86th Annual Awards Banquet

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Michael Reader was elected President of the PMPA in 2018, following terms as First and Second Vice President. He served as a Director-At-Large on the Board from 2009-2012, and was a Board representative on the Executive Committee from 2010-2012.

Mike is currently serving his term on the Executive and Finance committees, as well as PMTS, Update Conference and Government Affairs – where he is a strong advocate of our industry and has represented PMPA at several Washington DC Fly-Ins. He is also an active member of the PMPA Education Foundation Board. Mike has attended 30 National meetings since 1997.

Mike Reader is President of Precision Plus, Inc. in Elkhorn, Wisconsin, a member of PMPA since 1992.

To the First Lady...
For her sacrifices, endurances, and behind-the-scenes support, PMPA thanks the wife of this year’s retiring President:

Patricia Reader
Director's Service Award

Presented with appreciation to recognize each Director upon successful completion of his or her term as a member of the PMPA Board of Directors. The usual term of service is three years.

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At-Large Director

Technical Membership
Chairman’s Award

This award is presented to recognize leadership and service rendered by the out-going Chairman of PMPA’s Technical membership. With this award go the thanks and appreciation of all PMPA member companies.

Liberato Pietrantoni
CJWinter
Rochester, NY
Technical Member Participation Awards

To recognize and encourage participation in PMPA activities, this award is presented to select Technical Member companies in appreciation for their outstanding contributions and service to the Association. In 2019, we are pleased to honor:

Absolute Machine Tools
Lorain, OH

Champion Screw Machine Engineering, Inc
Wixom, MI

Henning Industrial Software Inc.
Hudson, OH

HORN USA
Franklin, TN

Lester Detterbeck Enterprises Ltd.
Iron River, MI

Peterson Tool Company, Inc.
Nashville, TN

Somma Tool Company/
Max-Bar Swiss Inc.
Waterbury, CT

Valbruna Stainless, Inc.
Fort Wayne, IN

ZPS America LLC
Indianapolis, IN
25 Years of PMPA Membership

Avanti Engineering, Inc.
L&M Precision Products Inc.
Langolf Company
Logan Clutch Corporation
Northwest Automatics, Inc.

50 Years of PMPA Membership

EMC Precision
Fox Manufacturing Co.
Graycer Screw Products Co., Inc.
Millard Machine

75 Years of PMPA Membership

Tompkins Products, Inc.

A special plate is awarded to companies celebrating 25, 50 or 75 years of membership in the Association. This plate will be affixed to their membership plaque.
2019 Committee Service Awards

Information Technologies Committee
**Dave Seabrook**, Micron Manufacturing Company
Chair

PMTS Committee
**Edward K. Brooks**, Huron Automatic Screw Company
Chair

Quality Committee
**Kathleen Dibble**, Prime Engineered Components
Chair

Technical Program Committee
**Tony Gemignani**, R. F. Mau Co.
Chair

Update Committee
**Eric Somma**, Somma Tool Company/Max-Bar Swiss
Chair

Meeting Attendance Pins
Meeting attendance pins are awarded to recognize attendance at 20, 40, 60, 80 and 90 national meetings. A gold-plated micrometer lapel pin is presented at the sixth National Meeting.

**Twenty Meeting Pin**
**Michael Laughlin** – Corey Steel Company

**Forty Meeting Pin**
**James Fetcko** – Ohio Screw Products, Inc.
**Joseph Gentile** – Hangsterfer’s Laboratories, Inc.

**Eighty Meeting Pin**
**John Detterbeck** – Lester Detterbeck Enterprises Ltd.
Bob has worked in the steel industry for over 42 years working for three top-notch steel mills. He graduated in June 1977 from Drexel University in Philadelphia, PA, with a Bachelor degree in Metallurgy and in Mechanical Engineering. Bob started at Carpenter Technology in Reading, PA where he took on various jobs in the mill starting with powder manufacture. He also assisted in a project making nickel strip from powder and worked on a hot eddy current inspection system in their rolling mill. His other jobs included manufacturing cost analysis, billet preparation, ESR melting, rotary and open die forging, customer support for power generation and high temperature machining bar. He was eventually their machinability specialist.

