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Project underway
near Stanwood, WA
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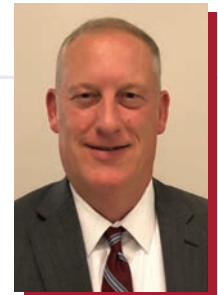
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BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

At the time of this writing, we are well into summer, which means visiting with our retirees at the annual luncheons throughout the jurisdictions we represent in Washington, Idaho, and Alaska. It's always great to see so many smiles and gratitude from our retirees. They have a lot of fun together and are never shy when it comes to talking about "how it was". Check out photos from the retiree luncheons on page 48.

It's also the time of year we recognize our longest memberships. Some have been with IUOE for over 70 years! Read the full list of retired honorary members with 50, 55, 60, 65, and 70 years of service on page

6. When retirees reach the 50-year mark of membership with Local 302 they become "honorary members" and Local 302 pays their monthly dues for life.

Just as we'd have no union without our retirees, the same can be said for bringing the next generation into the fold through apprenticeship. **Please continue to spread the word about our training centers and let people know applications are being accepted now through November 7, 2025, for the Ellensburg, WA program. The Alaska Training Center applications are available for Heavy Equipment Operator and Service Oiler September 1 – 14, 2025, with Heavy Duty Mechanic applications open year-round.**

Supporting the future and strength of our union comes with demonstrating top skills and growing our membership base, but equally important is ensuring pro-labor laws are in place.

As you know, the current federal administration is hacking away at the laws and systems that support unions. Please stay up to date on how this affects our work now, and in the future, and support policies and politicians who support labor.

In Solidarity,

Daren Konopaski

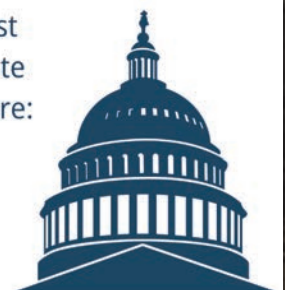
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CONGRATULATIONS HONORARY 50+ YEAR MEMBERS!

