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National Vice President  
2024-

**Headline News**

**Largest credit union in the nation denied mortgage loans to more than half its black applicants.**

Courtesy of CNN



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Greetings District 5 Family! As a 20 year employee of the Department of Veterans Affairs, I recognize and celebrate the significance of our Veteran brothers and sisters with AFGE.

The newsletter was designed to inform, educate and empower the leaders of District 5, featuring articles and general information that is pertinent to all District 5 members. However, our hope is that this newsletter will grow as a resource for our Veteran members, specifically detailing political/legislative announcements, representational news, and community events that specifically affect **our Veterans**.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office. It is my honor to welcome the District 5 family to the **1st Edition** of the "Fearless 5th Veterans Newsletter."

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**Port Leadership Academy**  
**April 27- May 4**  
**Galveston, TX**

**Upcoming Events**

**D5 Delegates Meeting**  
June 27-30, Location TBA

**National Convention**  
August 12-16, Las Vegas, NV

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*"Helping those who've protected and served this country."*

**eteran's Corner**

**House Bill 3115:  
Proposed to ease taxes  
for disabled Veterans.**



Courtesy of live5news.com

Under existing law, Veterans receive the tax cut only if they are issued a 100% disability rating by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs. This bill would open the tax credit to all disabled veterans.

[Click here to read more.](#)

**The Veteran's Coordinator Mission Statement**

Our Mission is to serve as a Congressional liaison and provide resources for every United States Armed Forces Veteran within AFGE for the purpose of membership retention, recruitment and community engagement. Our goal is to support and promote better working conditions, justice for Veterans on the job, work/life balance, benefits, ensuring fair wages, for the diversity and equality for **all Veterans**.

**Access leave expanded for  
Veteran feds.**



Courtesy of govexec.com

Under a provision of the fiscal 2024 National Defence Authorization Act, federal agencies would be required to incorporate Veterans military service when determining eligibility for paid leave.

[Click here to read more.](#)

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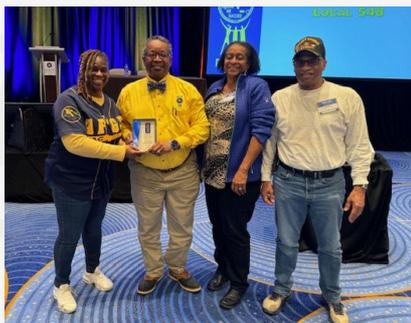
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## 2024 District 5 Leadership Meeting.



A Visit from Mayor Andre Dickens and NST Eric Bunn Sr.



**Highest PAC Contribution Winner**  
L548, (Austin Peterson, Pamela Burrell, and James Totten).



**2nd Highest PAC Contribution Winner**  
L987 LP (Marion Williams, Gregory Collins, Sharon Kornegay, Teresa Freeman, Tommy Gibson, Michael Ferguson).



Brilliant minds from across District 5 came together to help improve and strengthen its leadership.



**3rd Highest PAC Contribution Winner**  
L1858 (LP Abner Merriweather, and Verge Matthews).



**Organizing Champion Small Category** L2014 (EVP Yanick Larose).



**Organizing Champion Medium Category** L2207 (LP Brad Church).



**District 5 Top 3 PAC Contribution Winners** (L1858, L987, L548).



**Organizing Champion Large Category** L559 (LP Sonia Chavez).



**District 5 Top 3 Organizing Champions** (L2207, L559, L2014).

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## Meet Our District



# Call to Action



New Members (232)  
Total Members (11,016)



New Members (105)  
Total Members (6,972)



New Members (131)  
Total Members (4,702)



New Members (27)  
Total Members (1,930)



New Members (513)  
Total Members (16,761)



New Members (39)  
Total Members (2,523)



New Members (0)  
Total Members (38)



## Become a member today!



By becoming an AFGE member, you'll join the 750,000 government employees represented by AFGE who are fighting for better pay, retirement, and job security.

[Sign up here](#)

## Habitat For Humanity's Veterans Build Program



Volunteer your local to partner with Habitat for Humanity's Veterans Build Program, to help repair homes of veterans.

[Click here to volunteer.](#)

\* New members added as of Dec 01, 2023



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