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# The Passing of the Torch: Honoring Legacy and Embracing New Leadership

ennis Martire, our Mid-Atlantic Regional Business Manager since 2002, will be retiring on July 31, 2025. Throughout his illustrious career, he has consistently demonstrated unwavering dedication to advocating for the interests of LIUNA members and all workers. Dennis graduated from West Virginia Wesleyan College in 1986 with a degree in Government. He joined LIUNA in 1990 as an International Representative and quickly moved up the ranks, becoming Assistant Director and then Director of the construction department. By 2000, he was Assistant Regional Manager, and two years later, he took on his current leadership role. Throughout his career, Dennis has led many initiatives to promote fair wages



Phillip Ameris
Regional Business Manager

and safe working conditions. He's dedicated to making sure workers get the respect, wages, and benefits they deserve. His decades-long commitment to LIUNA has left a lasting impact on the labor movement. Whether he's leading unionization efforts or advocating for better labor policies, Dennis has made a real difference.

As we bid farewell to Dennis Martire, we're thrilled to welcome our new Mid Atlantic Regional Manager, Phil Ameris! Brother Ameris has been a steadfast advocate for the working class and LiUNA members of Local 1058 Pittsburgh, PA for over 32 years. He took over as business manager of Local 1058 in 2005 and served for four years before stepping into the Western PA District Council in 2009. Philip is known for his straightforward and no-nonsense approach, with a leadership style that emphasizes "actions over words." This "lead by example" mentality is a reflection of his upbringing and can be traced back to his lifelong dedication to Martial Arts. With nearly five decades of training, Philip has achieved the prestigious rank of 9th Degree Black Belt in AIMAA Taekwondo. He continues to teach this valuable skill to the youth in his community and has been inducted into several local and national Martial Arts Hall of Fame. Brother Ameris is committed to not only the Region but also deeply proud of what we accomplish together as a council. He expresses gratitude

for our efforts and is eager to provide us with the tools we need to grow our membership while prioritizing the well-being of our hardworking members. Phillip's journey from the field to leadership showcases his expertise and understanding of this profession. I'm thrilled and proud to have a leader who genuinely cares about our workers and shares our family values and hard-working spirit.

Dennis Martire's legacy was truly inspiring. Phillip Ameris will take us forward, working hard to protect our Region, Council, Local Union Halls, training centers, and membership. We're thrilled to have Phillip Ameris as our new Regional Business Manager!



Forklift, Skid steer, Manlift 10.21-25.24 Ceferino Delgado



Forklift, Skid steer, Manlift 10.28-11.01.24 Brandon Girven



Gencon 10.28-11.08.24 L to R: Clayton Knotts, Dan Courtwright, Ashley Elwell, Timothy Williams, David Ross



Rigging & Signaling 10.28-11.01.24
Front Row L to R: Rachel Cunningham,
Alexandra Hammond, Jacob Branham,
Robert Haley, William Arthur,
Aaron Freeland, Chase Hart
Back Row L to R: Joshua Rasmussen,
Fonnice Murdock III, Jeremy Dolan,

Zeke Argentine



ICRA 11.04-08.24
Front Row L to R: Alexandra Hammond,
Noah Arnold, Jeremy Haller, Justin Stillwell
Back Row L to R: Daniel Johnston,
Chris Evans-Sayre, Andre' Paige,
De'Angelo Hunt



CDL Prep 11.18-20.24 L to R: Josh Beck, Brian Moore, Frank Evans, Isaac Hall, Matt Morris



Pipeline Technology 11.18-22.24 L to R: Brandon Meredith, Amy Shock, Itali Wolfe, Christopher Cline, Brandon Girven



OSHA10 11.14-15.24 L to R: Jose Cisneros, Megan Martin, Wayne Broadwater



Traffic Control & Flagging 11.05-06.24 L to R: David Ault, Craig Martin



Infectious Disease Operations 12.02-06.24 Front Row: Jacob Branham Back Row L to R: Joshua Rasmussen, Trenton Richards, Carlton Barrett, Chris Salmons, Devon Roy, Travis Goddard



