

REGION 8
LOCAL VETERANS
COMMITTEE REPORT
OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2025

This quarter offers multiple opportunities for the Region 8 Veterans Committees to assist and honor the Veterans in the community and the UAW. Donations of money and time are given generously. The Committees are involved with holiday events taking place at the Union Halls. Several Local Committees provide meals and gifts (coats, socks, blankets) to Veterans organizations in their area to make sure the Veterans have a memorable Thanksgiving and Christmas. This is also the time the Committees help with the annual Wreaths Across America fundraising events. Donations are given and fund raisers are attended in order to help organizations that help Veterans.

Local 129 (Grand Prairie, TX)

- * The Chair of the Local Veterans Committee makes a point to personally volunteer at the local Veterans Center at least once a week.
- * The new Committee Chair has been actively trying to recruit new members. However, a six day work schedule has been hindering participation.

Local 276 (Grand Prairie, TX)

- * The Veterans Committee paired up with GM Veterans Group to have their annual Veterans Fair at the plant. There were representatives from the VA hospital in Dallas, Women Veterans Group and Homes for Veterans in attendance. The Veterans Fair included lunch for all the Veterans. Veterans and supporters were also treated to cupcakes.
- * Members of the Committee also participated in the Veterans Day Parade along with the GM Veterans Group and the Dallas/Ft. Worth Honor Flight group.

Local 862 (Louisville, KY)

- * The Veterans Committee made a donation to purchase candy for the annual Trunk-or-Treat event held at the Local Union Hall. There were enough members volunteering that the Committee was able to (wo)man two tables.
- * The Veterans Committee brought in other Committees to be able to purchase three tables for the annual Be At Ease Event to raise funds for Dogs Helping Heroes.
- * Members from the Local along with the Veterans Committee attended the Veterans Day Parade in Louisville. The Veterans Committee purchased T-shirts to hand out at the parade. The Local 862 Color Guard marched in the parade and participated in the blessing of the flags.
- * The Local Union held a Resource Fair aimed at helping the members from Louisville Assembly Plant who were preparing to be laid off. The Veterans Committee passed out information to the Veterans. Coozies featuring the UAW Veterans Committee Logo were also handed out.
- * The Committee made donations to both Bikes or Bust (Toys For Tots) and Boxes of Love Christmas meals.

Local 1407 (Cookeville, TN)

- * The Veterans Committee was able to pass out gift cards to the employees who are Veterans.
- * The Committee is still trying to work on its fund raising.

Local 1853 (Springhill, TN)

- * The Local lost another long standing member of the Veterans Committee in October. George Fox JR was a Vietnam Veteran who served with the 101st Airborne as a paratrooper.
- * The Veterans Committee was able to donate socks to the Marshall County Veterans Center.
- * For Thanksgiving, the Committee donated \$600 in gift cards to Veteran families in need in both Marshall County and Maury County. For Christmas, they were able to make these same donations.
- * At the monthly Union meeting, two Veterans were honored and presented with a flag.
- * The annual Veterans Day Celebration was held at the Union Hall. As a special guest, the Veteran's Chair was able to get his daughter to perform TAPS.

Local 2069 (Dublin, VA)

- * The Veterans Committee kicked off their holiday fund raising by having a gun raffle and selling T-shirts.
- * The Committee participated in two Veterans Day parades. They were also able to put on a fish fry at the VA Hospital in Salem, VA.
- * Members of the Committee participated in Wreaths Across America at Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin, VA.
- * The Committee volunteered to help with the children's Christmas party at the Local UAW Hall.
- * The Committee provided a meal and gift bag for the Veterans at the VA Hospital in Salem, VA. They also donated a truck load of items from the hospital's wish list, which included items to keep the Veterans occupied while they were in the hospital.

