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A Message from Vice President Philip Ameris

I first want to say thank you for the warm welcome that I've received from every member of the West Virginia and Appalachian Laborers' District Council (WVALDC) who I have had the pleasure of meeting in my first few months as LIUNA Vice President and Mid-Atlantic Regional Manager.

A majority of my LIUNA career has been spent about an hour outside of West Virginia in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. While I have lived close to West Virginia, it is important to me in my new role that our local unions in the WVALDC have a close bond with one another and with local unions across the Mid-Atlantic Region. We will grow stronger together.



Philip Ameris Liuna vice President & Regional Business Manager

There is one word that sums up my experience with the WVALDC: impressive. With the people and opportunities available to you within this district council, I am confident that "Wild and Wonderful" is not just the slogan of one of the WVALDC states, but a description of LIUNA's future.

I couldn't do my job without WVALDC Business Manager Jessie King's inspirational leadership. Whether it is new contractor partnerships or new training, he is always working hard to bring more to your union membership. The team that Jessie has assembled is just as impressive and committed to our great union as he is. From the local union business managers to the training center, the WVALDC team is strategic, experienced, and impactful.

One of the first places that I went as LIUNA VP and Mid-Atlantic Regional

Manager was to a WVALDC Council meeting and the West Virginia Laborers Training Center which is an affiliate of LIUNA's Training and Education Department. There are over 70 LIUNA Training affiliates across the United States and Canada, and I am confident that the West Virginia

Laborers Training Center is one of the best. LIUNA funds like the Training and Education Fund exist to better support you on and off the job. This newsletter is just one resource available to you, the member. I encourage every LIUNA member within the WVALDC to take advantage of both the classes and curriculum offered here to enhance your skills and knowledge.

To say that I am extremely impressed with the West Virginia Laborers Training Center would be an understatement. Every inch of the massive, state-of-the-art facility is filled with care - from the detailed instruction that our trainers provide to the home-cooked meals prepared by the friendly faces in the cafeteria. Administrator Ross McPherson and Training Director Corey Dornon continue to push the program to new heights as we meet the evolving needs of LIUNA members and LIUNA's contractor partners. Apprenticeship Coordinator Eric King is bringing in the next generation of LIUNA laborers by educating high school students about what they can achieve through a LIUNA career. In fact, many of our training center instructors started their LIUNA careers through the apprenticeship program - allowing them not only to share their skills with apprentices but also sharing what a LIUNA career can provide. Our training program's accreditation reflects the expertise and professionalism of our instructors.

Jessie King and the WVALDC Locals, Business managers and staff are planning many events to give you the opportunity to meet your LIUNA brothers and sisters. I look forward to the WVALDC Membership Appreciation Day in Summer 2026 where I will be able to meet you and revisit the training center. Know that you have the full support of LIUNA's Mid-Atlantic Region.



Pipeline Technology 04.21-25.25 L to R: Zane Hetz, Jose Cisneros, Daerik Weaver, James Shane, Josue' Delvalle, Zach Stevey



ICRA 04.28-05.02.25 Deontray Smith



CDL Prep 04.28-30.25 L to R: Mykel McDowell, Richardo Maddox, Daymen Freeman, Jacob Dottillis



Asbestos Abatement Worker 05.05-09.25 Stephanie Rader



Traffic Control & Flagging 05.12-13.25 Front Row L to R: Michael Wright, Jeremiah Schofield



OSHA10 05.14-15.25 L to R: Chase Eckenrode, Tirrell Harris, Qwynton Sweeney



General Construction 06.16-27.25 First Row L to R: Wesley Buffington, Danielle Arbogst, Giovonni Latoure, Brandon Snyder, Hunter Haddox, Gary Thomas, Ian Lowthorp, Corey Kisamore

Middle Row L to R: Seth Maderia, Aiden Cremeans, Arryn Baker, Alexander Crane, Lantz Swisher, Jacob Fogle, Randall Shriver, Marshall Galusky

Back Row L to R: Madysin Balser, Ethyn Baker, Shanna Chadwell, Leah Clary



OSHA 10 5.14-15.25

Front Row L to R: Wesley Buffington, Leah Clary, Brook Gray, Shanna Chadwelll, Brandon Snyder, Hunter Haddox, Randall Shriver

