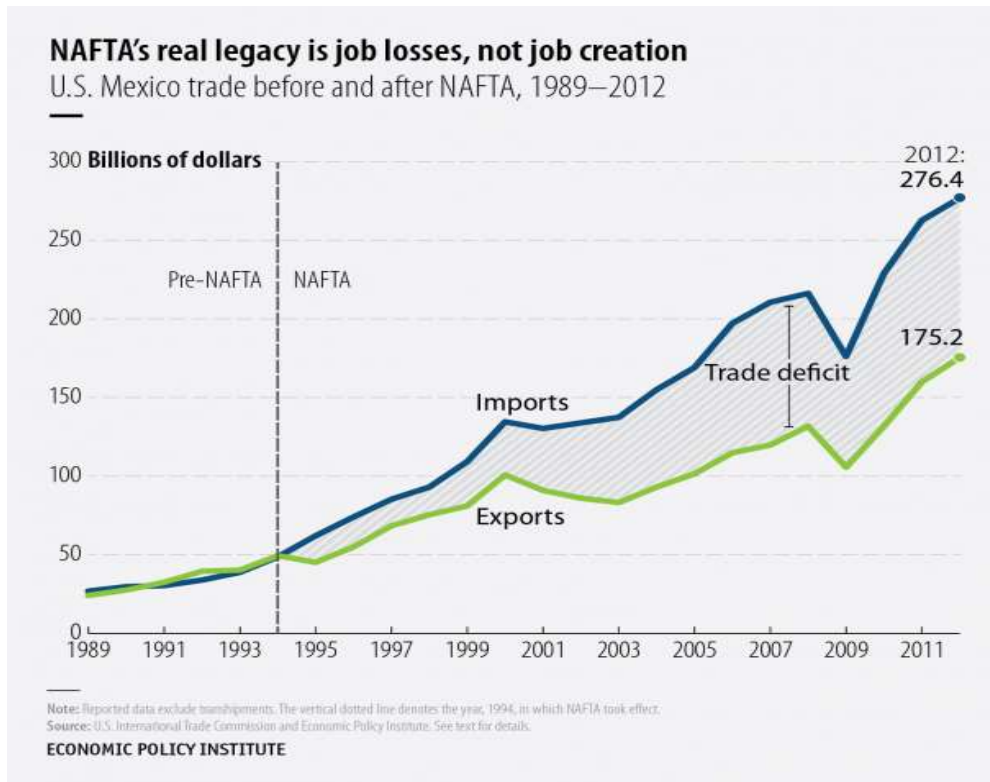
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NAFTA'S LEGACY: GROWING U.S. TRADE DEFICITS COST 682,900 JOBS

Former President Bill Clinton claimed that NAFTA would create an “export boom to Mexico” that would create 200,000 jobs in two years and a million jobs in five years, “many more jobs than will be lost” due to rising imports. The economic logic behind his argument was clear: Trade creates new jobs in exporting industries and destroys jobs when imports replace the output of domestic firms. Fast forward 20 years and it’s clear that things didn’t work out as Clinton promised. NAFTA led to a flood of outsourcing and foreign direct investment in Mexico. U.S. imports from Mexico grew much more rapidly than exports, leading to growing trade deficits, as shown in the Figure. Jobs making cars, electronics, and apparel and other goods moved to Mexico, and job losses piled up in the United States, especially in the Midwest where those products used to be made. By 2010, trade deficits with Mexico had eliminated 682,900 good U.S. jobs, most (60.8 percent) in manufacturing. Claims by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce that NAFTA “trade” has created millions of jobs are based on disingenuous accounting, which counts only jobs gained by exports but ignores jobs lost due to growing imports. The U.S. economy has grown in the past 20 years *despite* NAFTA, not because of it. Worse yet, production workers’ wages have suffered in the United States. Likewise, workers in Mexico have not seen wage growth. Job losses and wage stagnation are NAFTA’s real legacy.



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I urge all of our members to contact Congressman Ron Kind and tell him to vote against the Trans-Pacific Partnership Trade Agreement. Free Trade is not Fair Trade and these agreements by and large do not serve the interests of the majority of working men and women in this country. Congressman Kind can be reached by mail to his local office, 205 5th Ave. S in La Crosse WI, 54601; by Fax to 608-782-4588 and 202-225-5739; and by email to kind.house.gov/email-ron/.