Line & Grade 12.02-06.24 L to R: Matalee Barnett, Christopher Powers, Risten Rutherford, Drew Rodriguez



Traffic Control & Flagging 12.02-03.24 L to R: Rebecca Young, Colton Melrose, Brant Freeland



Traffic Control Supervisor Refresher 12.02-03.24
L to R: Kevin Bowman,
Christopher Wamsley, Tracy Brunty,
Kenneth Turley, Trevor Meade,

Dalton Brindo



OSHA30 12.16-20.24 L to R: Frank Evans, Jenny Mathews, Eric Flowers



Asbestos Abatement Supervisor 01.06-10.25 Alexandra Hammond



**Traffic Control Supervisor 12.02-06.24 L to R:** Eric Flowers, Kimberly Morris, Brian Dillon



Traffic Control & Flagging 01.02-03.25 L to R: Cody McKeever, Jerry Chapman, Daniel Larkin, Patrick Adkins



Lead Worker 01.13-17.25 L to R: Patrick DeVaughn, Landon Ash, Robert Haley



Traffic Control & Flaggging 03.27-28.25 L to R: Michael Waites, Deanna Stull, Michael Wright



Hazardous Waste Worker 03.31-04.04.25 L to R: Risten Rutherford, Ricardo Maddox



Concrete 04.14-18.25 L to R: Zane Hetz, Jose Cisneros, Daerik Weaver, James Shane, Josue DelValle



Small Engine Repair 12.16-20.24 Camron Shiffett



Line & Grade 01.06-10.25 L to R: Carter Baber, Chris Evans- Sayre



Foreman Prep 01.13-17.25 Stephen Wells



Pipelaying 01.13-17.25 L to R: Chris Evans-Sayre, Stephanie Rader, Ricardo Maddox, Deontray Smith, Carter Baber



Gencon WK2 01.27-31.25 L to R: Jacob Malcolm, Lawrence Mason, Marcellus Holloway



CDL Prep 01.20-22.25 L to R: Jonathan Hall, Ricky Hilkey, Kenneth Ice, Jeffrey Wine



OSHA10 01.23-24.25 L to R: Tim Wade, Lewis Craddock, Tom Crouser



Traffic Control Supervisor Refresher 01.30-31.25
L to R: Sherry Feather Neyman,
Glenda Ellis, Robert Bumgardner,

Jodi Johnson



Scaffold Builder 01.20-25.25
Front Row L to R: Carlton Barrett,
Ke'Shawn Williams, Chad Collins,
Robert Haley, Brandon Girven,
Andre' Paige, Ricardo Maddox,
Chris Evans-Sayre
Back Row L to R: Chris Salmons,
Isaiah Bassett, Johsua Rasmussen



Rigging & Signaling 01.27-31.25
Front Row L to R: Risten Rutherford,
Carlton Barrett, Todd Goodwin
Back Row L to R: Chris Evans-Sayre,
Isaiah Bassett, Andre' Paige,
Ricardo Maddox, Chris Salmons,
Ke'Shawn Williams



Traffic Control & Flagging 01.30-31.25 Front Row L to R: Vince Price, Taylor Powell, Paul Demarchi Back Row L to R: Jarrel Baylor, Jamie Palmer, Andre' Lucious, Zane Thompson



Scaffold Builder 03.17-21.25
Front Row L to R: Braydon Littleton,
Jordan Smith, Risten Rutherford
Back Row L to R: Joel Basnett,
Daniel Johnston, Landon Ash



Drone 02.03-07.25 L to R: Sherry Feather Neyman, Stephen Wells



Asbestos Worker 02.03-07.25 L to R: Ke'Shawn Williams, Isaiah Bassett, Landon Ash, Robert Haley