Bob resigned from Carpenter in 2003 to join Ugitech – a French stainless mill which became part of Schmoltz & Bickenbach. He worked as a machining specialist to promote their high machinability stainless steels. In 2012, he joined Corey Steel Company as their Quality Manager/Metallurgist. His role at Corey includes managing the ISO quality system, mill support as well as support for the producer mills and Corey’s customer base.

Bob has been an active member of the PMPA over the last 18 years, participating on several committees: Technical Program, Strategic Planning, Management Update and the PMTS Committee where he helped plan the first PMTS show in 2001. He has been a stalwart provider of information and member support throughout his career. Bob also served as Technical Member Chairman on the Board of Directors from 2005-2006. He has attended over 30 PMPA National meetings.
Larry has been involved in precision machining since 1977. He began his career in the machining trade with his first job as a #4 Warner & Swasey operator at American Crucible & Kenco Pump.  

Not long after, a position at Ohio Screw Company was offered to Larry to be part of the B&S department where he worked for six years, learning under the direction of Ed Imbrogno’s Team. Larry learned the importance of working hard every day with the expectation of providing the maximum available output from all machines.  

Over the next thirty-four years during his career at EMC Precision, Larry has worked hand in hand with the Ohlemacher family. He began his career at EMC as a machinist and enjoyed improving processes that soon led to an Engineering position. As a Manufacturing Engineer, he helped develop and install new technology and processes that continued to keep EMC in the forefront of technological advancement.  

Larry’s career has been about change, watching and participating in an industrial revolution that had changes from Drafting Boards to CAD systems, from mechanical machines to CNC equipment, from layout plates to CMM’s, from made in America to a global market, from dirty floors and clutter to 6S and lean. Larry’s drive for excellence has given him the opportunity to actively drive and install changes over the last forty-two years. As a member of the strategic planning team and VP of Business Development, Larry is an active participant in planning the future of EMC, where he continues to work with Jeff Ohlemacher and Team to make EMC the best precision machining company in the world, and to have “The Best Employees in the Best Job They’ve Ever Had at the Best Place They’ve Ever Worked!”  

Larry is happily married to Beth for thirty-three years and they reside in Sheffield Lake, Ohio. Larry has three children Rana, Noah (Shawna), Nick (Jennifer), and four grandchildren Dominic, Ian, Franklin, and Marley. Larry loves to ride and build motorcycles, Lake Erie fishing, and gardening. On occasion he enjoys a good glass of good beer with friends.
Dennis Izzo is part of the second generation of Prime Engineered Components, Inc., joining the company after the completion of a military obligation. He attended Army NCO School and became a non-commissioned officer where leadership skills were taught and refined. His education started at Croft High School where swimming became his sport, advancing to the Connecticut State Finals. He attended Sacred Heart University in Bridgeport CT, graduating in 1969 on the Dean’s list. He continued his education and received a Master’s degree in Business Administration while working for the company.

Prime Engineered Components, Inc. was founded by his Uncle, Joe Magi, and his mother, Prima Izzo, first generation entrepreneurs in 1967. Dennis joined the company as the first office manager after his return from Army training. His cousin Ray also joined the company, as the second-generation team.

In the early 70’s, Prime joined the NSMPA where Dennis attended a meeting on accounting and sales. Some of his work is still evident in the accounting system today, even with the advent of computers. He was instrumental in the company’s growth and expansion with the completion of a new facility in 1982. A new dedication to quality, production control and machine hour rate studies, all stemmed from his training with the NSMPA. He became President of the company in 1985 and held that post until his son Mark (now third generation) was awarded the position in 2015, spearheading an expansion in 2019.

Dennis attended many PMPA National meetings, Management Update Conferences and Technical meetings. He has held the post of many offices, including Chair (several times) of the Naugatuck Valley Chapter, and now serves on the committee of the newly named Connecticut Chapter, as well as the Board of Directors. Dennis also serves on several outside boards and charity organizations dedicated to cancer.

