

SJMCA Awards \$7,000 in US Savings Bonds Largest Amount Ever

The idea began 10 years ago when the leadership of Local 322 and SJMCA formed the Alliance Marketing Program to promote the cooperation between labor and management. Many initiatives were started from advertising to recognizing outstanding vocational school graduates.

One program, Perfect Attendance, rewarded an apprentice for not missing any class time throughout the five year apprenticeship training.

This year 7 apprentices graduated and achieved this honor.

Allen G. Buck
Denise A. Dayoc
Roger D. Decaires
Michael Maralda
Thomas H. O'Neill
Ryan I. Stetser
David J. Verna Jr.

Walt Emerle, Training Coordinator at Local 322 has a reputation as a fair but strict educator. Perfect attendance means perfect. You do not miss any time. Reliability, commitment, dedication are traits of those that achieved this distinction.

The distinguished seven were recognized at the September union meeting in front of all fellow brother and sister members and presented with a \$1,000.00 US Bond and also given a Local 322 Jacket.

Walt recently told a story of a first year apprentice that was inspired by the event and asked Walt what he needed to do to gain this distinction when he graduated. "Its simple son, perfect mean perfect do not miss any time for five years of apprenticeship training".

Contractors can only be pleased with this direction from the union leadership.