

REGION 8
LOCAL VETERANS
COMMITTEE REPORT
APRIL-JUNE 2026

During the second quarter, the Region 8 UAW Local Veterans Committees remained actively engaged in supporting Veterans through community service, fundraising, Memorial Day events, volunteerism and partnerships. Staying active strengthens the Committee's relationships with Veteran organizations while increasing member involvement in public outreach.

The Local Veterans Committees continue to show a commitment to honoring Veterans, supporting local communities and expanding volunteer opportunities. Continued collaboration and fundraising efforts will further strengthen Committee impact.

- * **Local 129** (Grand Prairie, TX) is working to develop a partnership with the Dallas VA to expand volunteer opportunities. The Veterans Committee is exploring fundraising ideas, due to the absence of a Committee budget. **Local 129** and **Local 276** (Grand Prairie, TX) have discussed joining forces for a future community event.

- * **Local 862** (Louisville, KY) Veterans Committee Sponsored The Ride-To-The-Wall fuel stop in Waddy, KY. They provided keepsake patches to all participants to commemorate the event. The Committee volunteered to help at two Honor Flight Bluegrass events, including participating in the "Welcome Home" event when the Veterans returned from their trip. The **Local 862** Color Guard participated in two Memorial Day Ceremonies, as well as a community Karate tournament.

- * **Local 1853** (Springhill, TN) donated undergarments to Marshall County for Veterans in need. They held their annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the Union Hall to honor our Nation's fallen.

- * **Local 2069** (Dublin, VA) Veterans Committee held their Annual Memorial Day Ceremony. This year, one of the members made a video to commemorate the event. They presented a plaque to the two members (Mark Petersen and Jeff Walke) who started the **Local 2069** Veterans Committee over 35 years ago.

- * **Local 2164** (Bowling Green, KY) held a chili cook off/ car cruise-in to raise money for AmVets Post 130. They cleaned up the Veterans Garden at the Union Hall in preparation for their Memorial Day Event. Members from the Committee attended the Local's 45th anniversary UAW picnic and volunteered at the beer tent. They have started their fundraising with a sportsman raffle and T-shirt sales.
- * **Local 3047** (Elizabethtown, KY) Veterans Committee partnered with the Recreation Committee to plan and host the third annual Red, White and Blue BBQ for the membership. The Committee made a donation to the Gold Star Tribute Wall, a traveling memorial honoring more than 7000 service members killed in action in the Gulf War, Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts. The company (Metalsa) gave a matching contribution.

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