Hazardous Waste Worker 02.10-14.25 L to R: Ke'Shawn Williams, Stephanie Rader, Patrick DeVaughn, Isaiah Bassett



Gencon 02.03-14.25 L to R: Ricardo Maddox, Chris Jordan, Daniel Johnston, Wyatt Greathouse



Forklift, Skid Steer, Manlift 02.24-28.25 Steven Wells



Traffic Control & Flagger 02.11-12.24 Front Row L to R: Wyatt Greathouse, Richelle McKee, Chris Jordan, Ricardo Maddox

Back Row L to R: Steve Whipkey, Ryan Allenby, Cornelius Wiley, Andrew Burton, Daniel Johnston



CDL Prep 02.17-19.25 L to R: Harold Evans, Chris Hubbard, Richard Taylor



Gencon 04.07-11.25 Front Row L to R: Jeffrey Young, Itali Wolfe, Christopher South Back Row L to R: Charles Longwell, Charles Rhodes IV.



Pipeline Technology 02.24-28.25 Front Row L to R: Timothy McCarty, Ciera Jones, Andrew Pugh, Chris Evans-Sayre, Amanda Long Middle Row L to R: Haden Walker, Drew Rodriguez, Nick Kimball, Aaron Freeland, Parker Maston, Nick Huft, Risten Rutherford, Jacob Wilmoth Back Row L to R: Samuel Duncan, Andre' Paige, Charles Manns, Austin Lusk,

Braydon Sampson, Jordan Walker



Traffic Control & Flagging 02.24-25.25 L to R: Preston King, Chris Hubbard



**Traffic Control Supervisor Refresher** 02.24-25.25 Tina Fury



ICRA 03.03-07.25 L to R: Trice Boatwright, Chase Hart



Asbestos Abatement Worker 03.10-14.25 L to R: Ricardo Maddox. Risten Rutherford, Chase Hart, Trice Boatwright, Travis Goddard

# Congratulations to Our Newest Journeymen!



Justin Stillwell *Local #1353* (L) with Apprenticeship Coordinator Eric King



Noah Arnold *Local #1085* (L) with Apprenticeship Coordinator Eric King



Kelly Davis *Local* #1353 (L) with Apprenticeship Coordinator Eric King



Zeke Argentine *Local #1149* (L) with Apprenticeship Coordinator Eric King



David Ross *Local #1149* (L) with Apprenticeship Coordinator Eric King



Jeremy Haller *Local* #984 (L) with Training Director Corey Donrnon



Joshua Rasmussen *Local #1085* (L) with Apprenticeship Coordinator Eric King



Christopher Salmons *Local #1353* (L) with Apprenticeship Coordinator Eric King



Patrick DeVaughn *Local #1353* (L) with Apprenticeship Coordinator Eric King



Samuel Duncan *Local* #984 (L) with Apprenticeship Coordinator Eric King



Chris Evans-Sayre *Local #1353* (L) with Apprenticeship Coordinator Eric King



Andre' Paige *Local #1149 (L)* with Apprenticeship Coordinator Eric King

# Congratulations to Our Newest Journeymen Continued!



Travis Goddard *Local #1149* (L) with Apprenticeship Coordinator Eric King



Landon Ash *Local #1149* (L) with Apprenticeship Coordinator Eric King



Isaiah Bassett *Local #1149* (L) with Apprenticeship Coordinator Eric King



Daniel Johnston *Local #1149* (L) with Apprenticeship Coordinator Eric King



Stephanie Rader *Local #1353* (L) with Apprenticeship Coordinator Eric King



Victoria Rollins #1149 (L) with Apprenticeship Coordinator Eric King

#### **Hod Carrier Award**



Retired *Local 984* Business Manager Rick McGrady (L) is presented the Hod Carrier Award by Brendan O'Sullivan LIUNA Mid-Atlantic Regional Assistant Manager & Director of the LIUNA Construction Department.

