REGION 8
LOCAL VETERANS
COMMITTEE REPORT
JULY-SEPTEMBER 2026

Both the 2026 National Veterans Conference and the 2026 Region 8 Standing Committee Conference were held this quarter. The local Veteran Committees were able to send a combined total of 62 delegates to the conferences. Both conferences brought together UAW Veterans, Veteran supporters and Union Leadership for a week of education, training and fellowship. The conferences reinforced the importance of keeping Veterans informed, supporting one another and making sure that Veteran's concerns remain an important part of our Union's mission. Congratulations to our newly elected Region 8 Veterans Advisory Council SGT-At-Arms, Bobby Anderson (**Local 129**, Grand Prairie, TX).

Staying Active in the Community:

* **Local 862** (Louisville, KY) provided volunteers to help with fundraising events for Dogs Helping Heroes and Active Heroes. Volunteers also helped with Honor Flight Bluegrass.
* **Local 1853** (Springhill, TN) volunteered to cook for the people participating in the Nashville Labor Day Parade.
* **Local 2164** (Bowling Green, KY) participated in several car shows. They volunteered with the Downs Syndrome of Southern Kentucky Car Show and one benefiting Toys for Tots and Veterans Alliance Center.
* **Local 2406** (Memphis, TN) was called to serve the community by serving as a pall bearer for several neighbors, including the son of a Veteran. The Chair continues to help homeless Veterans by purchasing meals.

Keeping Our Veterans Informed:

* **Local 276** (Grand Prairie, TX) Veterans Chair stepped up to educate the delegates attending the 2026 Region 8 Standing Committee Conference on the significance of the items placed on the POW/MIA Table.
* **Local 1853** (Springhill, TN) is wanting to get the word out to all the Local Veterans Committee Chairs that you can contact your elected US Congressional Representative to inquire about getting a flag that has flown over the Capitol building. You can donate these flags to local Veterans organizations or to your own members.
* **Local 5287** (Archdale, NC) is working with their local American Legion to have them come out to the Union Hall to talk to the Veterans about benefits and answer any questions they have.

Fundraising:

* **Local 1853** (Springhill, TN) brought T-shirts to sell at both conferences, with the profits going to future holiday events.
* **Local 2164** (Bowling Green, KY) continued to sell T-shirts and tickets for their Sportsman's raffle to help fund future events.
* **Local 5287** (Archdale, NC) is planning a fundraiser to help with the "Wreaths for Veterans" program. Not only do they want to help purchase wreaths, they also want to donate their time to place them on the grave sites.

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