



## **LOCAL 873 VETERAN'S COMMITTEE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR JULY 2025**

### **Veteran Committee Executive Member's**

**Chairman**  
Patrick Julian

**Vice Chairman**  
Joel Bolen

**Secretary**  
David Sherron

**Treasurer**  
Brandon Fulk

### **Vet Committee Meeting**

The next meeting will be held July 28, 2025, at 5:30pm. Location is at Filling Station.

### **Chairman's Message**

This past month, Vice Chairman Joel Bolen and I had the privilege of meeting with Gary Newcom, the Veterans Committee leader from IBEW Local 481 in Indianapolis. Our conversation was both productive and inspiring. We are proud to announce the beginning of a collaborative relationship between our two committees—one focused on shared goals, joint volunteer efforts, and stronger veteran engagement within the IBEW. Together, we are building a foundation that promotes recruitment of veterans into the trade, supports them through the apprenticeship, and provides ongoing resources and mentorship for those who have served. We will continue to exchange information, strategies, and opportunities that benefit both committees and, most importantly, the veterans we serve. This is just the start of something impactful. I look forward to seeing how we can grow, learn, and serve together.

### **Committee Updates**

Website development is ongoing; we are working to include more local VA contacts, VSO contacts and county-specific benefits information.

Design of flyers for Veteran Committee is ongoing. These will be placed at the local VSO office's and military bases transition assistance centers for veteran outreach and recruitment.

Discussions have begun with the Howard County Vietnam Veterans Organization to support their Annual Reunion (Sept. 14–21, 2025).

The Habitat for Humanity project in Kokomo starts back up next week. We are scheduling for the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> to complete the project. We plan to be there from 4pm to 6pm, possibly 8pm, to ensure project completion. All that remains is device installation and wiring the panel. Remember, any volunteer opportunities the Veteran Committee is involved with, apprentices that volunteer will receive hours towards their yearly required volunteer hours. Please reach out to Patrick Julian for more information and scheduling.

We have continued dialogue with Indy 1 Foundation for future involvement and volunteer opportunities.

### **Merchandise**

Local 873 Veteran Hats and Shirts: Available now at the hall. These are sold at cost by the Hall.

Veteran Committee Coins and Hats: A Bulk order for hats is on the way; will be sold as soon as they arrive. Reach out to Joel Bolen or Bill Percy for Veteran Committee Coins. All proceeds go toward supporting committee activities and veteran outreach.

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### **New Member Spotlight**

Please join us in welcoming two new brothers to IBEW Local 873 and our Veterans Committee:

- Seth Nash-U.S. Marine Corps Veteran
- Chase Cottle – U.S. Air Force Veteran
- Samuel Ritter – U.S. Marine Corps Veteran

We thank them for their service and are proud to have them as part of our union brotherhood.  
Welcome to the team!

### **Washington Watch**

In an effort to keep our veterans informed, we will be highlighting key legislation and policy changes each month that impact veterans, their benefits, and their families.

- VA Benefits have increased by 2.5% with the latest Cost-of-Living Adjustment.
- PACT Act continues expanding presumptive conditions and veteran care—encourage all eligible veterans to apply. Please refer to VA.gov to see the conditions added.
- Senator Duckworth of Illinois introduced the Protect Veteran Jobs Act to rehire veterans affected by layoffs.

### **Phone Numbers/Emails**

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Veteran Coins-Bill Percy: [billpercy873@gmail.com](mailto:billpercy873@gmail.com)

### **Websites**

IBEW 873: [www.ibew873.com](http://www.ibew873.com)

### **Social Media**

Facebook: IBEW 873 Veteran's Committee

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