



Tatishka Thomas National Vice President 2024-

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 <u>our Veterans.</u>

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 <u>5th Edition</u> of the "Fearless 5th Veterans Newsletter."

Contact: Monica Rice monica.rice@afge.org (770) 907-2055 **Headline News**

Early voting for the 2024 Election Begins Tuesday 10/15/2024 thru 11/1/2024.

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- 1) Check your Registration.
- 2) Plan to Vote.
- 3) Secure Transportation.
- 4) Go Execute your Vote.
- 5) Mission Complete.

Upcoming Events

National Election Day November 5





Both candidates race to gain the vote of Veterans and military families.

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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 <u>all Veterans</u>.



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Vet the Vote recruits nearly 160,000 Veterans as election workers.



Courtesy of Military.com

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Federal judge rules for homeless Veterans suing VA.



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The **43rd** AFGE National Convention was held August 12-16, 2024 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

President Everett Kelley was re-elected as AFGE National President.

NST Eric Bunn, Sr. was re-elected as AFGE National Treasure and Dr. Kendrick Roberson was elected as the NVP of the Women's and Fair Practices Department.



Michelle Watkins of Local 1858 in Huntsville, Alabama made history as the <u>first</u> <u>black woman</u> to be elected to City Council. Ms. Watkins defeated two-term incumbent Councilmen Devyn Keith on September 24, 2024.



AFGE Endorses V.P. Kamala Harris & Governor Tim Walz 2024.







FEARLESS

U.S. Senate endorsed candidate **Debbie Mucarsel-Powell** speaks to the members of the Florida State Council.

AFGE D5 Endorsed Candidates

https://www.afge.org/common-pages/election -center/districts/district-5/

District 5 Election Links Below





AFGE Retiree Lorraine Boone (L3627) with **Supervisor of Elections** (Palm Beach County) **Wendy Sartor-Link.**

Labor 2024 Weekend of Action



FL State Council members volunteer labeling local mailouts.





Congresswoman and Georgia Democratic Party Chair Nikeema Williams with NVAC Treasure Monica Fultz, and NVP Tatishka Thomas.



Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick (D-FL) with NVP Thomas.



NVP Thomas with Congresswoman Lucy McBath.



Deputy Chief of Staff Maelia Glymph, President Everett Kelley, NVP Thomas, and D10 NVP Eliano.



This page is dedicated to all the leaders... past, present, and future. Here you will find an inspirational quote they left behind.



"My dear friends: Your <u>Vote</u> is precious, almost sacred. It is the <u>most</u> powerful nonviolent tool We have to create a more perfect <u>UNION</u>."

JOHN LEWIS, 2012

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New Members (751) Total Members (11,313)



New Members (NA) Total Members (4,624)



New Members (1,114) Total Members (17,280)



New Members (4) Total Members (39)

* New member totals updated quarterly.



New Members (326) Total Members (6,959)



New Members (109) Total Members (1,896)



New Members (100) Total Members (2,433)







Get involved! Tell a neighbor or friend. See text and phone banks below.



Texting Program sign up https://getthru.app/join/3112352995953107910

Virtual Phone Banking sign up

http://laboractionnetwork.com/

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



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Don't run out of time... VOTE NOW!