Local 2164 (Bowling Green, KY)

- * The Veterans Committee volunteered for the locals Trunk-or-Treat.
- * In November they volunteered at the VFW Breakfast with Santa event to raise money for Toys for Tots. They cooked for and served the attendees. Q
- * There was a Veterans Day Celebration in the plant. The Committee also participated in the Veterans Day Parade.
- * The Veterans Committee made a donation to the Women's Committee to help with their food basket event.
- * The Committee attended the local Wreaths Across America event.
- * The Veterans Committee awarded a \$1000 scholarship to a dependent of an active UAW Veteran.
- * An additional \$500 was donated to Toys for Tots of Southern KY. A \$500 donation was made to AmVets Local 130. The Committee was also able to donate \$500 to the Veterans Alliance Center.

Local 2360 (Carrollton, TX)

- * The UAW Veterans were provided a dinner for themselves and their families to celebrate Veterans Day. The dinner was held on both shifts.
- * The Veterans Committee conducted a clothing drive in co-ordination with the Local. Items were donated to a local shelter as well as the Salvation Army.

Local 2404 (Charlotte, NC)

- * The Veterans Committee participated in the local Wreaths Across America event.

Local 2406 (Memphis, TN)

- * The Veterans Committee was able to raise over \$300 to purchase winter blankets for the Women and Children's Shelter. Union members outside of the Veterans Committee have pledged to buy some additional blankets to donate. The Committee has been involved in helping this shelter for over 13 years.

Local 3047 (Elizabethtown, KY)

- * The Wreaths Across America event that was previously held generated \$6500. The Veterans Committee hosted another fundraising event that included a chili cook off, silent auction, food tent and car show. A total of \$19,500 was raised between the two events.
- * The Veterans Committee attended a Veterans Day Ceremony that was held at American Legion Post 113.
- * Members of the Committee participated in the Wreaths Across America event held at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery, helping to lay wreaths on the gravesites of Veterans to honor their service.
- * Local 3047 Veterans Committee is proud of the continued commitment shown by Local members in honoring the UAW Veterans. These efforts reflect the core values of solidarity, respect and service that our UAW stands for.

Local 3057 (Marshall, TX)

- * The Veterans Committee Chair has been trying to increase membership and participation. In the meantime, he has decided to "join forces" with the Recreation Committee.
- * They are hoping to get an Emergency Response Team started by working together to get a mobile disaster relief cargo trailer. The original plan would be to assist the local community, with the hope of being able to help other communities as it grows.

Local 3064 (Dry Ridge, KY)

- * The UAW Veterans were each given a hat to honor them for their service.
- * The Veterans Committee was able to raise \$1200 during their fundraising events. A Push-Ups for Pay event was held. The Veterans Committee Chair was able to knock out 65 push ups.
- * The Local Union held a Christmas dinner/party. The Veterans Committee donated \$300 to this event. It was a great opportunity to get together outside of the workplace.

Local 3520 (Cleveland, NC)

- * The Veterans Committee made a donation to Wreaths For Veterans to purchase wreaths for the Old National Cemetery at the VA Hospital in Salisbury, NC. The Committee also attended the wreath laying ceremony in conjunction with Wreaths Across America.
- * The Committee provided a complete Thanksgiving dinner for the Veterans and staff of North Iredell Veterans Home.
- * The Veterans Committee stocked two complete tackle boxes to be used by the Veterans from North Iredell Veterans Home for fishing events next year.
- * The Committee provided tumblers as door prizes for all UAW Veterans attending the November Union Meeting. The tumblers had the UAW wheel and a US Flag on it, with the word "Veteran" under the flag.
- * The Committee was able to make a \$1000 donation to the North Iredell Veterans Home. This provided a Christmas meal and gifts to the disabled Veterans residing at the home.
- * The Veterans Committee was also able to donate \$1100 to the NC Chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers.

Local 5285 (Mt. Holly, NC)

- * Members of the Veterans Committee put together Halloween Treat Bags for the residents of a local assisted living home that they chose to adopt.
- * To honor the UAW Veterans, the Veterans Committee along with Daimler Trucks provided them a meal. The VA and Daimler Trucks provided some give away items.
- * The Veterans Committee participated in the local Toys for Tots program.

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