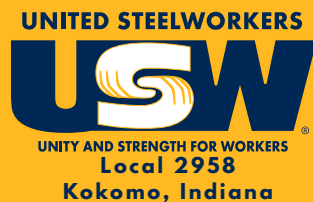


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## **INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN LAS VEGAS: JOHN BECK & DAVE HUNT ARE "ALL IN" ON THEIR EXPERIENCE IN NEVADA**

When thousands of union members from across North America come together in one place, the energy is hard to describe, but John Beck, one of our delegates from Local

2958 gave it a shot. "It's like having family I've never met before," Beck said. "This convention recharges your batteries. Helps you feel good about our fight to protect each other and our jobs."

The USW International Convention, held in Las Vegas, brought together members from every corner of the union; from steel, paper, mining, healthcare, rubber,



Do you have a graduate this spring? If so, let us help celebrate them. Visit <https://uswlocals.org/local-2958/graduation-submission> to have them featured in the next edition, or scan the QR code with your phone to submit! Deadline June 15th



## HUNT & BECK'S USW CONVENTION EXPERIENCE

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bus drivers, shipbuilders, and more. "Given our name is United Steelworkers, it's surprising how many industries we actually cover," said fellow delegate Dave Hunt.

For Hunt, attending his first constitutional convention was eye-opening. "I didn't know what to expect going in. I feel honored to be a small part of the voting on the resolutions that govern our great union."

One moment that hit particularly hard was the debate on the health, safety, and environmental protection resolution. "A delegate shared that over 6,000 workers die each year on the job, and 120,000 more from work-related illness," Hunt said.

"It really struck me, understaffing, excessive overtime, unsafe conditions. These are things we deal with too."

Beck echoed that emotional weight. "One is too many," he said. "Businesses should go to jail if someone dies. It's murder in my eyes and heart."

Still, both delegates agreed the overall spirit of the event was one of solidarity and purpose. The convention's theme—"All In on Solidarity"—stood out. "I really feel that our local lacks solidarity from time to time. I think it's underestimated the influence that we truly have if we can put our differences aside for the purposes of strength and power," Hunt added.

There were lighter moments too. "It's pretty cool how many Steelworker shirts are everywhere," Beck said. "You say hi and find out someone's from Canada or Puerto Rico, but we're all here for the same reason."

Both delegates expressed deep gratitude. "I'll keep doing my best to represent our local with respect and keep our members informed," Beck said. "Thank you, Local 2958."



## OUR LABOR HISTORY: The Names On The Wall

By Zach Keller

We've all seen the plaque near the President's office, with its small black metal plates. Etched onto it are seven names, lives lost in tragedies at our place of work. Unfortunately, we've had to add another name in recent years. I wanted to learn and share their stories.

## Robert Kingseed

We'll start with the name from the farthest back in our history. On May 7, 1963, a 44-year old Bob Kingseed, an employee with ten years under his belt, was helping to unload lumber from a flatbed railroad car. He worked in the Storeroom and at some point in the operation, the lumber, which was for building crates, became unstable. Bob, who was standing on the flatbed, either jumped or fell, and was crushed by the falling lumber. Bob was a Greentown resident, and a member of the American Legion and a 32nd Degree Mason. He left behind a wife and three daughters. He was described as pleasant and kind, always with a ready smile.



The safety standards in place at the time are lost to history, but if we can learn from this, his death will not have been in vain. Ensuring all materials are properly secured before transport and unloading, using braces, tie-downs, or mechanical aids to prevent shifting, and establishing a clear fall zone to keep people safe from unstable loads are some of the ways we can prevent a repeat of this tragic episode.

## Earl Miles

Just a year and a half after Kingseed's accident, we had another disastrous incident. Earl Miles, an electrician with twelve years seniority, was working on upgrades at the foundry on Park Ave. on December 16, 1964. He was helping independent contractors from Moon Welding. The contractors were moving a 12" diameter pipe into the building through a roof opening, where Earl was waiting on it to unload. The choker that held the pipe to the crane cable broke as it was 10-12 feet above the opening. The 35-foot long section of pipe fell, and crushed Earl.