Middle Row L to R: Corey Kisamore, Alexander Crane, Gary Thomas, Giovonni Latorre, Ian Lowthorp, Madysin Balser, Seth Maderia

Back Row L to R: Aiden Cremeans, Jacob Fogle, Lantz Swisher, Marshall Galunsky, Ethyn Baker, Arryn Baker, Ryan Atkinson, Chris Wigal



CDL Prep 09.03-05.25 L to R: Craig Martin, Chad Collins, Josh Summers



General Construction 09.08-19.25 Front Row L to R: Nicholas Huft, Noah Brookover, Hunter Ryan-Cline, Hunter Swisher

Middle Row L to R: Mikey Stowers, Gunner Luzader, Kordale Travis, Brayden Heasley, Adam Vandergrift Back Row L to R: James Smith,

Amanda Long, Nick Kimball, Todd Heskett



OSHA10 09.09-10.25
Front Row L to R: Nick Romanello,
Hunter Swisher, Hunter Ryan-Cline,
Noah Brookover, Preston King,
Amanda Long, Nick Huft
Back Row L to R: David Stowers,
Brayden Heasley, Gunner Luzader,
James Smith, Kordale Travis, Nick Kimball,

Todd Heskett, Adam Vandergift



Solar Farm 09.22-24.25 L to R: Daniel Lovett, Cashea Felton, Josue' DeValle, Jose Cisneros



OSHA10 09.25-26.25 L to R: Josue' DelValle, Daniel Lovett, Warren Johnson, Lawrence Mason



ATSSA Flagger 09.26.25 L to R: Warren Johnson, Theodore Friend, Anthony Payne, Jose Cisneros, Theodore Smith



Asbestos Abatement Supervisor 09.22-27.25
L to R: Haden Walker, Nick Huft,
John Jacobson



Pipeline Technology 09.29-10.03.25 Front Row L to R: Brandon Wood, William Jordan, Ashley Wilson, Carter Baber, William Wigal, Jerry Motley Back Row L to R: Ryan Atkinson, Isaac Hall, Isaiah Tennant, William Arthur, Kayla Chadwick



Concrete 10.06-10.25 L To R: Zachary Stevey, Reginald Butler



Lead Worker 10.06-10.25 L to R: Mark Borum, Parker Bonnett, Joel Basnett, Jeremy Dolan, Clayton Knotts



Pipeline Technology 10.13-17.25 Reginald Butler



Solar Farm Construction 10.13-10.25Carolyn Susie Schreckengost



Hazardous Waste Worker 10.13-17.25 L to R: Nick Huft, Braydon Sampson



Asbestos Abatement Worker 10.13-17.25 L to R: Aaron Freeland, Joel Basnett, Jeremy Dolan, Mark Borum II, James Wright, Jr., Parker Bonnett, Clayton Knotts



CDL Prep 10.27-29.25 L to R: Scott Cobun, Nathan Goff



ICRA 11.03-07.25
Front: Terry Tennant
Back L to R: Benjamin Leach,
William Arthur, Brayden Littleton,
James Wright, Jr., Jacob Myers,
Aaron Freeland, Elijah Edge



OSHA10 10.28-29.25 Front Row L to R: Shawn Littleton, Noah Turley, Skilor Perdue, Landon Workman Back Row L to R: Bret Knight,

Travis Kelly, Trent Smith, Haden Walker



Hoisting & Rigging 10.27-31.25
Front Row L to R: Danielle Arbogast,
Tyler Cunningham, Jacob Myers,
Eddie Grinnan, Hunter Haddox,
Jacob Kerr, Devonta Watkins, Elijah Edge,
Drew Rodriguez, Jamie Wichterman
Back Row L to R: Neil Robertson,
Nate Grayton, Jamie Wichterman,
Ethyn Baker, Charles Ramirez,
Gary Thomas, Ryan Watkin, Chris Wigal



Front Row L to R: Drew Rodriguez, Chris Wigal, Tyler Cunningham, Gary Thomas, Edward Grinnan, Elijah Edge Middle Row L to R: Neil Robertson, Ethyn Baker Back Row L to R: Dnaielle Arbogast, Nathaniel Grayton, Jacob Myers,

Nathaniel Grayton, Jacob Myers, Ryan Watkins, Hunter Haddox, Charles Ramirez, Jamie Wichterman, Jacob Kerr



Save the Date

Membership Appreciation Day will be back August 1, 2026 with food, music and entertainment for all our members and their familes!