50 YEARS

ALBERT PIERCE - BURNS, OR
ALEC GREGORIOFF - METLAKATLA, AK
ALLEN CURTIS - ANCHORAGE, AK
ALLEN NICHOLS - EUDORA, AR
ALLEN THIMM - GLIDDEN, WI
ALVIN SHAMPINE - WASILLA, AK
ARLYN YOUNGBERG - NORTH POLE, AK
ARTHUR FOURNIER - HOMER, AK
BENJAMIN CABO - PALMER, AK
BRAD MAJDIC - KODIAK, AK
BRENDA BOYSEN-SCHAFFER - LACEY, WA
BRUCE GEORGE - EVANSTON, WY
CAMPBELL BIAS - FAIRBANKS, AK
CARL HUGHES - SEWARD, AK
CASEY STOUT - ANCHORAGE, AK
CHARLES BAUER - RONAN, MT
CHARLES CORNELIUS - HENNESSEY, OK
CHARLES DEDA - PALMER, AK
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CHARLES HOODENPYLE - AUBURN, WA
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CHARLES MCLINN - GREEN VALLEY, AZ
CHARLES ROLAND - SELMER, TN
CHARLES RUSSELL - FELCH, MI
CHRIS ANDERSON - WASILLA, AK
CLARK BISHOP - FAIRBANKS, AK
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CLINT HANSEN - SNOHOMISH, WA
COLIN GRAMM - MARYSVILLE, WA
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DAVID PATRICK - WASILLA, AK
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DELMAR JACKSON - KETTLE FALLS, WA
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DONALD TUNKS - LIVINGSTON, TX
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EDGAR FERRIER - MCCLEARY, WA
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EDWARD MARKUS - BOW, WA
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FRED WILMER - WINSTON, OR
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GARY FREEMAN - ANCHORAGE, AK
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JAMES BLEVINS - SELAH, WA
JAMES FOSKIN - SEATTLE, WA
JAMES LOFTHOUSE - GRACE, ID
JAMES POWERS - FAIRBANKS, AK
JAMES SALS KOV - PINETOP, AZ
JAMES STUDNEK - EAST WENATCHEE, WA
JAMES TERRY - DELTA JUNCTION, AK
JAMES TRUCANO - JUNEAU, AK
JAMES WALKER - PRYOR, OK
JAMES WILLIS - GREEN VALLEY, AZ
JAY DE NOMA - YUMA, AZ
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JERRY BUETHE - WRANGELL, AK
JERRY COONS - WILLIAMS, AZ
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LARRY ROSS - FRIDAY HARBOR, WA
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LEON BENDER - NORTH POLE, AK
LEON GIFFORD - MARBLEMOUNT, WA
LEONARD DAVIS - MOUNT VERNON, WA
LESLIE MARTIN - CLEAR LAKE, WA
LESTER HUNT - JUNEAU, AK
MALCOLM AUBLE - PHOENIX, AZ
MARK HULL - UNION GAP, WA
MARVIN SCHONEFELD - COLLEGE STATION, TX
MELVIN ROETEMEYER - WOODINVILLE, WA
MERRILL POWERS - FAIRBANKS, AK
MICHAEL CRONIN - OLYMPIA, WA
MICHAEL GRIFFITH - COTTONWOOD, AZ
MICHAEL MALLON - ARDENVOIR, WA
MICHAEL NERBY - BETHEL, AK
MICHAEL NEWCOMB - KENAI, AK
MICHAEL ROHWEDER - HOUSTON, MN
MICHAEL ROSETTI - NORTHPOLE, AK
MICHAEL ROUTT - WASILLA, AK
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MURRAY RICE - ANCHOR POINT, AK
NORMAN ANDERSON - WHARTON, TX
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RAYMOND WELLER - MESA, AZ
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RICHARD IRVING - TENINO, WA
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RICHARD STALEY - NORTH POLE, AK
RICHARD WELDIN - PALMER, AK
ROBERT ANSELM - WILLOW, AK
ROBERT CAMILLI - EAGLE RIVER, AK
ROBERT DONHAUSER - ANCHORAGE, AK
ROBERT GUNTHER - LONDON, AR
ROBERT MORIGEAU - PALMER, AK
ROBERT SPEEGLE - FAIRBANKS, AK
ROBERT WETZEL - FAIRBANKS, AK
ROBERT WRIGHT - SUN CITY WEST, AZ
RODNEY ANDERSON - ANCHORAGE, AK
RODNEY DARR - EVERETT, WA
ROGER DAY - VINCENNES, WA
RONALD BYMAN - BETHEL, OH
RONALD HALL - DOUGLAS, AK
RONALD HANSEL - ANCHORAGE, AK
RONALD SOLHEIM - SEQUIM, WA
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STEPHEN BOLING - ANCHORAGE, AK
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STEPHEN SEGER - ANACORTES, WA
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STEVEN HARRIS - DAVENPORT, WA
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TERRENCE SUNNYBOY - NORTH POLE, AK
THOMAS MARTIN - KENT, WA
TOM RICHARD - FAIRBANKS, AK
TRAVIS JOHNSON - FAIRBANKS, AK
WALLACE CRONIN - TACOMA, WA
WALTER WHITEHORN - NORTH POLE, AK
WAYNE FOX - TROY, MT
WILLIAM CARPER - ARLINGTON, WA
WILLIAM DOANE - CAMANO ISLAND, WA

WILLIAM HAWKINS - VILONIA, AR
WILLIAM MAINWARING - CLARKSTON, WA
YNGVE OLSSON - HAINES, AK
ZEPH SKEEN - CRESCENT CITY, CA

55 YEARS

ALLEN VAN BUSKIRK - SEATTLE, WA
BILLIE WILSON - TERREBONE, OR
BRUCE JONES - ASTORIA, OR
CLEO CARLOCK - SUN CITY, AZ
CURTIS SANDBERG - BLACK DIAMOND, WA
DAVID THOMAS - BELFAIR, WA
DONALD COOPER - KENDRICK, ID
DOUGLAS EGGERS - EAGLE, ID
DOUGLAS HAILEY - SUN CITY WEST, AZ
DOUGLAS THORNTON - CAVE JUNCTION, OR
DOUGLAS CHAPMAN - WOODINVILLE, WA
EDWARD BEASLEY - STANWOOD, WA
ELWOOD KILLIAN - HEALY, AK
GENE WERNER - LAKE STEVENS, WA
GIFFORD NAFUS - PALMER, AK
HARLEN HANSEN - MOUNT VERNON, WA
HENRY BLATCHFORD - PALMER, AK
JAMES LEGG - TWO RIVERS, AK
JAMES BAKER - UNION GAP, WA
JAMES CRINER - ANCHORAGE, AK
JAMES LASATER - INVERNESS, FL
JAMES MCGLINCHY - FAIRBANKS, AK
JERRY MCNEARNEY - EAGLE RIVER, AK
JERRY MC DOWELL - LYNDEN, WA
JOHN BAKER - SNOQUALMIE, WA
JOHN ARENDSE - MOUNT VERNON, WA
JOHN PETERSON - HARRISON, AR
JOHN LAMBERT - TUCSON, AZ
JOHNNIE FANT - YAKIMA, WA
LARRY PAULSO - QUINCY, WA
LARRY RILEY - MOSES LAKE, WA
MARION PHILLIPS - STEPHENVILLE, TX
MARVIN NUSSBAUM - MESA, AZ
MICHAEL SOWELL - SEATTLE, WA
MIKE BURNHAM - ELLENSBURG, WA
OLE NORDGREN - PETERSBURG, AK
POLLOCK SIMON - ALLAKAKET, AK
RAYMOND GRAVES - ELDON, MO
REID WESSEL - ALDER, MY
RICHARD HOLMGREN - MOUNT VERNON, WA
ROBERT QUESINBERRY - SALEM, OR
ROBERT DORSEY - WENATCHEE, WA
RON GREEN - POCATELLO, ID
RONALD BOSTON - PORT ANGELES, WA
WALTER TYNNISMAA - OLYMPIA, WA
WILLIAM FARRIMOND - SNOHOMISH, WA