Earl, 52, had recently moved with his wife, Hazel, to Bruce Lake near Rochester and commuted during the week. Also surviving in addition to Hazel was his son Robert Miles. Robert not only lost his father that day, he lost him at the very place they both worked. Robert was working in the Annealing department. The same dangers that took Earl's life were present for his son each

day he came to work. Not only Earl's son, but his grandson and his great-grandson as well. Machine Repairman and our brother Andy Miles is part of a four-generation legacy here. This is a stark reminder that workplace safety affects not just individuals but entire families for generations.

## Stewart Ellsworth

Only another year and a half passed before disaster struck again. This one happened on July 14, 1966, right between our local's formation in September of 1965 and the historic strike that would take place about ten weeks after this incident in September 1966. On that Thursday morning, a large explosion occurred on the north side of Defenbaugh street in the new Salvage and Reclaim department. The six-month-old building exploded, causing two walls to collapse and shattering most windows. A bystander said about the sound, "it sounded like a bomb or a tornado," and was heard by the entire southwest side of Kokomo. A piece of metal from the blast was thrown to the north into Wildcat Creek and cars parked nearby were crushed by debris. The cause was believed to be a malfunctioning blender unit, where metals were mixed. Stewart was standing near it, and died instantly. When all was said and done, 13 people were injured, some from an outside construction crew and some other Stellite employees, and five died from their injuries after they were burned over 50% of their bodies, and after emergency treatment at a burn unit in Boston, MA. Stewart was an employee in the Chem Lab and was just shy of 20 years of company service. He was also a decorated Navy vet who saw heavy combat in the Pacific theatre during World War 2. He left behind a wife, two daughters and a son.



# THE NAMES ON THE WALL

Continued

## Frank Foland

On September 9, 1980, the Vacuum Melt shop was the scene of the most recent on-site fatality (before Seth's incident). Frank Foland, who was 47 years old and in his 25th year of company service, entered the pit basement to check on a small water leak. As Frank and two others, Ron Mosier and Ted Bowers, were working something went wrong and water in the cooling system turned to steam and exploded. Ron and Ted escaped with minor injuries, but Frank sustained burns over 70% of his body and died 17 days later at a burn unit in Ft. Wayne. Frank's family later sued the furnace manufacturer, arguing that the closed cooling system's inability to release steam caused the explosion. Procedures were changed so that no one would be put in that particular dangerous spot again, but it is a dangerous operation and care must be used each day we come to work.



John Marshall was on a flight home from Cincinnati on September 9, 1969, when a small private plane collided with the DC-9 he was a passenger in. All 83 involved were killed. He was with the company for 23 years and left behind two children. Tom Murray was driving back from visiting a supplier and stopped to make a call in the lobby of a Ramada Inn in Indianapolis on Tuesday, October 20, 1987. An engine on an Air Force jet failed and after the pilot ejected, the plane continued on and crashed into the hotel, killing 9 people immediately. Tom was burned over 95% of his body and was taken to a nearby hospital where he later died.

The names on the wall aren't just a list; they are a part of our history. Each one represents a life lost, a family forever changed, and a lesson we can't afford to forget. These tragedies shaped the way we work today and the systems in place to make our jobs safer, and it's on us to make sure history doesn't repeat itself. Every time we step onto the job, we owe it to them and to each other, to stay aware, look out for one another, and make sure no more names have to be added.

## Tom Murray (not pictured), John Marshall, & Seth Badger

We have covered Seth's incident recently and all but our newest brothers and sisters are aware of what happened and the reasons behind it. If you are unfamiliar and reading this, check out Paul Reehling's article from Nov./Dec. 2024's issue and Kurtis Cox's account from our July/August 2024 edition to learn the causes and effects from that tragic event. Not much information was available on Tom Murray and John Marshall. They shared a tragic coincidence though, as both died in plane crashes while on company business.