August 1, 2026 307 Tracewell Road Mineral Wells, WV

Major Apprenticeship Milestone

We take immense pride in announcing that the West Virginia Laborers Training Trust Fund & The West Virginia Laborers JATC have reached a significant milestone with the graduation of our 1000th Graduate. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Journeyman & Apprenticeship Graduate James Wright Jr. from Laborers Local 1353 for being the 1000th graduate. Additionally, we would like to recognize and congratulate all the previous graduates, leadership, and laborers' locals whose contributions have made this success possible for us to celebrate today.



Local #1353 Business Manager Calvin Brogan with James Wright, Jr.



WV Laborers' District Council Business Manager Jessie King, James Wright, Jr. and WV Laborers' District Council President Matthew McComas



Training Director Corey Dornon, James Wright, Jr., Administrator Ross McPherson and Apprenticeship Coordinator Eric King

Congratulations to Our Newest Journeymen!



Trice Boatwright *Local #1353* (L) with Apprenticeship Coordinator Eric King



Trenton Richards *Local #1149* (L) with Apprenticeship Coordinator Eric King



Clayton Knotts *Local #379* (L) with Apprenticeship Coordinator Eric King



Jeremy Dolan *Local #1353* (L) with Apprenticeship Coordinator Eric King



Parker Bonnett *Local #1353* (L) with Apprenticeship Coordinator Eric King



Joel Basnett *Local #1085* (L) with Apprenticeship Coordinator Eric King



Mark Borum *Local #1149* (L) with Apprenticeship Coordinator Eric King



Robert Haley *Local #1353* (L) with Apprenticeship Coordinator Eric King



Jacob Branham *Local #1353* (L) with Apprenticeship Coordinator Eric King



Greetings from your Benefit Fund Office! We have a new participant portal and a smartphone app that will be available in the coming months. It's called Member View. We are in the process of designing and building it as you read this. When it becomes available, you will receive a mailing with all the information. In the meantime, use our current participant portal to make sure we have your current address.

Friendly reminder, you have access to one of the top telehealth service providers: Teladoc! We currently partner with Teladoc to provide 24/7 general medical care, mental health care, primary care (through Primary 360), and diabetes management.

Happy Holidays From the Staff of the West Virginia Laborers' Training Trust Fund Ross McPherson Corey Dornon Eric King Megan Ludwig Pat Davis Tina Wilson Rachel Moon Bill Morrison Willis Hundley Cody Stimpert Chase Eckenrode Austin Branham Eddy Richard **Duane Pearson** Rachel Nutter Nancy Marshall Charmaine Wentzel Dana Blevins

The West Virginia Laborers' Training Trust Fund Would Like to Recognize the Following Retirees For Their Many Years of Hard Work and Dedication.

MAY EACH OF YOU ENJOY YOUR RETIREMENT YEARS!

Local #379

Member	Initiation Date	Retirement Date
Scott Collette	September 2001	September 2025
Holly Allenby	May 2000	October 2025

Local #984

Member	Initiation Date	Retirement Date
Terry Walls	October 2001	September 2025

Local #1085

Member	Initiation Date	Retirement Date
Anthony Ayers	June 1997	October 2025

Local #1353

Member	Initiation Date	Retirement Date
Jason Coles	September 1996	August 2025
Teresa Griffith	June 2000	August 2025
Connie Zieske	October 1986	August 2025
Shane Dillon	September 1994	September 2025

50 Year Gold Members



1149 Business Manager Justin Gray with 50 year Gold Card Member John H. Bergund Jr. (R)



Organizer Shane Dillon with 50 Year Gold Member Doug Barker **(R)**



L to R: Organizer Shane Dillon with 50 Year Gold Member Tom Bowen and WV Laborers' District Council President Matt McComas



