

REGION 8
LOCAL VETERANS
COMMITTEE REPORT
JANUARY-MARCH 2026

The first quarter of 2026 saw its traditional slow down. The Local Veterans Committees have been discussing the activities and events they would like to participate in this year. Different fundraising ideas are being looked into.

LOCAL 129 (Grand Prairie, TX)

- * The plant is experiencing a high volume of overtime. It has been extremely difficult to get people together.

LOCAL 276 (Grand Prairie, TX)

- * The Veterans Committee adopted a street in the neighborhood near the UAW Union Hall. The members went out to clean up the street.
- * There are currently six strong members on the Committee. They are hoping to add more in the next quarter, as things pick up.
- * The Committee has been discussing events they would like to participate in this year, as well as fund raising suggestions.

LOCAL 862 (Louisville, KY)

- * The Veterans Committee approved the design and purchase of a new Local 862 Veterans Committee Coin.
- * Approval was given to move forward with pricing to have the UAW Veterans emblem put in the outside of the Union Hall.
- * The Committee was invited to participate in lobbying training with the Citizenship and Legislative Committee. The following week members went to Frankfort, KY, to lobby our Representatives on bills pertaining to labor friendly initiatives.
- * One of the members attended a meeting with Vet Built Garage, a non-profit organization where Veterans come together for fellowship while working on cars.

LOCAL 1853 (Springhill, TN)

- * The Veterans Committee made a donation of socks and underwear to the Marshall County Veterans Center.
- * A donation of socks and sweatpants was made to both Marshall and Maury County Veterans Centers.
- * Walmart gift cards were donated to both Marshall County and Maury County Veterans Centers for Easter dinner for Veterans in need.
- * A donation was made for a housing project for women's and men's homes for Veterans in Giles County.

LOCAL 2069 (Dublin, NC)

- * The Veterans Committee has been busy planning upcoming events that they would like to participate in.
- * Preparations are being made for fundraising events such as T-shirt sales and a gun raffle.
- * The Veterans Committee Chair is very appreciative of all the love and support all the Local Veterans Committees show our Veterans.

LOCAL 2164 (Bowling Green, KY)

- * The Veterans Committee has been discussing fundraising for the year.
- * A meeting was held at the new Purple Toad Winery to finish planning for the April Cruise-In/ Chili Cook Off Event to raise funds for AmVets.
- * At this time, the plan is to send four delegates to the 2026 National Veterans Conference in Black Lake.

LOCAL 2360 (Carrollton, TX)

- * Three new members joined the Veterans Committee.
- * The Committee is brainstorming ideas for activities they would like to participate in this year.
- * Discussions are being held on what kind of fundraising events the Committee would like to do, as well as deciding which charitable organizations they would like to be involved with.

LOCAL 3047 (Elizabethtown, KY)

- * The Veterans Committee combined forces and resources with the Recreation Committee to plan the upcoming Red, White and Blue BBQ #3.
- * Members of the Veterans Committee participated in the Vietnam Veterans Day Celebration held at the Vietnam Wall Replica in Elizabethtown, KY. It was a meaningful and heartfelt experience for all who attended.

LOCAL 3520 (Cleveland, NC)

- * Members of the Veterans Committee continue to attend Veterans Breakfast/ Lunch events in the community.
- * The Committee sent a representative to attend the NC Chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers Annual Meeting.
- * The Veterans Committee held a bake sale fundraiser to help American Legion Post 217 (Statesville, NC) gather the funds to replace their septic system.
- * The Committee is currently selling T-shirts to raise funds. They are discussing raffling off two guns and a gun safe in the fall.

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