60 YEARS

ALF HOPEN - GIG HARBOR, WA
ARLEY OLSON - LOON LAKE, WA
BILL MCINTYRE - KENNEWICK, WA
BRUCE STRATTON - QUILCENE, WA
CHARLES WASCHER - ARLINGTON, WA
CHARLES FELZIEN - PALMER, AK
CLIFFORD FERGUSON - SELAH, WA
DANIEL MOSS - AUBURN, WA
DAVID ANDERSON - ELLENSBURG, WA
DUANE HAMBERG - ELK, WA
EDDIE REDDEN - SPOKANE, WA
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JOHN SCHAFER - OLYMPIA, WA
JOHN QUAM - EDMONDS, WA
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LINDY LIPPERT - LYNNWOOD, WA
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RICHARD FIRMSTONE - PALMER, AK
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RONALD PORTER - COEUR D'ALENE, ID
ROWLAND SUCHER - IDAHO FALLS, ID
SCOTT LYBECK - REDMOND, WA
VERNER BRYANT - MARYSVILLE, WA
WILLIAM BUNO - STANWOOD, WA
WILLIAM FRANCIS - NORTH BEND, WA
WILLIAM PRESLEY - GRANTS PASS, OR

65 YEARS

GEORGE RICHARD BLACK - PASCO, WA
KARL FRANDSEN - FIRTH, ID
KENNETH HAWKEN - LINN CREEK, MO
RAY CAMP - W. MONROE, LA
RAY WILSON - BUCKLEY, WA
WAYNE BERENDZEN - BROOMFIELD, CO
WILLIAM WHITE - GUSTAVUS, AK

70 YEARS

RICHARD HARRIS - AVON, CO
ROBERT WATTENBARGER - EDGEWOOD, WA
TAYLOR MAYFIELD SR. - EAST WENATCHEE, WA

DISTRICT REPORT

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Local 302 member Robert Scollard operates the blade for KLB at the I-405 Brickyard to SR 527 Improvement project

Building a better commute: I 405/Brickyard to SR 527 Improvement Project



Local 302 member mechanic Dave Beckett works on the I 405/Brickyard to SR 527 Improvement Project

A major upgrade is underway on a 4.5 mile stretch of I 405 in Bothell, WA.

