LOCAL 873 VETERANS COMMITTEE
QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER 3RD QUARTER 2026

Veteran Committee Executive Member's

Chairman	Vice Chairman	Secretary	Treasurer
Patrick Julian	Joel Bolen	David Sherron	Brandon Fulk

Chairman's Message

As we move into another quarter, I'd like to thank everyone who continues to support our Veterans Committee. While this quarter has been a little quieter than the last, our mission hasn't changed. We continue to build relationships, support veterans, and represent Local 873 through service and outreach.

One thing I've been especially proud to see is the continued growth of Veterans Committees across Indiana. What started as an idea between our committee and Brother Travis Rust has helped spark interest throughout the state. Seeing more locals establish Veterans Committees means more veterans will have a support system, more opportunities to volunteer, and a stronger voice within the IBEW.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time, shared ideas, and helped make this committee what it is today. We're continuing to build something that will benefit veterans for years to come.

Fraternally,

Patrick Julian Jr.
Chairman, Veterans Committee
IBEW Local 873

Veterans Committee Update

- Bill Percy continues working on the final design of the Veterans Committee challenge coin.
- The committee continues expanding relationships with veteran organizations throughout Indiana.
- Planning continues for future volunteer projects and outreach opportunities.

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Merchandise

Local 873 Veteran Hats and Shirts: Available at the hall. These are sold at cost by the Hall. Veteran Committee Coins and Hats: We still have some hats available; If you would like a hat, reach out to Patrick Julian or Joel Bolen. All proceeds go toward supporting committee activities and veteran outreach.

Washington Watch

Here are a few important updates from the Department of Veterans Affairs and national veteran policy discussions this quarter:

VA Claims Processing Continues to Improve

The Department of Veterans Affairs has continued reducing claims processing times and has processed a record number of disability claims this fiscal year. The agency also reports significant reductions in pension, Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC), and burial claim processing times.

Community Care Investment

The VA announced that its Community Care Program contributed more than **$36 billion** to local economies during Fiscal Year 2025, continuing efforts to expand veterans' access to healthcare closer to home.

VA Homeowners

The VA has also launched a new **Partial Claim Program** designed to help eligible veterans avoid foreclosure by providing additional options for borrowers facing financial hardship.

Important Dates

Vet Committee Meeting: July 22nd, 2026; 6PM Location TBD! Check the Vet Committee Private Page or reach out to Patrick Julian for details.

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