#### **New Efforts in Recruiting**

Since 2020 recruitment and hiring have gone through many changes throughout our district council's jurisdiction. Where word-of-mouth and local workforce agencies used to meet our needs, we've had to adjust our recruitment efforts to include a team approach from all offices of our organization. Local business managers, organizers, field representatives, and even retirees have contributed to the effort of securing new Apprentices. Some of these efforts are highlighted below.

We've been recruiting at a multitude of career events. The focus of these events has been broad in the approach. First, we have started by educating at an earlier age with visits to elementary and junior high school to let students know about the laborers earlier. We have attended multiple high school events throughout the region. Other career events have been broader in nature and have focused on communities through partnerships fostered with workforce development groups like WV Woman's Works & AFL-CIO/ HRDF programs. These partnerships have provided opportunities for unemployed and underemployed individuals.

Another approach to recruitment has included our website and a social media presence which includes our West Virginia Construction Craft Laborers Facebook and Instagram pages along with the WV Laborers' District Council – WVLDC page. This social media push has highlighted everything from High School Signing Days, the WVLTC Career Awareness Week, Contractor Awareness Day, and tours for various groups.

If you or someone you know is interested in a career with LIUNA, they can visit our website www.wvccl.org or scan the QR code to fill out an application.



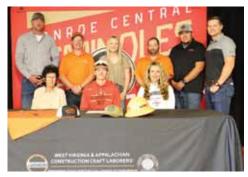
Hunter Haddox and Christopher Wigal at *Local 1085* Signing Day at Wood County Technical Center



Gunner Luzader and Brayden Heasley at *local 1085* Signing Day at MOVTI



Giovanni Lattore and Danielle Arbogast at *Local 984* Signing Day at the WV Laborers' Training Center



Jacob Fogle at *Local 1149* Signing Day at Monroe Central High School



Aiden Cremans at *Local 1085* Signing Day at Parkersburg High School



Carson Glisan at *Local 1149* Signing Day at MOVTI



Leah Clary at *Local 1353* Signing Day at Cabell County Career and Technical Center



Alan Cain and Brook Gray at *Local* 1149 Signing Day at Wetzel County Technical Education Center

## 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**

MemberInitiation DateRetirement DateRobert CoxSeptember 1995December 2024

Michel Burgess May 2018 May 2025

#### **Local #980**

MemberInitiation DateRetirement DateBasil May, Jr.March 2002April 2025

#### **Local #984**

MemberInitiation DateRetirement DateTony LynnMay 2008June 2025

#### **Local #1149**

Member	<b>Initiation Date</b>	<b>Retirement Date</b>
Jack Blake	August 1986	December 2024
Ronald Kennedy	July 2012	December 2024
Richard Joy	October 1991	March 2025
William Tiger	June 1996	March 2025

#### Local #1353

Member	<b>Initiation Date</b>	<b>Retirement Date</b>
Dennis Davis	February 2004	December 2024
Randall Fix	September 1999	December 2024
Barry Booth	October 2009	January 2025
Michael Criner	October 1999	February 2025
Tracy Richard	December 1994	February 2025
Thomas Hall	November 19947	April 2025

### 50 Year Gold Member



50 year Gold Card Member Danny Hobbs (L) with *1353* Business Manager Calvin Brogan