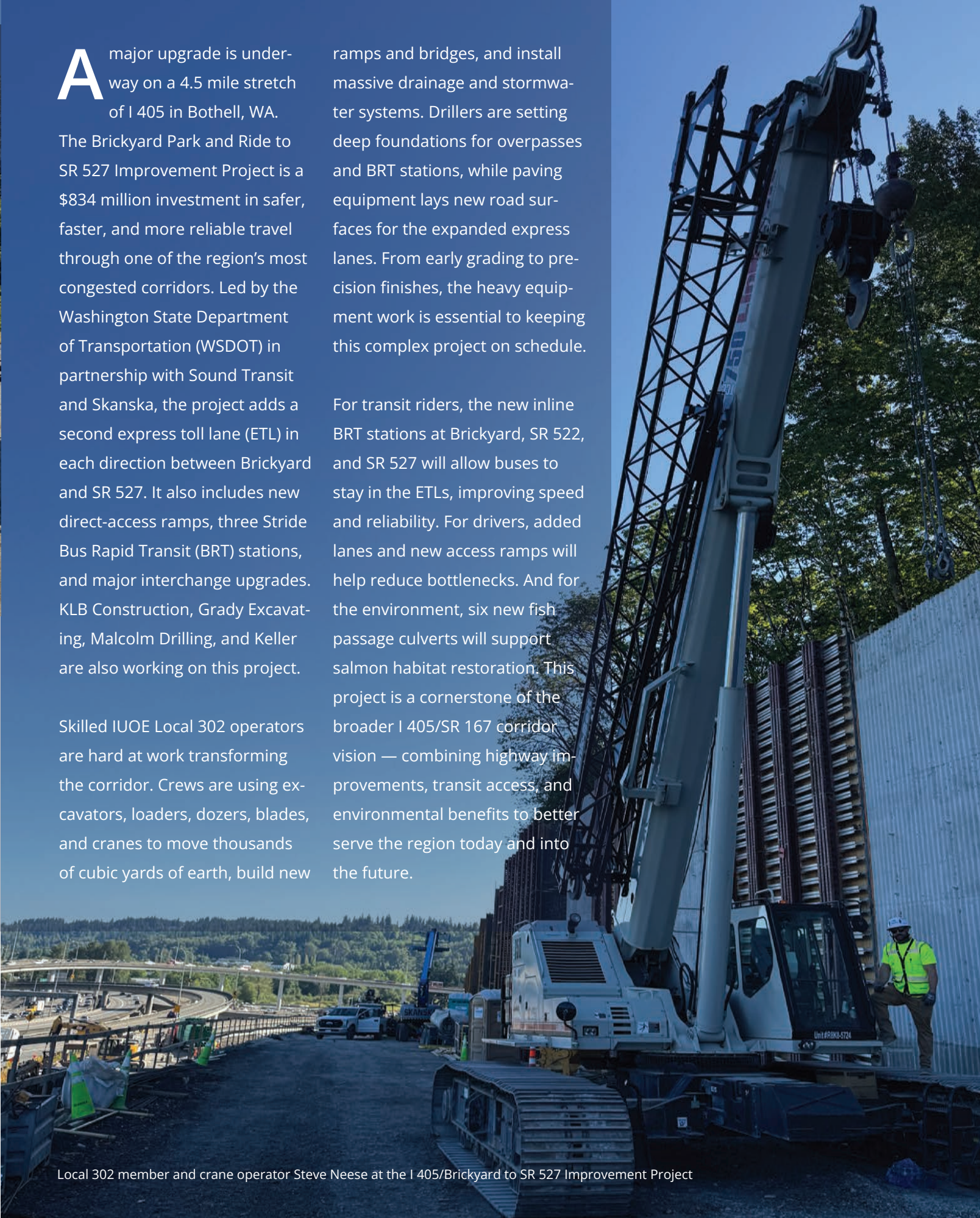
The Brickyard Park and Ride to SR 527 Improvement Project is a \$834 million investment in safer, faster, and more reliable travel through one of the region's most congested corridors. Led by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) in partnership with Sound Transit and Skanska, the project adds a second express toll lane (ETL) in each direction between Brickyard and SR 527. It also includes new direct-access ramps, three Stride Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) stations, and major interchange upgrades. KLB Construction, Grady Excavating, Malcolm Drilling, and Keller are also working on this project.

Skilled IUOE Local 302 operators are hard at work transforming the corridor. Crews are using excavators, loaders, dozers, blades, and cranes to move thousands of cubic yards of earth, build new

ramps and bridges, and install massive drainage and stormwater systems. Drillers are setting deep foundations for overpasses and BRT stations, while paving equipment lays new road surfaces for the expanded express lanes. From early grading to precision finishes, the heavy equipment work is essential to keeping this complex project on schedule.

For transit riders, the new inline BRT stations at Brickyard, SR 522, and SR 527 will allow buses to stay in the ETLs, improving speed and reliability. For drivers, added lanes and new access ramps will help reduce bottlenecks. And for the environment, six new fish passage culverts will support salmon habitat restoration. This project is a cornerstone of the broader I 405/SR 167 corridor vision — combining highway improvements, transit access, and environmental benefits to better serve the region today and into the future.