IAM MIDWEST TERRITORY SCORES WIN FOR 1700 IN MISSOURI

District Lodge 66 took part in the successful effort to gain representation for the employees of ATK Ammunition in Independence MO. Two volunteers from Local Lodge 1030, **Lodge President Neil Kamrowski** and **Lodge Communicator Ron Kamrowski**, responded to the request from Midwest Territory and spent nearly two weeks in Missouri. Working with volunteers from around the nation and the Grand Lodge, Neil and Ron served us well as representatives of District 66.

Workers at the Independence, MO plant that serves as the Defense Department's primary source for military 5.56 mm, 7.62 mm and .50-caliber rifle ammunition voted recently to become the newest members of the IAM in Kansas City, MO.

The 1,730 employees at Alliant Techsystems (ATK) Lake City Army Ammunition Plant (LCAAP) stuck together in the face of a hostile anti-union effort by the company and a government shutdown which delayed their election by two weeks.

Key issues in the organizing effort included outsourcing, a draconian management style and a refusal by the company to honor seniority. In addition to a pension freeze and cuts to the 401(k) program, the majority of employees at ATK had not seen a raise in two years.

"Numerous attempts have been made to organize this facility over the past 72 years," said Midwest Territory GVP Phil Gruber. "It's a testament to the determination of these employees that they overcame every obstacle and succeeded where many others came up short."

The successful IAM campaign featured traditional employee meetings, house calls by volunteers and hand billing, as well as a social media component that included emails, text messages and phone banking.

"Congratulations to everyone involved in this campaign, especially the workers at ATK," said IAM Headquarters GVP Bob Martinez.

DISTRICT LODGE 66 ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

Once again, it is time for the District's Annual Scholarship Program as approved by your Delegates to District Lodge 66. It is open to all High School Seniors that are children of any IAMAW Lodge that is affiliated with District Lodge No. 66. This includes Lodges 21, 1030, 1115, 1771 and 2191.

There are Two (2) \$750 scholarships annually, one for a female student and one for a male student. If we do not have one of each, then it will be given to two female or male students. Only seniors in High School that are the children of Machinist Union members and those that are seeking post high school education are eligible.

The essays must be in at the District Lodge 66 office 1307 Market St., La Crosse WI by **Saturday, March 1, 2014**. Scholarships not used in consecutive semesters beginning in the year of the award will be forfeited.

See our full ad with all of the Competition rules elsewhere in this month's Union Herald.

2014 MACHINISTS UNION SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

It is with renewed enthusiasm that we are beginning another year for the IAM Scholarship Competition. All of our Locals will receive the 2014 Scholarship Competition Announcement that covers the rules and regulations for IAM members and children of IAM members. Please note that we now have a vocational-technical

two-year scholarship available to both children of members and members. Also, at the 2004 Grand Lodge convention, the delegates voted unanimously to name one of the scholarships after Roman A. Mayfield, a 55-year member of D.L. 751, now deceased. This will be given to one of the scholarship recipients who best represent the spirit of volunteerism and the strong sense of service to their community that was a hallmark of Brother Mayfield.

To keep with current times we have made our Scholarship Program fully accessible from the web. We will now announce Scholarship Winners in the IMAIL and will also be available to view at www.goiam.org, under the Scholarship Department. 2013 Scholarship winners were announced in the i-Mail dated June 27, 2013. Also, for the third year, you can now download and print the 3 different Scholarship Applications online:

1. IAM Child of a Member applying for College
2. IAM Child of a Member applying for Vocational/Technical School
3. IAM Member applying for College

At the [goiam.org](http://www.goiam.org) website:

(<http://www.goiam.org/index.php/headquarters/departments/scholarship>) or you can call the Scholarship Department, 301-967-4708 and request an application packet to be mailed. Also, the application packets for the 3 different scholarships were sent to the local and district lodges.

DISTRICT LODGE 66 DELEGATE MEETING

The regular monthly District Lodge Delegate meeting took place on Monday December 16. We had a short business meeting to conclude our activities for the year. We then took the opportunity to socialize and celebrate the season. I would like to thank all of the Delegates for their service on behalf of their Local Lodges as representatives to the District. When next you see any of these folks, make sure they know you appreciate their efforts. **Local Lodge 2191: Dennis Gerke, Tracey Taylor, Cole Herold, and Josh Kipp. Local Lodge 21: Brad King, Rich Hauser, Denise Grover, Curt Hanson, and John Davis. Local Lodge 1030: Dave Bierce, Tom Ruben, Neil Kamrowski, and Howard Gaedy. Local Lodge 1115: Dean Rink, Dennis Gonia, Milt Tyler, and Ernie Donnie. Local Lodge 1771: Scott Morgan.** I have appreciated working with all of you this year and look forward to working together for the betterment of District Lodge 66 in 2014!

Until next month...