Organizer Shane Dillon with 50 Year Gold Member Garry Maynard

WEST VIRGINIA APPALACHIAN LABORERS' TRAINING CENTER



SCHEDULE OF COURSES JANUARY 2026 - MAY 2026



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COURSE	DATES	TIMES	TOTAL HOURS
Line & Grade*****	Jan 5-9	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Asbestos Abatement Supervisor	Jan 5-10	8:00am - 4:30pm	48
Traffic Control Supervisor	Jan 5-9	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Traffic Control & Flagging	Jan 5-6	8:00am - 4:30pm	16
Hazardous Waste Worker Refresher	Jan 10	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Lead Abatement Worker Refresher	Jan 10	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Pipe OQ	Jan 10	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Pipelaying*****	Jan 12-16	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
OSHA 30	Jan 12-15	8:00am - 4:30pm	32
Foreman Prep	Jan 12-16	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Trench & Excavation Safety	Jan 12	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Firewatch/Fire Extinguisher	Jan 16	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Scaffold Builder*****	Jan 19-23	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Solar Farm Construction	Jan 19-21	8:00am - 4:30pm	24
CDL Prep	Jan 19-21	8:00am - 4:30pm	24
Manlift Safety	Jan 22	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
OSHA 10	Jan 22-23	8:00am - 4:30pm	12
Pipe Laser	Jan 23	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Asbestos Abatement Supervisor Refresh	er Jan 24	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
First Aid/CPR/AED	Jan 24	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Hoisting & Rigging*****	Jan 26-30	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Small Engine Repair	Jan 26-30	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Cutting & Burning	Jan 26-30	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
General Construction*****	Feb 2-13	8:00am - 4:30pm	80
Hazardous Waste Worker****	Feb 2-6	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Intro to Construction Drone Operation	Feb 2-6	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
OSHA 10*	Feb 3-4	8:00am - 4:30pm	12
Air Tools & Soil Compaction*	Feb 5	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Intro to Green Construction*	Feb 6	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Asbestos Abatement Worker*****	Feb 9-13	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Pipeline Distribution	Feb 9-13	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Traffic Control & Flagging*	Feb 10-11	8:00am - 4:30pm	16
Construction Math*	Feb 12	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Scaffold User Safety*	Feb 13	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Asbestos Abatement Worker Refresher	Feb 14	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Hazardous Waste Worker Refresher	Feb 14	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
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Pipe OQ Concrete Practices & Procedures******	Feb 14	8:00am - 4:30pm	8 40
	Feb 16-20	8:00am - 4:30pm	
CDL Prep Pridge Demolition	Feb 16-18	8:00am - 4:30pm	24
Bridge Demolition	Feb 16-20	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Silica Awareness	Feb 17	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Utility Locating	Feb 19	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Poly Pipe Fusion	Feb 20	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Pipeline Technology *****	Feb 23-27	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Solar Farm Construction	Feb 23-25	8:00am - 4:30pm	24