Local 302 member and crane operator Steve Neese at the I 405/Brickyard to SR 527 Improvement Project



DISTRICT 1 REPORT CONTINUED



Local 302 operators, working for Malcolm Drilling, set caissons for the new I 405 north bound off ramps at the I 405/Brickyard to SR 527 Improvement Project; photo courtesy of Skanska



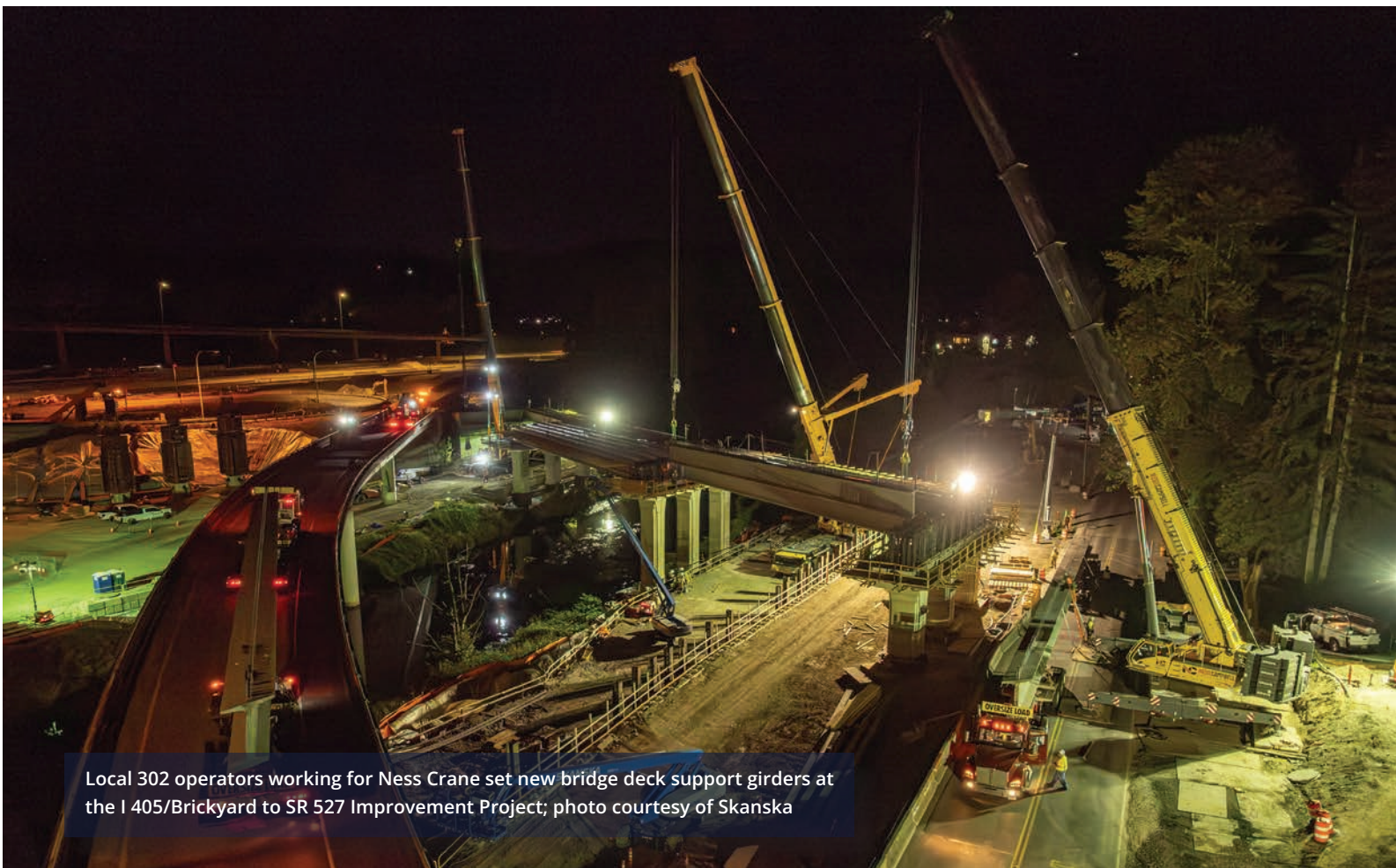
Local 302 member and surveyor Matt McMurray working on the I 405/Brickyard to SR 527 Improvement Project



Local 302 apprentice and crane operator Ricardo Alejandre at the I 405/Brickyard to SR 527 Improvement Project



Local 302 member Twanda Kerle operates an excavator at the I 405/Brickyard to SR 527 Improvement Project



Local 302 operators working for Ness Crane set new bridge deck support girders at the I 405/Brickyard to SR 527 Improvement Project; photo courtesy of Skanska



Aerial view of the I-5/Secret Creek Fish Passage Project near Stanwood, WA; photo courtesy of Granite Construction Inc.