# Somewhere Over The Rainbow

By Joe Fields

On April 24, we had a Town Hall meeting with Mr. Honeycutt, who discussed the present and future of Haynes and its operations in Kokomo, Indiana. He emphasized the need to maintain our status as one of the safest places in our industry, stating that safety drives investments. He alluded to the fact that we excel at what we do, and our customers are willing to pay some of the highest prices for our materials because of this. He talked about the expansions to the forge and the VIM, noting that they are progressing full speed ahead, with plans to invest the full \$170 million into Kokomo. This investment aims to ensure that Haynes can meet the demands of our customers and the sectors we supply.

Mr. Honeycutt mentioned that we expect to hire approximately 100 people in response to these investments, painting a promising picture. However, when questions arose regarding our ability to pay competitive wages to retain employees, it became clear that there was no expectation of a "pot of gold" at the end of this rainbow for our membership. Following his remarks about our excellence, it was evident that while we are recognized as the best, we are not and should not expect to be compensated as such.

The members of this union have worked diligently and made sacrifices to elevate Haynes to its current standing. This company

has consistently put us in positions to make tough decisions, accepting concessions on retirement, healthcare, and quality of life, while profits have outpaced those losses.

What does this mean? It indicates that the culture of exploitation of our membership will persist. Mr. Honeycutt stated that the \$170 million investment should be recouped within four years, but it is clear that any return on this investment will not be reflected in wages, retirement benefits, or lower healthcare costs. While we are the best at what we do, we will never be compensated as such.

As we navigate the challenges these next few years, continuing to produce the best alloy with the highest profit margins and training the next generation of workers to be the best and safest in the industry, we must remember that the expectation is that we will continue to not be treated as such. If they were, they'd be just as excited about investing in the things that compensate us for the quality workforce they say we are.



**LOCAL 2958  
LEFT WITH EMPTY  
POCKETS**



**METAL  
MAYHEM**

**LOCAL 2958'S  
EDITORIAL  
CARTOON  
FEATURE**



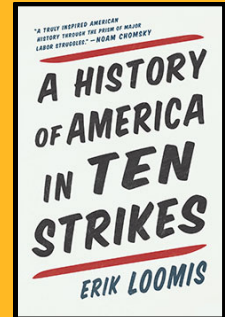
Some of you may remember a while back, camera crews were roaming around the plant. This was for a PBS show from Wisconsin, "John McGivern's Main Streets" It's a TV show where the host explores towns across the Upper Midwest, highlighting their unique attractions, history, and local businesses. Through engaging interviews, McGivern uncovers the charm and character of each place he visits. The show features Haynes and some USW brothers & sisters from about the 4 to 6 minute mark. [Craig Musgrave](#) even has a speaking part! It's available on YouTube now! Scan the QR Code to watch!



On May 20th, USW International will be kicking off a book club covering "A History of American in Ten Strikes" by Erik Loomis. Participants will be reading one chapter per month discussing these ten strikes that altered the political and social movements in American history.

For those wishing to read along, Recording Secretary Zach Keller has secured us a digital copy available via the provided QR code. The book group will meet via Zoom on the third Teaching Tuesday of the month.

<https://usw.org/get-involved/education/teaching-tuesdays/>



## Next Gen's Cookin' Up More Than Just Hot Dogs

By Andrew Belzner



**JULY 12**  
**1P-5P**

Next Gen members have been keeping their nose to the grindstone securing the pillars of this year's summer solidarity event. An official date of July 12th has been set and reserved with the Kokomo Parks Department. Foster Park has been selected in part for its natural beauty, ample parking, and stage area.

Initial funding of \$2,500 was approved by membership at the April 17th meeting. Next Gen leader Eric Gibson stated he hopes the group's fundraising efforts will offset most, if not all of that price tag for the local. Be on the lookout for members selling raffle tickets for a Henry leverage action rifle, as well as a discounted Mothers Day package from Posh Salon.

Assuming fundraising goals are met, attractions include a bouncy house, inflatable obstacle course, dunk tank, and a cornhole tournament. Burgers, hotdogs, and other picnic food will be provided. Special thanks goes out to Next Gen'er Brittanie Forsthoffer for securing a donation from Coca-Cola for refreshments.

Planning a solidarity event is not only fun but also a learning experience. Next Gen'ers are learning to handle concerns from the membership and how our local allocates funding. Graphic design and communication skills are also being honed. These are some of the skills leaders use regularly and Next Gen provides a fun interactive opportunity to learn them.