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COURSE	DATES	TIMES	TOTAL HOURS
Forklift/Skidsteer/Manlift	Feb 23-27	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
First Aid/CPR/AED	Feb 26	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Manlift Safety	Feb 27	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Line & Grade*****	Mar 2-6	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Asbestos Abatement Worker*****	Mar 2-6	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Traffic Control Supervisor	Mar 2-6	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Traffic Control & Flagging	Mar 2-3	8:00am - 4:30pm	16
OSHA 10	Mar 4-5	8:00am - 4:30pm	12
First Aid/CPR/AED	Mar 6	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Pipelaying*****	Mar 9-13	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Hazardous Waste Worker*****	Mar 9-13	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
GPS Site Layout	Mar 9-13	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Trench Excavation Safety	Mar 9	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Asbestos Abatement Worker Refresher	Mar 14	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Hazardous Waste Worker Refresher	Mar 14	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Hand Applied Pipe Coating	Mar 14	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Scaffold Builder*****	Mar 16-20	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
CDL Prep	Mar 16-18	8:00am - 4:30pm	24
Intro to Construction Drone Operation	Mar 16-20	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Firewatch/Fire Extinguisher	Mar 19	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Hazardous Communications	Mar 20	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Hoisting & Rigging*****	Mar 23-27	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Confined Spaces in Construction	Mar 23-25	8:00am - 4:30pm	24
	Mar 30-Apr 10	8:00am - 4:30pm	80
ICRA*****	Mar 30-Apr 3	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Forklift/Skidsteer/Manlift	Mar 30-Apr 3	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
OSHA 10	Mar 31-Apr 1	8:00am - 4:30pm	12
Air Tools & Soil Compaction*	Apr 2	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Intro to Green Construction*	Apr 3	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Asbestos Abatement Worker*****	Apr 6-10	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Forman Prep	Apr 6-10	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Traffic Control & Flagging*	Apr 7-8	8:00am - 4:30 pm	16
Construction Math*	Apr 9	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Scaffold User Safety*	Apr 10	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Asbestos Abatement Worker Refresher	Apr 11	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Hazardous Waste Worker Refresher	Apr 11	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
First Aid/CPR/AED	Apr 11	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Pipe OQ	Apr 11	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Concrete Practices & Procedures*****	•	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Pipeline Distribution	Apr 13-17	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Blueprint Reading	Apr 13-17	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Silica Awareness	Apr 14	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Pipeline Technology *****	Apr 20-24	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
CDL Prep	Apr 20-22	8:00am - 4:30pm	24
ICRA*****	Apr 20-24	8:00am - 4:30pm	40

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COURSE	DATES	TIMES	TOTAL HOURS
Infectious Disease Operations*****	Apr 27-May 1	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Cutting & Burning	Apr 27-May 1	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Mason Tending	Apr 27-May 1	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Asbestos Abatement Worker*****	May 4-8	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Traffic Control Supervisor	May 4-8	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Traffic Control & Flagging	May 4-5	8:00am - 4:30pm	16
Confined Space Awareness	May 4	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
OSHA 10	May 6-7	8:00am - 4:30pm	12
First Aid/CPR/AED	May 8	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Asbestos Abatement Supervisor Refres	sher May 9	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Asbestos Abatement Worker Refresher	May 9	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Hazardous Waste Worker Refresher	May 9	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Hazardous Waste Worker*****	May 11-15	8:00am - 4:30pm	40

COURSE	DATES	TIMES	TOTAL HOURS
GPS Site Layout	May 11-15	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Forklift/Skidsteer/Manlift	May 11-15	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Solar Farm Construction	May 18-20	8:00am - 4:30pm	24
Confined Spaces in Construction	May 18-20	8:00am - 4:30pm	24
Liuna Labor History	May 18	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Manlift Safety	May 19	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Pipe Laser	May 20	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Utility Locating	May 21	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Firewatch/Fire Extinguisher	;May 21	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Poly Pipe Fusion	May 21	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Pipe OQ	May 22	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Hazardous Communications	May 22	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Scaffold User Safety	May 22	8:00am - 4:30pm	8

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COURSE	DATES	TIMES	TOTAL HOURS
ICRA*****	Mar 16-20	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Hazardous Waste Worker*****	Mar 23-27	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
General Construction*****	Apr 6-17	8:00am - 4:30pm	80
Solar Farm Construction*	Apr 6-8	8:00am - 4:30pm	24
OSHA 10*	Apr 9-10	8:00am - 4:30pm	12
Maryland State Specific Flagger*	Apr 10	12:30pm - 4:30pm	4

COURSE	DATES	TIMES	TOTAL HOURS
LIUNA Labor History*	Apr 13	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Air Tools & Soil Compaction*	Apr 14	8:00am - 4:30pm	8,
Scaffold User*	Apr 15	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Construction Math*	Apr 16	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
First Aid/CPR/AED*	Apr 17	8:00am - 12:00pm	4
Hand & Power Tool Safety*	Apr 17	12:30pm - 4:30pm	4

Within a GenCon Class

** 10 hours a days, eight days in a row

It is the Responsibility of each member to contact your Local Union when in need of a First Aid or CPR Refresher **** If you are in need of any class not listed please contact the Training Center ***** Creditable apprenticeship classes

Monthly Union Meeting Nights

 

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