Restoring Secret Creek: Fish Passage Project underway near Stanwood, WA

Construction is in full swing on the I-5/Secret Creek Fish Passage Project near Stanwood, WA. This \$57.5 million effort, led by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and Granite Construction, is restoring fish and wildlife access by replacing outdated culverts under I-5 and Old Highway 99 with three massive steel arch structures.

IUOE Local 302 members are hard at work excavating up to 60 feet below the interstate, rerouting traffic, and rebuilding nearly

2,000 feet of streambed. The new structures will reconnect over five miles of critical habitat for salmon, trout, and other wildlife.

In addition to stream restoration, crews are stabilizing embankments, managing complex traffic shifts, and building temporary bypass lanes to keep vehicles moving. Work is expected to continue until late 2026.

The project is part of a broader statewide initiative to comply with a federal injunction requiring fish passage improvements.

Local 302 members Rodney Gilseth operates the drill, Daryl Sawin operates the excavator, and foreman Blake Falor at the I-5/Secret Creek Fish Passage Project near Stanwood, WA; Installing tieback anchors used to provide lateral support of the retaining wall



IUOE Local 302 member Jeremy Parks operates an excavator at the I-5/Secret Creek Fish Passage Project

DISTRICT 2 REPORT CONTINUED



Local 302 member Logan Tonsgard operates a motor grader at the I-5/Secret Creek Fish Passage Project




Local 302 member Daniel Estes provides water compacting and dust control at the I-5/Secret Creek Fish Passage Project



Local 302 member Trent Dykes, excavator operator at the I-5/Secret Creek Fish Passage Project



Aerial view of the I-5/Secret Creek Fish Passage Project, facing South-bound, near Stanwood, WA; photo courtesy of Granite Construction Inc.



Local 302 members stockpile contaminated soils for testing and sparging at the Port Gamble Beach Restoration site – Port Gamble, Kitsap County; photo courtesy of Seton Construction

Seton Construction puts Local 302 operators to work across the Olympic Peninsula

Seton Construction, Inc. is a well-established general contracting company based in Port Townsend, WA on the Olympic Peninsula. Operating since 1972, their core expertise lies in heavy-civil construction, including land clearing, road building, underground utilities, site development, and various earth-work projects.

Seton continues to provide a variety of diverse and complex projects that employ Local 302 members across Clallam, Jefferson, and Kitsap counties year-round.

Local 302 members bring the skills to get these jobs done such as comprehensive excavation, grading, demolition, roadwork, utility installation, and site development services. Here are a few project examples.

Port Gamble Beach Restoration – Port Gamble, Kitsap County:

This project was part of the former Pope & Talbot sawmill site clean-up and restoration in Port Gamble, WA. The project included: removal of contaminated upland, inter-tidal, and sub-tidal sediments; stockpiling, transportation, placement, and disposal of excavated materials; back-filling, capping, and placing habitat material; and planting the site specified in the drawing and specs.

Olympic Discovery Trail – Port Townsend, Jefferson County:

This project includes the construction of approximately 3.2 miles of a non-motorized trail between Milo Curry Road and Anderson Lake State Park in Jefferson County, near Port Townsend, WA. Work includes earth-work to create a trail base, paving,

installation of culverts, drainage system, fencing, signal and illumination, signing, pavement striping, project temporary traffic control, temporary erosion control, wetland mitigation plantings, and more. The trail will generally consist of a 10-foot wide paved (hot mix asphalt pavement) trail with 2-feet gravel shoulder along both sides. An equestrian trail is included in the work.

Carlsborg Village – Sequim, Clallam County:

This project includes site development for 111 homesites in Sequim, WA. Major work elements include grading and earthwork, sewer storm, and water utilities, dry utilities, temporary erosion and sediment control, concrete curbs and sidewalks, crushed rock surfacing, hot mixed asphalt paving, and offsite right of way improvements.



Local 302 operators digging in cut on the Olympic Discovery Trail Project – Port Townsend, Jefferson County; photo courtesy of Seton Construction



Local 302 operators work on the Carlsborg Village – Sequim, Clallam County; photo courtesy of Seton Construction

Olso Bay Apartments – Poulsbo, Kitsap County: This project includes site development of a 13 building 458-unit apartment complex in Poulsbo, WA. Major work elements include tree removal, clearing and grubbing, mass earthwork and grading, temporary erosion and sediment control, sewer, storm and water utilities, dry utilities, concrete curbs and sidewalks, crushed rock surfacing, hot mix asphalt pavement paving, block and rock wall installation, directional boring, and offsite right of way improvements.