For anyone interested in joining in on this project or others in the future, Next Gen offers something for everyone. With the goal of developing future leaders, seasoned members can provide their unique insight and guidance and are encouraged to join the fun. Meetings are held the 2nd Saturday of the month. Reach out to Eric Gibson for more info.



# The Pullman Strike: A Turning Point in Labor History

By Paul Reehling

In 1893, an economic depression began in the US and when everyone was being impacted and families were struggling to make ends meet, the Pullman Palace Car Company (railroad car manufacturer) cut their already underpaid workers' wages by 25%. Many of these employees and their families lived in the town of Pullman, which was a company-owned town just outside of Chicago. After lowering the wages of their employees, the Pullman company did nothing to help out with their employees' living arrangements. They kept the rent and all other living expenses the same, causing undue hardship among the workers and their families, and many faced starvation over these actions.

The workers tried to reach out about their issues, but not only did the company refuse to meet with the people that were sent to try and talk to them, they fired them as well. Something had to be done, the workers were being taken advantage of and there didn't seem to be a way out. So on May 11th, 1894 they voted to strike.

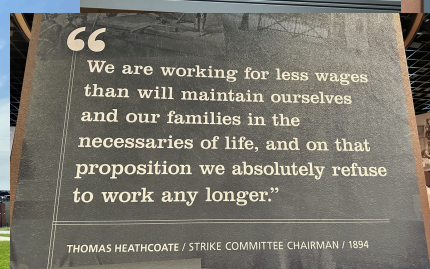
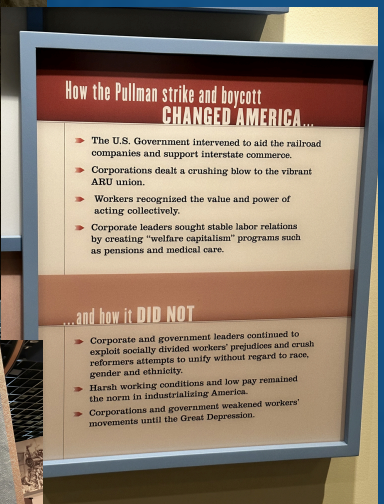
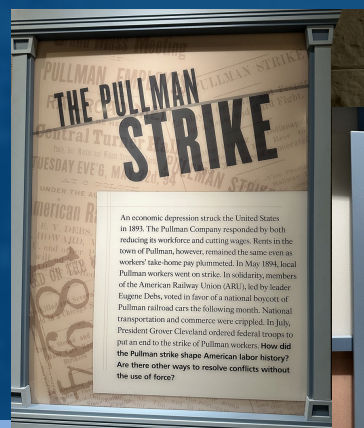
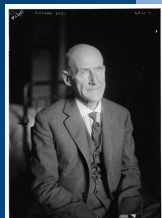
Roughly 35% of the workforce were members of the American Railway Union (ARU). The union sympathized with the workers' situation and stepped in to support the strike. ARU leaders tried to negotiate and propose compromises, including a boycott of Pullman railcars if the company refused to meet. But Pullman still wouldn't budge. Not on wages. Not on working conditions. Not on anything. What started as a company strike quickly grew into a national crisis. The boycott spread. Over 250,000 workers in 27 states took part. Trains stopped. Rail lines shut down. Entire regions of the country were brought to a halt. And still, Pullman refused to come to the table.

The ARU president, Eugene V. Debs (who we profiled in our Sept./Oct. 2024 issue) tried to keep the strike peaceful, but the workers were becoming angry and were getting hard to keep in control. The government eventually handcuffed the president so that he couldn't even reach out to the workers and try to keep everyone calm and patient. Soon many turned to violence; rail cars were overturned, fires were started, cars carrying US mail were stopped from being delivered. This caused local officials to send in extra police and to call on the military to try and de-escalate everything.