#### **WEST VIRGINIA APPALACHIAN LABORERS' TRAINING CENTER**



### SCHEDULE OF COURSES SEPTEMBER 2025 - DECEMBER 2025



(304) 489-9665

COURSE	DATES	TIMES	TOTAL HOURS
CDL Prep	Sep 3-5	8:00am - 4:30pm	24
Solar Farm Construction	Sep 3-5	8:00am - 4:30pm	24
Manlift Safety	Sep 3	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Poly Pipe Fusion	Sep 4	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Utility Locating	Sep 5	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
General Construction *****	Sep 8-19	8:00am - 4:30pm	80
Pipeline Distribution	Sep 8-12	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
OSHA 10*	Sep 9-10	8:00am - 4:30pm	12
Air Tool & Soil Compaction*	Sep 11	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Intro to Green Construction*	Sep 12	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
First Aid/CPR/AED	Sep 13	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Laborers Rise & Builder	Sep 13	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Pipe OQ	Sep 13	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Safeland Basic Orientation	Sep 13	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Forklift/Skidsteer/Manlift	Sep 15-19	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Traffic Control & Flagging*	Sep 16-17	8:00am - 4:30pm	16
Construction Math*	Sep 18	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Scaffold User Safety*	Sep 19	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Asbestos Abatement Supervisor	Sep 22-27	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Concrete Practices and Procedures***	***Sep 22-26	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Laborers Rise & Builder	Sep 27	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Pipeline Technology*****	Sep 29-Oct 3	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Cutting & Burning	Sep 29-Oct 3	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Lead Abatement Worker****	Oct 6-10	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Line & Grade*****	Oct 6-10	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Mason Tending	Oct 6-10	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Asbestos Abatement Supervisor Refre	sher Oct 11	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Asbestos Abatement Worker Refresher		8:00am - 4:30pm	8
First Aid/CPR/AED	Oct 11	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Laborer Rise & Builder	Oct 11	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Lead Abatement Worker Refresher	Oct 11	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Asbestos Abatement Worker*****	Oct 13-17	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Pipelaving*****	Oct 13-17	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Solar Farm Construction	Oct 13-15	8:00am - 4:30pm	24
Traffic Control & Flagging	Oct 16-17	8:00am - 4:30pm	16
GPS Site Layout	Oct 20-24	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Pipeline Distribution	Oct 20-24	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Scaffold Builder*****	Oct 20-24	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
General Construction *****	Oct 27-Nov 7	8:00am - 4:30pm	80
Hoisting & Rigging*****	Oct 27-31	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
CDL Prep	Oct 27-29	8:00am - 4:30pm	24
OSHA 10*	Oct 28-29	8:00am - 4:30pm	12
Air Tools & Soil Compaction*	Oct 30	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Intro to Green Construction*	Oct 31	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
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#### WEST VIRGINIA APPALACHIAN LABORERS' TRAINING CENTER

### SCHEDULE OF COURSES @ 616



(304) 489-9665

SEPTEMBER 2025 - DECEMBER 2025

COURSE	DATES	TIMES	TOTAL HOURS
General Construction*****	Sep 22-Oct 3	8:00am - 4:30pm	80
Solar Farm Construction*	Sep 22-24	8:00am - 4:30pm	24
OSHA 10*	Sep 25-26	8:00am - 4:30pm	12
Maryland State Specific Flagger*	Sep 26	12:30pm - 4:30pm	4
LIUNA Labor History*	Sep 29	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
Air Tools & Soil Compaction*	Sep 30	8:00am - 4:30pm	8`
Scaffold User*	Oct 1	8:00am - 4:30pm	8

COURSE	DATES	TIMES	TOTAL HOURS
Construction Math*	Oct 2	8:00am - 4:30pm	8
First Aid/CPR/AED*	Oct 3	8:00am - 12:00pm	4
Hand & Power Tool Safety*	Oct 3	12:30pm - 4:30pm	4
Concrete Practices & Procedures*****	Oct 6-10	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Pipeline Technology*****	Oct 13-17	8:00pm - 4:30pm	40
Line & Grade*****	Nov 10-14	8:00am - 4:30pm	40
Pipelaying*****	Nov 17-21	8:00am - 4:30pm	40

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**

Local 379	Second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm
Local 616	Fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm
Local 980	Fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm
Local 984	Second Friday of each month at 8:00 pm

**Local 1085**...... First Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm **Local 1149** ...... Third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm Local 1353 ......Third Monday of each month at 6:30 pm







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Laborers' Local #1085 Parkersburg 304-485-6357

Laborers' Local #1149 Wheeling 304-243-7000

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