Aerial view of the Olso Bay Apartments construction site – Poulsbo, Kitsap County; photo courtesy of Seton Construction





Local 302 Operating Engineers use these Vermeer PD10 pile drivers to install the posts for the solar panel infrastructure at the Ostrea Solar Project in Yakima County; photo courtesy of Cypress Creek Renewables

Union power drives Ostrea Solar Project forward in Yakima County

In the heart of Yakima County, skilled union workers from IUOE Local 302, working for Granite Industrial, KLB Construction, and Blasting Technologies Inc. (BTI), are playing a critical role in the construction of the Ostrea Solar Project — a 104-megawatt solar facility that will soon power over 15,000 homes across Central Washington.

Spanning more than 500 acres, the Ostrea site requires precision, coordination, and skill — all of which Local 302 members bring to the job every day. Operating heavy equipment such as pile drivers, excavators, and

telehandlers, IUOE crews are installing over 190,000 solar panels, driving more than 30,000 steel posts into the high desert soil, and supporting the build-out of a new substation that will connect the site to the Bonneville Power Administration grid.

The project is expected to create over 40 jobs for Local 302 operators and generate millions in long-term tax revenue for the region. Scheduled for completion in mid-2026, Local 302 operators are essential to keeping the project on time and on target.

IUOE Local 302 was proud to host a training with Granite Industrial at the IUOE Ellensburg, WA Training Center in April 2025. This gave members hands-on training to operate the specialized remote-control Vermeer PD10 pile drivers prior to the start of the Ostrea Solar Project in Yakima County.



Pictured here Local 302 members Jason Holmes operating the PD10 and Jaun Morales in the back participate in training

DISTRICT REPORT

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I-84 South Jerome to Twin Falls Interchange Project; photo courtesy of Idaho Transportation Department

Local 302 members keep Idaho moving

Members of IUOE Local 302 are hard at work improving Idaho's vital interstate infrastructure as part of Western Construction's highway projects. From dirt work to grading and paving, these skilled union operators are playing a key role in upgrading roadways that connect communities and keep commerce moving.

I-84 South Jerome to Twin Falls Interchange Project

Construction is underway to improve the South Jerome Interchange (Exit 168). This project will improve safety and increase capacity on the interchange to serve the needs of South-Central Idaho for years to come. Work is expected to be completed in 2026.

Improvements include:

- Replacing the current interchange with a Divided Dia-

mond/Couplet Interchange.

- Installing new traffic signals.
- Adding a sidewalk and bike lane to the Lincoln Avenue bridges.

Local 302 members did the dirt work and paving for the ramps and approaches.

I-84 South Jerome to Twin Falls Improvements Project

The Idaho Transportation Department is widening I-84 between the South Jerome Interchange and the Twin Falls Interchange.

Improvements include:

- Widening I-84 to three lanes in each direction.
- Replacing the roadway with a new concrete surface.
- Reconstructing the 400 South Road bridges.

Local 302 members did the dirt

work and paving for this job.

I-15 Blackfoot Exit 89 to Exit 93 pavement resurfacing

The Idaho Transportation Department is rehabilitating four miles of pavement beginning at the South Blackfoot Interchange (Exit 89) and ending at the US-26/Blackfoot Interchange (Exit 93). Local 302 members are grinding the old asphalt surfacing, doing subgrade preparations, and overlaying new asphalt.

The majority of I-15 was constructed in the 1960s and 1970s and the driving surface between Exit 89 and Exit 93 in Blackfoot has deteriorated, so it is necessary to complete maintenance work. This project will enhance safety and extend the life of the roadway.

Northgate to Blackfoot I-15 widening project



South Jerome to Twin Falls Improvement Project; photo courtesy of Idaho Transportation Department

The Idaho Transportation Department is widening Interstate 15 (I-15) to three lanes in each direction between the Northgate and Fort Hall interchanges (exits 73 and 80). I-15 serves as a major transportation corridor through eastern Idaho. Crews began to widen I-15 between the Northgate Parkway and Fort Hall interchanges (exits 73 and 80) in September 2024.

Improvements include:

- Widening I-15 to three lanes in each direction.
- Constructing a barrier wall in the median.
- Improving bridges, overpasses and interchange structures.

Local 302 members are doing the dirt work for a lane addition, building the grade for the center barrier, and supporting bridge improvements. They will finish grading the gravel and paving.