Things got so bad the President of the United States sent in federal troops to help. And these were not just peacekeepers. They were there to make sure that the railcars were moving, even firing into one group of striking workers, killing some and wounding many. After this, Debs tried to call off the strike and get the workers back on the job, but the railroad companies started hiring nonunion workers instead. The strike only lasted until July. But the violence that erupted from this caused the striking workers to lose the public support and people started to become fearful. This seemed to spell the end of their fight. In the end, the Pullman company agreed to hire workers back, but only if they agreed to never join a union.


This was one strike that did not work in the workers favor; the only concession given was the creation of the national holiday "Labor Day". Violence just doesn't seem to help and cooler heads may have been able to prevail but we will never know. Still, the Pullman Strike stands as a major chapter in our labor history. It shows what can happen when working people are ignored, undervalued, and pushed too far. And while it didn't bring immediate change, it lit a fire that helped grow the labor movement in the years that followed.

Every labor struggle teaches us something; about power, about unity, and about the cost of being silent. Whether we win or lose, we learn. And that's what keeps us moving forward. Our Labor History can help us better understand how to confront situations and how to fight for our rights. Whether the outcome is good or bad we can and should learn from it.



# LOCAL 2958 CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 10**  
 Combined Next Gen & Women of Steel Meeting  
 @2958 Union Hall  
 1:00 pm

**May 22**  
 Regular Membership Meetings  
 7:30 am  
 1:00 pm  
 3:30 pm

**May 26**  
 Union Hall Closed  
 for Memorial Day

★ MEMORIAL DAY ★

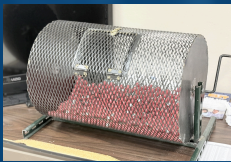
**June 14**  
 Combined Next Gen & Women of Steel Meeting  
 @2958 Union Hall  
 1:00 pm



**June 19**  
 Regular Membership Meetings  
 7:30am  
 1:00pm  
 3:30pm

**July 4**  
 Union Hall Closed  
 for Independence Day

HAPPY  
**4<sup>TH</sup>**  
 of JULY



March -  
 'Harley' Davis  
 (not present, prize rolled over)

## Raffle Results

April -  
 Joshua Keiter  
 (not present, prize rolled over)

# — HAPPY — Retirement



17 YEARS

**ACT NOW**

Help Carlos Rodriguez with his Ultra-Marathon  
 Local has pledged \$1 per mile

gofundme



Scan to donate to Juan's fundraiser  
 "Help Carlos Achieve His 100-Mile Marathon Dream"



I'm Carlos Rodriguez, a USW 2958 member, Army vet, and father of 3, training hard to run the 100-mile Keys Ultra Marathon on May 18. I placed 1st in my age group last year in a 50-mile run. Help me cover entry, travel, and lodging to show my kids anything's possible with hard work.

Following a recent audit of our local bylaws, we have a proposal for updates to align them with USW International standards and ensure they reflect changes passed by our membership over the years. For full transparency, we are publishing them here as well as having copies available at the Union Hall. Key revisions include incorporating updates from the International Standard Bylaws, modernizing outdated language, removing sections no longer relevant (such as the Sports Committee Fund), and refining financial policies, including adjustments to per diem payments based on provided meals. Additionally, a new carpooling policy has been proposed. These updates will keep our bylaws current, clear, and in line with best practices. A vote on these changes will take place at the final of the three required readings at the May 22nd meetings, so stay engaged and make your voice heard!

### **Motion to Amend Local 2958 Bylaws**

I move that Local 2958 adopt the bylaw revisions as outlined in the **By-Laws Audit Report** submitted in March 2025. These changes include:

1. Introducing a new bylaw to **Article 12, new Section 10** that states, **“When a per diem is issued for attendance at an event, function, or training, the amount shall be adjusted to reflect any meals provided at the event. The per diem will be divided into three equal portions representing three meals. If any of these meals are provided at no cost to the attendee, the corresponding portion shall be deducted from the per diem payment.”**
2. Introducing a new bylaw to **Article 22, new Section 9** **“For any union-approved travel to events, functions, or training sessions beyond a 130-mile radius from the Local Union hall, carpooling shall be required. Carpooling is defined as two or more members traveling in the same vehicle. Exceptions to this requirement may be granted at the discretion of the Local Union President. If an exception is approved, the member may submit gas receipts for reimbursement, but mileage reimbursement shall not be paid for single-occupant travel outside this radius”**
3. **Incorporating updates from the International Standard Bylaws (2022)**, including modifications to Articles 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, and 14, as required.
4. **Codifying previously ratified local bylaw amendments** from 1995, 1997, 2000, 2012, and 2015 into our official bylaws.
5. **Removing outdated or redundant sections**, including:
  - Deletion of Article 12, Sections 10 & 11 (Sports Committee Fund & Expenditure Delays).
  - Removal of Article 21 (Standing Sports Committee).
  - Deletion of Article 25 (procedures now covered elsewhere).
6. **Adjustments to election and membership requirements**, including:
  - Amending Article 5, Subsection 11(c) to clarify attendance expectations and disciplinary action.
  - Modifying Article 13, Section 1(c) to align meeting attendance requirements for delegate eligibility with current practice.
  - Updating Article 7, Section 9(d) to officially recognize Unit Chairpersons or Presidents as Executive Board members with full voting rights.
  - Adding an attendance requirement for summer school eligibility to Article 7, Section 5.
  - Adding election procedure clarifications to Article 4, Section 7(b).
7. **Reorganizing and renumbering articles to align with International standards**, including:
  - Moving 1967 Article 18 to a new Article 20.
  - Moving 1967 Article 22 to a new Article 21.
  - Modernizing Article 22 to reflect International-approved language and structure.

These changes will ensure our bylaws are current, transparent, and compliant with USW International standards while accurately reflecting our Local's historical amendments and practices.

A **second** is needed on this motion and call for a vote of the membership to enact these changes.

To be read at three consecutive meetings and passed with a 2/3 majority to be enacted and made official.

# Local 2958 Member Highlight

Willie Jackson ~ Member Since 2011  
Human & Civil Rights Committee Chair

**Tell us a little about yourself? What are your passions, and interests outside of the job?**

"In my free time I like to spend time with my friends and family, watch movies and sports."

**What's your favorite thing about your local community, and how do you like to contribute or give back to it?**

"The kindness and helpfulness of my neighbors, and to make sure to display the same characteristics to my neighbors."

**If your life were a movie, which actor would play you, and what would the title be?**

"Denzel Washington - *The Life I Chose*"

**What's your favorite thing about working here and being a member of Local 2958?**

"The pay and the stability, as well as the opportunity to educate and assist other union members."

**What advice would you give to new members who are just starting their journey with the union?**

"GET INVOLVED!"

**Can you share a piece of advice or a life lesson that you've learned and believe is valuable for others to hear?**

"If you have a problem or issue, go to the source first."



## Human and Civil Rights: Here to Help

By Willie Jackson

My name is Willie Jackson, and I'm proud to serve as the Human and Civil Rights Chairperson for our union. I've held this position for over three years, and it's work I take seriously. My goal is simple: to make sure every member of this union is treated with fairness, dignity, and respect with no exceptions.

This July marks 14 years for me at Haynes International, with the last 10 spent in the Forge Shop. I've seen firsthand how important it is for union members to stand up for one another, especially when someone feels mistreated or overlooked.

I'm not in this alone. I'm lucky to have two assistants who are just as committed to protecting our members' rights: Roman Martin (1st shift) and Henry Young (2nd shift). Both have served in their roles for over three years and bring valuable experience and insight to our work. If you ever feel you're being treated unfairly or see someone else who is, don't hesitate to reach out to me, Roman, or Henry. We're here to listen, take action, and help find solutions. That's what solidarity means.

HUMAN RIGHTS



CIVIL RIGHTS

# A Fresh Focus on Safety



Hello, I'm **Kelvin Vazquez**. I've been with Haynes International for 15 years. I've spent 14 of those years in the Cold Strip Mill (R35). After serving as a Health and Safety Assistant to Doug Kline for the last 10 years, in March I was appointed as the Health and Safety Chair for our local. My goal is for the union and the company to jointly establish a positive safety culture by establishing clear safety policies, involve employees in decision making, provide regular training, encourage open communication, and clearly defining safety expectations and accountability for all. We want all employees to feel comfortable reporting near misses and unsafe conditions. Lastly, we want to be proactive in managing all risks, so please feel free to reach out with any safety needs or concerns so we can address all things in a timely manner.



