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Headline News

**Biden signs bill to expand
benefits for veterans exposed
to toxic burn pits.**



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Greetings District 5 Family!

We are halfway through the year! These past couple months have been extremely busy, beginning with the LPTI held in early April in Charlotte, NC. Thank you to all who attended and stepped up to serve as the Legislative Political Coordinators for your local. On April 18, we held the Veterans/Retiree Labor 2024 Meeting. On this call, we emphasized the key congressional races in each state as well as the need for volunteers for candidate screenings, group text programs, and canvassing. This election year will be extremely pivotal to the success of our federation and its members. Therefore, I can not stress enough how important it is to educate yourselves on the voting records of the candidates as well as "Project 2025".

P.O.R.T. 2024 was yet another success, held in Galveston, TX, April 26-May 5, offering P.O.R.T. tracks, Advanced P.O.R.T., and specialized District classes. Thank you to all who participated and congratulations to this year's P.O.R.T. graduates!

Lastly, I would like to recognize and thank every local that scheduled organizing drives to assist with AFGE's "Drive to 325" initiative. Although District 5 is still ranked #2, with 44,468 members, I am certain that with your assistance, we will reclaim our #1 spot!

We have a lot of work to do, and we can only accomplish these goals with your input, participation and support of the District's vision. Together We Succeed!

D5 Delegates Meeting

June 20-23
Orlando, FL

Upcoming Events

National Convention
August 12-16, Las Vegas, NV

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**U.S. Dept. of Veteran Affairs
proposing to reduce workforce
by 10,000 employees.**



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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 retainment, 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.

**First all-women honor flight
takes Veterans to Washington.**



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Nearly 100 women Veterans took part in first all-women honor flight to Washington, D.C. to visit Memorials to World War II..

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**Non-profit build more accessible
homes for Veterans.**



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PORT 2024 LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

GALVESTON, TX



Port Fashion Show





**AFGE Locals 548 and 556
Cocoa and Clearwater Beach Cleanup.**



L548 Clearwater Beach Clean Up



L556 Family and Friends CLean Up Cocoa Beach 2



D5 YOUNG Coordinator Oksana Kell with L556 Clean Up Event Cocoa Beach



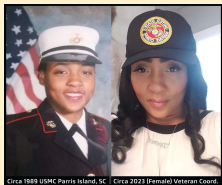
L556 Little Helpers Clean Up Cocoa Beach

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Meet Our District



Call to Action



New Members (445)
Total Members (11,139)



New Members (207)
Total Members (7,062)



New Members (117)
Total Members (4,694)



New Members (89)
Total Members (1,876)



New Members (670)
Total Members (17,144)



New Members (88)
Total Members (2,518)



New Members (4)
Total Members (35)



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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.

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* New member totals updated quarterly.



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