NEWSLETTER

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AFGE PROUD TO MAKE AMERICA WORK

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES - AFL-CIO

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Local 200

NOTE: This Newsletter Advocates no Partisan Activity or Actions Pro or Con Regarding Political Candidates.

MEETING NOTICE

Bylaws/Finance Discussion 05/30/19 - 1130-1230

Need for Finance Committee (Temp)

Employees / Unions / Contracts Under Attack

- 1. Even though Administration Executive Orders were stayed by federal courts, Agencies are attacking federal Unions
- 2. The 2020 Administration Budget Proposal reduces pay, benefits, retirement for all federal workers
- 3. VA "Proposals would also eliminate 28 articles of AFGE's existing Contract with VA, meaning the union can't bargain over many topics. Articles on telework, relocations, temporary reassignments, promotions & others have been mostly deleted/reduced."

https://federalnewsnetwork.com/unions/ 2019/05/despite-court-decision-unionsstill-feel-impacts-of-trumps-workforceexecutive-orders/

http://www.apwu.org/news/deptdivnews-article/attacks-federal-workers

AFGE leads in fighting these abuses.

LEAVE RESTORATION

Shutdown Affected Leave is now or soon to be restored. Check yours!

AFGE Local 200 on the Web:

Web - General Info, Organization, Links http://afgelocal200.org/

Facebook - Posts, Pictures, Interaction https://www.facebook.com/AfgeLocal200/ Twitter - tweets of general interest. https://twitter.com/AFGELocal200

If provided, we reach out to dues paying members thru private email for updates.

AFGE Local 200 BJs Group **Account**

- Allows for Dues Paying Members to get annual membership at: \$30
- Contact our Treasurer for the eligibility letter needed for the discount

WJHTC OSCHECCOM

AFGE/NFFE/NATCA Join Mgt For Safety

- 1. Meets Quarterly
- 2. Current issues include:
 - Air Quality/Mold (Subcommittee)
 - Bdg 300 HVAC Renovation Project
 - Safety Concern Reporting Tools
 - WJHTC Closure/Evacuation
 - Handicap Parking

Derek Gilbert and Pete Quartararo our AFGE "Safety Stewards" (among other representation duties). Don't hesitate to contact them with real or potential safety issues.

Contract Article Overview

ARTICLE 40: WORKPLACE ACCIDENTS, INJURY AND OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS

Consistent w/ the Privacy Act:

FAA must inform the Union of workplace accidents, injuries, and/or illnesses.

This is for YOUR benefit.

The Union will ensure your rights for reporting, workman's comp, conditions of work, "Reasonable Accommodation", VLTP, & other assistance are upheld.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Contact any Union officer to review your Employee/Representation Rights.

(Meetings, Discussions, Discipline, etc.)

GRATEFUL SISTER & UNION

"Sincere Thanks to my Brothers & Sisters

I have worked for the FAA for 27 years at the WJHTC in En Route, Site Support. In August of 2018, I was in dire straits, after a traumatic broken leg along with severe complications, in which I was told, "I am not sure how much functionality you are going to have with your leg, you may never walk on it again". After more than a month of being in hospitals, I was facing the possibility of being placed on LWOP. I contacted AFGE desperate for help!

AFGE 200 Union President, Vice President and Stewarts worked selflessly, countless hours, helping me, with everything from visiting me in the hospital, retrieving medical documents for management, representing me in matters that involved management at the WHJTC while I was incapacitated in hospitals, and just plain old support for a fellow colleague that was in trouble! You as My Brothers and Sisters answered the call for VLTP. Words can never express my gratitude!

In total, I was in various hospitals/rehab facilities for 3.5 months and had a total of nine surgeries, on my lower right leg, all before the end of 2018. I just had my tenth & hopefully last surgery. There is permanent nerve/muscle damage but the extent will not be realized for years to come. Although my leg looks like it was bit by a shark in the ocean and I have a long way to go in rehabilitation, I am grateful that I am able to walk, at all, and am still

From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank all of my AFGE Brothers and Sisters who helped and supported me and continue to do so! You were a true blessing for me during this extremely stressful and scary time. Hopefully, you will never need their assistance but, if you should, rest assured that your AFGE Leadership are truly the ones that you would want in your

Sheila Mathis, AJM-255"

AFGE 200 Extends Our Deepest Thanks for Your Generosity As Well!!!



President - Robert Challender Chief Shop Steward - Richard Levey

Steward - Dave Madara Steward - Kim Astillero

Steward - Dave King

Treasurer - Pam Schuman

AFGE Local 200 Union officers are:

Fair Practices Coordinator - Martin DePoint Women's Issues Coordinator – Kim Astillero Veteran's Issues Coordinator – Joe Iovanisci Steward - Lakeisha Bing Steward - Maureen Smith

Vacancies exist for Union Reps - Contact Us!

Vice President - Martin DePoint Secretary/Steward – Daphne Atwood

Steward - Derek Gilbert

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