



# BLUE COLLAR ADVOCATE

Raising Voices - Raising Awareness - Raising Standards

*“Going To Work Should Not Be A Grave Mistake!”*

## THIS WEEK’S HEADLINES

**HARVEST OF HARMONY PARADE**  
**OCTOBER 3, 2015, 8am cst.**  
**Grand Island, Nebraska**



USMWF families will be at Nebraska’s Harvest of Harmony Parade making awareness to workplace safety and honoring those we have lost due to work related incident.

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch live on Saturday!!!

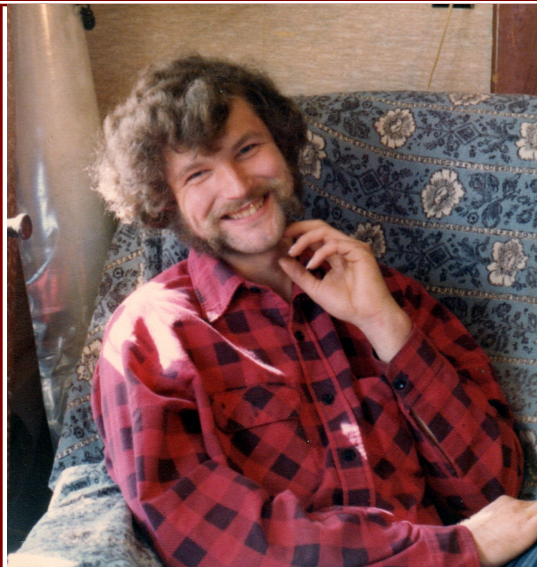
## KFC Chicken Supplier Fined \$1.4 Million After Two Employees Maimed at Work

It turns out that KFC's chicken legs might have required the sacrifice of a human leg. [According to BuzzFeed](#), Case Farms — a large North Carolina-based poultry supplier that sells to companies like KFC — is facing over \$1.4 million in fines. This is due to employees losing limbs while on the job at the company's Ohio processing facility. [READ MORE](#)

## Businesses Issued \$47,000 in fines for Construction Workers Death at Creekside Apartments

(New Braunfels, TX)—A total of \$47,200 in fines, is the decision from [Occupational Safety and Health Administration / OSHA](#) in the death of 41-year-old Victor Echartea-Medina, who fell to his death working at the Creekside Vue Apartment Complex in March. [READ MORE](#)

## USMWF’S HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK!!!



## Loren Boller, 23

Photo was sent in by Loren’s sister Beth Love:  
*—He was inside the tank area checking for weld strength. They pumped air into the bulkhead between the two tanks to check for weld leakage. The bulkhead gave way and he was killed instantly. We were told that there was only to have been like 9 psi of air pressure to test, the line feeding it would hold over 300 psi, and the regulator gauge was faulty, they did not know how much pressure there had been.*

~ August 1977 - 1954 ~



USMWF Invites you to light a pumpkin for a donation of \$10 in honor of your loved one or a fallen workers on our Facebook page through the month of October.

Go to.... <http://www.usmwf.org/catalog.html> and light your candle today.

### Son remembers contract worker killed in fall at TVA

CHATTANOOGA, TN (WRCB) -UPDATE: Eddie Morgan remembers his dad, Edwin Morgan, who went by Earl, as a hardworking man that was good at his craft.

“He didn’t care if it took him a little bit longer to do it as long as it got done right,” Eddie said, “He said if anything was worth doing, it was worth doing right and made sure he did it the way he was taught to do it by his dad and other construction workers that he worked with throughout the years.”

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### John Newquist Safety

October is Fire Prevention Month: [Click Here](#) for more information



# DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that you can help support USMWF by purchasing lapel pins, buttons, event candles for Facebook, bumper stickers, and now Memory Vinyl Decals. [Click Here](#) to Support USMWF.



## WORKPLACE SAFETY CORNER *(click each video to view)*

Electrical Safety



Ohio is one of 24 states where deaths on the job increased last year from the year before, according to newly updated state and federal data.

There were 184 work-related fatalities across all occupations statewide in 2014, compared to 149 the year before, according to Ohio Department of Health, which tracks the state-level statistics in partnership with the federal government.

Overall, 4,679 fatal work injuries in all private and public sectors were recorded in the United States in 2014. That grew 2 percent from the 4,585 deaths that occurred in 2013, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

But when adjusted for the number of workers and hours – taking into account total U.S. employment grew approximately 1 percent in 2014 from 2013 – the death rate remained unchanged; there were about 3 deaths for every 100,000 workers in each of the last two years, according to the federal labor department.

“Far too many people are still killed on the job – 13 workers every day taken from their families tragically and unnecessarily,” said Thomas Perez, U.S. secretary of labor, in a written statement. “These numbers underscore the urgent need for employers to provide a safe workplace for their employees as the law requires.”

Deaths in what can be dangerous manufacturing and construction industries are on the rise both locally and nationally as employment in those sectors recovers from the economic downturn, according to the estimates.

[.READ MORE](#)

THERE IS STILL TIME!!!

USMWF NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!

Please take a few minutes (and seriously it only takes a few minutes) and nominate USMWF for a great opportunity to win \$5,000 and help us reach our target audience and make a difference.

Just enter:

Your Name

Organization

United Support Memorial for Workplace Fatalities (USMWF ORG Inc)

Website

[www.usmwf.org](http://www.usmwf.org)

Organization's Email [support@usmwf.org](mailto:support@usmwf.org)

## TESIMONIAL:

I lost my brother simply because fixing a dangerous boiler was in CVR's 5 year plan. Yet that boiler had been in operation since 1959. We lost a great man because they didn't want to spend the money to fix it. There should be no acceptable risk in the workplace. Russell Mann 1967-2012.

– Genevia Mann-Haley



Russell Mann, 45

## ARTICLES:

### Tree service worker dies after fall from tree

AMHERST, N.Y. (WKBW) - Amherst Police tell 7 Eyewitness News a tree service contractor fell to his death while on a job earlier Saturday morning. [READ MORE](#)

### Redding PG&E worker killed on the job

[READ MORE](#)

## HOW CAN USMWF HELP YOU?

USMWF's goal is to offer support and guidance to families that have lost loved ones due to work related incident.

However, we strive to make awareness to safe workplaces to prevent others from enduring the same pain that our families have after the loss of their loved one.

USMWF would like to know how we can help you? What are you looking for when you go to our social media or website?

Email your suggestions to [support@usmwf.org](mailto:support@usmwf.org)

Thank you for your time.

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