Along with Teresa and his children, his personal life has been an adventure. His early life included scuba diving in many parts of the world, never giving up his love of the water from high school. He had joined the ranks of many motorcyclists and has seen well over 30 US States on his Harley – lots of stories to tell. He taught his family to ski and they have enjoyed winter vacations in the East and Western US. He became a pilot in his early 40’s and continues to fly today as a private pilot. Dennis has certainly enjoyed his career in the precision machine industry.
The Gold Micrometer

2019 Gold Micrometer Award Recipient
Ted Force
Medical Device & Implants, LLC
Lancaster, PA

In 1974, Ted Force began his career at Form Tools, Inc. in Bellmore, NY; he was 16 years old. Ted worked with Form Tools until 1981 and credits John Popesu with instilling the love of manufacturing in him. In 1981, he answered an ad for Action Machined Products. When asked what he would like his starting salary to be, he responded: “Hire me and you will never buy another tool again.” He was hired as a toolmaker and secondary supervisor. In 1982, Action purchased their first CNC Lathe, and this was the beginning of Ted’s programming career. In 1983, Action purchased a new CNC Mill, where the programming book’s first paragraph read: You have the fastest machining center in the world, your only limitation is your imagination. This is something he shares with people to this day.

Action Machined was also responsible for introducing Ted to the PMPA. He had developed classes for the Technical Conference which included ‘Intro to Trig’, ‘Understanding Shop Math’, and ‘CNC Programming’. Ted was also honored to serve two terms on the Technical Committee and held the position of Chairman twice.

In 1996, Ted accepted a position that offered advancement and a new location for his family. It was with heavy heart he bid goodbye to the Korndoerfer family who had provided Ted with opportunities for which he is still thankful. The family moved to Lancaster, PA so Ted could work for Machine Products Company where he was eager to begin working with the Gammache family and John Schober who he knew from the PMPA.

In 2006, Ted moved on to a new opportunity with Specialized Medical Devices with the Burton family. They manufactured orthopedic implants. This was a challenging position and 5-axis machining was exciting. The company was sold in 2007 and Ted went to Teleflex Corporation until 2012 when Ed Burton called to say they were starting a new company, MDI - Ted became their first employee. This was an exciting time for Ted to assist with starting the company from bare walls and no equipment. Seven years later, the company is still growing and offers Ted the opportunity to be in the ‘thick of things’ and share his technical knowledge with fellow employees. In his spare time, Ted also serves as an adjunct professor at Harrisburg Area Community College teaching classes - Intro to Machining, Advanced CNC programming, Solidworks Fundamentals and Mastercam.

Ted and his wife, Carol, have been married 41 years. They have four grown children, Kristen, Kathryn, Patricia and Teddy and three wonderful sons-in-law, Bob, Brett and David. But the highlight of their life are their 5 grandchildren: Jackson (8), Juliana (6), Sadie (4), Vera (2), and David Jr (4 mos.) Ted enjoys riding his Harley and most recently traveled to the Smokey Mountains on a motorcycle adventure. God has been good. Life is great.
Victor DaCruz was elected First Vice President of the PMPA in 2018, following a term as Second Vice President. He served on the Board of Directors from 2014-2017, representing District I.

Victor is currently serving his term on the Executive and Finance Committees, as well as the Strategic Planning Committee. He has been an active participant in the Connecticut Chapter, spearheading the planning of the Connecticut Chapter Suppliers Night in 2018 and 2019. Victor has attended 13 National meetings since 2010.

Victor DaCruz is President of DACRUZ Manufacturing, Bristol, Connecticut, a member of PMPA since 2009.
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Lies in the hands of those who lead,
those who believe in the future,
those who actively participate in the present,and those who are committed to the
growth of their trade association.

The Precision Machined Products Association
takes this opportunity to honor
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and properly record their accomplishments.

On behalf of fellow members and the entire
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we extend our thanks and grateful
appreciation to these individuals for
their untiring efforts and commitment to our Industry.

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January 16 - 18, 2020
Cape Coral, FL

Government Affairs Washington DC Fly-In
February 11 – 12, 2020
Phoenix Park Hotel - Washington DC

Update Conference
March 5 – 7, 2020
InterContinental Buckhead Atlanta - Atlanta, GA

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May 3 – 5, 2020
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June 25 – 28, 2020
Groton, CT

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October 22 – 25, 2020
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