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“FIRST BLOOD” **FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026**

As is our tradition, we come together to honor those members who were killed on the job.

While this is a solemn affair, this year will be even more important, as we commemorate the 92nd anniversary of the birth of the ILWU. On May 15, 1934, in Wilmington, California, Dickie Parker and John Knudsen were shot while defending the picket line. It was the beginning of the fight that led to the General Strike in San Francisco and ultimately the ILWU gaining recognition by the employers. Our dispatch hall and working conditions were not given to us, we fought, and men died for them.

We shall never forget our origins and will honor those brave men who stood up for what we have today.

Please come and pay your respects, along with the families and friends of the brothers whose names are etched into the granite plaque on Harbor Blvd. below the bust of Harry Bridges on **Friday, May 15th at 12:00 noon**. This solemn event is held every year to bring families together and to reaffirm our commitment to safety and one another.

We will have a short ceremony that begins at 12:00 noon sharp, followed by a picnic lunch (tacos, and bacon wrapped hot dogs). The ceremony takes place on Harbor Blvd, between 5th and 6th Street in San Pedro.

Fraternally,
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