

REGION 8  
LOCAL VETERANS  
COMMITTEE REPORT  
JULY 2025

During this quarter, there were three local Veterans Committees that had a new Chair appointed. With both the Region 8 Standing Committee Conference and The National Veterans Conference in Black Lake taking place next quarter, the newly appointed Chairs are looking forward to getting some ideas on how to move forward with their Committees. Several Committees were able to take advantage of the financial assistance offered through the availability of the Region 8 scholarships.

**Local 129 (Grand Prairie, TX)**

- \* A new Chair has been appointed to the Local 129 Veterans Committee. I am waiting for their contact information.

**Local 276 (Grand Prairie, TX)**

- \* The Veterans Committee sponsored a CPR training class at the Union Hall. Everyone who successfully completed the requirements received a certification.
- \* Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Military Veterans Appreciation Program that was planned for May has been rescheduled. They are currently shooting for August.
- \* In conjunction with the GM Veterans Group, the Veterans Committee participated in the Wounded Warrior Run. They also worked together to honor Veterans and their families by placing flags at the Dallas National Cemetery for Memorial Day. They returned to remove the flags 31 May.
- \* The Veterans Committee continues to encourage its members to be active in the community and to come forward with new ideas.

### **Local 862 (Louisville, KY)**

- \* One of our Veterans Committee members was selected to participate in an Honor Flight Bluegrass. He chose a fellow committee member as his chaperone.
- \* The Committee sponsored a fuel stop for the Run For The Wall group as they passed through Waddy, KY.
- \* The Local 862 Color Guard presented the Colors at the opening ceremony for the Independent Parts Suppliers Conference that was held in Louisville, KY.
- \* The Committee sent nine Veterans to the 2025 UAW-Ford Veterans Conference in Detroit, MI.
- \* The VA held a public Town Hall at the Local 862 Union Hall.

### **Local 1853 (Springhill, TN)**

- \* The Veterans Committee donated \$500 in gift cards to help five families in need in Marshall County for Easter. They also donated another \$500 to families in Robertson County.
- \* The Committee purchased and donated \$200 worth of socks and under garments to the Marshall County Veterans Center. They were able to make another donation of \$100 worth of under garments the following month, as well.
- \* The annual Memorial Day Service was held at the Local Union hall. They gathered to honor their fallen brothers and sisters and to remember the sacrifices they made. A local teacher from the Maury County school district played TAPS.
- \* The Local lost one of their brothers, SGM James C. Martin, to lung cancer. It was a loss that was felt in all the Veteran Committees throughout Region 8. Jimmy will forever be remembered for his sharp wit and uncanny ability to speak his mind, even if you didn't want to hear it. He was the cornerstone of Local 1853's Veterans Committee. He attended 27 of the last 30 National Veteran Conferences in Black Lake. He made sure he met as many new people as he could at every Conference. He will be loved and missed by so many. "You are relieved of your post soldier. We will take it from here."

### **Local 2069 (Dublin, VA)**

- \* A new Chair for the Veterans Committee was appointed.
- \* In April, the Veterans Committee finished making plans for their Memorial Day Ceremony. They were able to meet with the Ride to Remember group in Wytheville, VA. They had a very moving ceremony with the group while at this location. They then rode with them to D.C. to a Veterans Cemetery. There was another ceremony there.
- \* Their T-shirt sales are off to a good start.
- \* The Committee is planning for the conferences and their Fall programs.

### **Local 2164 (Bowling Green, KY)**

- \* The Veterans Committee refreshed the Memorial Garden at the Union Hall.
- \* Committee members attended the retiree fish fry.
- \* The Color Guard did a Flag Detail rehearsal.
- \* The committee hosted a Memorial Day Service Luncheon. The guest speakers included the Veterans Scholarship Award winner (Shelby Reed) and the KY Liaison for Rolling Thunder (Heidi Macomber).
- \* The Committee started selling T-shirts and raffle tickets to raise funds.
- \* They are planning a Car Show with a Craft Fair for September.
- \* The Local Secretary put in for Region 8 Scholarships, enabling the Committee to send three delegates to Black Lake this year.

### **Local 2360 (Carrollton, TX)**

- \* The new Veterans Committee Chair is still trying to get his Committee going.
- \* The Committee will be sending two delegates to the Black Lake Veterans Conference. They were able to obtain financial assistance from the Region 8 Scholarship Program.

### **Local 2404 ( Charlotte, NC)**

- \* Advised that there was nothing to report.

### **Local 3047 (Elizabethtown, KY)**

- \* The Veterans Committee had hoped to have a Red, White and Blue BBQ #2 in April. However, due to low participation, it was cancelled.
- \* The Committee helped place flags on the graves of soldiers buried at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central in Radcliff, KY.
- \* They attended a Memorial Day Ceremony at Elizabethtown Nature Park. Over 400 attendees gathered around the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall replica.
- \* The Veterans Committee started selling Challenge Coins showing support for all Veterans as a fund raiser. The proceeds will be donated to Wreaths Across America.
- \* The Committee was able to get approval to have a POW/MIA table permanently displayed at the Local Union Hall. Members of the Disabled American Veterans came in to perform the Remembrance Ceremony.

### **Local 3057 (Marshall, TX)**

- \* The Veterans Committee currently has one member. It will be the Chairs first time participating in the Region 8 Standing Committee Conference. He is looking forward to getting some ideas on how to move forward with his Committee. His first goal is to get more members to join.

### **Local 3064 (Dry Ridge, KY)**

- \* The Veterans Committee held a Split-the-Pot to raise funds for future donations.
- \* Local 3064 manned a booth at the Grant County Fair for the first time in 2024. The Committee had hoped to continue the tradition of helping this year. However, due to unforeseen circumstances, they had to cancel.
- \* The Committee continues to look for innovative ways to raise funds. They have had a lot of financial success with push-up contests in the past.

**Local 5285 (Mt Holly, NC)**

- \* The Veterans Committee assembled packages of toiletry items to hand out to homeless Veterans in the community.
- \* Members of the Committee attended a Memorial Day dinner at a local assisted living home.
- \* The Veteran Committee Chair is concerned about how the lay off at Daimler is going to effect the Committee. At this time, most of the members on the Committee are projected to be laid off.

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