With recent changes, I have decided to make some changes to our team. I would like to introduce our team to you:



## SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE

**SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE CHAIR - KELVIN VAZQUEZ, 1sts / (ALT) - JIM RADER, 1st's DENNIS TUCKER, 2nd's / DANNY SHELTON, 3rd's**

### Jim Rader - 1st shift Alternate

I'm Jim Rader. I have been with Haynes for over 13 years. I have worked at the Cold Strip Mill, Air Melt, and presently on the Pickle line in R35. I joined the Health and Safety team as 1st shift assistant in early March. I hope we are able to assist you with your safety concerns. Feel free to reach out to any of our team for anything.

### Dennis Tucker - 2nd shift

Hello my name is Dennis Tucker. I'm your 2nd shift union safety rep. I've been with the safety team some 10 years when Doug Kline brought me on when I was at the Lebanon Service Center. I've been in inspection the past 7 years after spending 13 in Lebanon. A lot of new expansions are coming here at Haynes that are going to push everybody's patience and nerves. Be safe and aware during this time. You are your best advocate to being safe.

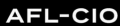
### Danny Shelton - 3rd shift

Hello, I'm Danny Shelton. I've been a member of the team since 2018, and I'm delighted to be a third-generation employee. My area of expertise is as a 3rd shift lubrication specialist, and I also serve as the 3rd shift EAP representative. Additionally, I've recently been appointed as the 3rd shift Safety and Health Assistant. This position needs your guidance and input, so please don't hesitate to speak up if you notice something that requires attention. We're all in this together, and your input is invaluable in driving positive change.

**DEATH ON THE JOB**

**385 U.S. WORKERS DIE EACH DAY FROM HAZARDOUS WORKING CONDITIONS.**

In 2023, **5,283** working people were killed on the job and an estimated **135,304** died from occupational diseases.



For more info, visit [aflcio.org/dotj](http://aflcio.org/dotj)



## Coming Soon: Special Edition Work Group Survey Results

Ever wondered how your work area stacks up against others in the plant? We asked members to rate their departments on everything from safety and equipment to supervision, workload, communication, and overtime, and the responses keep rolling in.

In an upcoming special edition of the newsletter, we'll break down the full findings, work group by work group. You'll see which areas scored high for teamwork, which ones are struggling with management support, and where the best (and worst) equipment and conditions are. Whether you're thinking about putting in for a posting, or just curious what life is like in other parts of the plant,

this is your chance to get the real picture straight from your fellow members. We'll also highlight honest comments from the survey, cover trends across the shop, and show how your feedback can shape what comes next. No fluff, no sugarcoating, just real insight from the floor.

Keep an eye out for the special edition hitting soon. And if you didn't get a chance to participate this time, there'll be more opportunities ahead. Your voice matters. Let's use it to keep pushing for better.

## Contest Announcement

### Wanted: Junior Artist for Competition!

By Andrew Betzner

From now until June 26th, Forged Together will be conducting a kids coloring contest! Prizes shown will be awarded to the winners in each age category, years 1-6, and 7+. All relatives of dues-paying members are eligible to participate, including nieces, nephews, and grandchildren. In order to win, please return the provided coloring sheet to your 2958 Union Hall with child name (first name is acceptable), age, and related member. Coloring sheets are available with this issue, by scanning the QR code, or for pickup at the union hall. By submitting, you are agreeing to publication in this newsletter and/or the local's Facebook group. Have fun, and may the best kid win!

Prizes for ages 1-6



Prizes for ages 7 & over



**ATTENTION PLEASE!**

We are looking for better ways to communicate happenings within our local, but also help build community amongst our members. We hope you find the content of the newsletter worth reading, and we are always looking for feedback. If anyone has general questions, articles they would like to submit, hobbies they want to highlight, comments, ideas of topics to cover, side hustles you want to promote, questions for officers, useful information, or even to volunteer, e-mail us at: [usw2958news@gmail.com](mailto:usw2958news@gmail.com)



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