

Region 8 Veterans Council Meeting - NC / SC / Va

After many years, the Region 8 Veterans Council has been reinstated.

Four UAW Locals were present: 3520, 2069, 5285, and 5286 for this new beginning of the council.

The idea to come back together after so many years was to establish rapport among the different locals, to gain ideas from each other and to possibly to help each other out with different projects.

At the meeting, each Local discussed past, present and future projects:

Local 3520: Burial cart wrapped for the local VA hospital, support monetary donations to the VA, had bake sales inside the plant to raise funds, provided wreaths for Veterans during the holidays. With approximately 2086 employees, 1819 of them are union members.

Local 2069: Partnered with the SWVA Veterans cemetery on various projects. They have 2 members on the Board of Directors for the cemetery. They support local VA hospital with monetary donations, meals, fish fry, Christmas party and whatever they ask of them within reason - that they are able to do. With approximately 3000 employees, 134 non-union.

Local 5285: They will be representing in the Labor Day parade in Charlotte, NC and they work with the Veterans Transition Home. There are 1500 employees with less than 100 non-union. Seven that are on the committee.

Local 5286: This local has recently gotten back to getting employees involved to reform the committee. With 900 employees, 723 are union members. Even in the process of getting employees re-involved, they were able to repair a damaged home and build two ramps.

We are in hopes that other locals throughout the states that did not attend will become involved as well. I want to give a special thank you Region 8 Director Tim Smith and Assistant Director George Pamler for supporting these efforts on getting the council reconnect. I also want to give a shout out to Tegion 8 serving representatives Jeff Hall for coming down to facilitate the meeting.



Michael Brown - Vice Chair William Price-Chair

Brian Sennett-Secretary/Treasurer

Greg Suggs - Sargent at Arms