Northgate to Blackfoot I-15 widening project; photo courtesy of Idaho Transportation Department



I-15 Blackfoot Exit 89 to Exit 93 pavement resurfacing project; photo courtesy of Idaho Transportation Department



Local 302 member Derek Boice, 25-year Western Marine Construction employee, Foreman, and Tugboat Captain operates the crane to place the first rock for the Kenai Bluff Bank Stabilization Project; photo courtesy of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Alaska District

Shoring up Alaska's future: IUOE Local 302 operators stabilize the Kenai Bluff riverbank

As the rugged heart of Alaska battles coastal erosion along the Kenai River, a coalition of skilled operators from IUOE Local 302 have been standing tall — literally — to protect the bluff that's been slipping away at nearly 3 – 10 feet per year.

In spring 2025, Western Marine Construction — and their dependable crew drawn from the ranks of Local 302 — deployed massive barges laden with rock across tide-swept waters. This off-loading of armor rock, crushed rock, and gravel at high tide marked the first crucial steps in constructing a 5,000-foot-long protective berm at the bluff's base. The goal has been to build between 50 – 60 feet of rock per day. The \$19 – 20 million project is 90 percent federally funded under the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act.

At the helm of the operation are Local 302's heavy-equipment experts — excavator operators, crane operators, and barge-handling pros — who anchor

each 4 foot-deep trench and position rock layers up to 29 feet above water level. Their precise control ensures the berm's resilience against storm surges and scouring waves, all designed to encourage natural stabilization and future vegetation growth.

Local 302 members are also key to avoiding wildlife disruptions — carefully timing barge movements outside beluga whale season, up-taking marine-safety protocols, and adjusting to tidal schedules and environmental mandates.

As seasonal operations continue, it's the Local 302 team — quarrying, loading, handling, and anchoring — that forms the backbone of this solution. Their work transforms engineering plans into Alaska's latest climate resilient infrastructure, securing not just the bluff, but the communities and ecosystems they protect.



Close up of Local 302 member Derek Boice, 25-year Western Marine Construction employee, Foreman, and Tugboat Captain operating the crane to place the first rock for the Kenai Bluff Bank Stabilization Project; photo courtesy of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Alaska District

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A barge floats near the beginning of a rock berm being built along the toe of a bluff in Kenai, Alaska; photo courtesy of Ashlyn O'Hara/KDLL



From left to right: 40-year Local 302 member Tom Jurasek and his sons, also Local 302 members, Christian Jurasek, Nick Jurasek, and Josh Jurasek working at the Kenai Bluff Bank Stabilization Project; photo courtesy of Local 302 member Tom Jurasek



Start of the abutment for the bridge landing and access to the beach at the Kenai Bluff Bank Stabilization Project, both excavators are above the high tide line; photo courtesy of Local 302 member Tom Jurasek



Local 302 member Bob Connard operating the excavator, places bedding rock on fabric before putting armor rock on top at the Kenai Bluff Bank Stabilization Project; photo courtesy of Local 302 member Tom Jurasek

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The Trans Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) is an 800-mile-long pipeline that transports crude oil from the oil fields in Prudhoe Bay on Alaska's North Slope to the marine terminal in Valdez, on the shores of Prince William Sound in South-Central Alaska. Completed in 1977, the pipeline crosses rugged terrain, including mountains, rivers, and permafrost, and is designed to withstand earthquakes and extreme weather. It plays a critical role in Alaska's economy and U.S. energy infrastructure, delivering millions of barrels of oil each year.

Working for three different companies, IUOE Local 302 members are responsible for most of the maintenance and repairs of the TAPS as well as assisting tankers into the Valdez Marine Terminal (VMT) to load oil and manage any oil spill response. Their expertise ensures Alaska's energy keeps flowing to keep communities running and our

members working for generations.

Houston Contracting Company, a division of ASRC Energy Services Houston is responsible for the fleet maintenance along the TAPS, mainly at a fleet shop based out of Fairbanks, AK. They also work out of a maintenance facility at the VMT, as well as shops at all the operating pump stations where Local 302 mechanics and service oilers support "Baseline" crews and maintain the fleet equipment.

Baseline crews consist of a Local 302 operating engineer, a Laborer, and a Teamster. Baseline is responsible for maintaining the pipeline right-of-way and being trained and ready for oil spill response in their region.

Ahtna Construction

At Ahtna Local 302 members perform essential pipeline-support duties from operating heavy

machinery on arctic terrain, excavating access for pipe repair, implementing critical gravel and flood-protection work, to executing precise, environmentally conscious construction.

Tatitlek Chenega Chugach

Tatitlek Chenega Chugach is responsible for guiding tankers into harbor at the VMT and for onboarding oil tankers with North Slope crude oil from the TAPS. They are also responsible for oil spill prevention and response, such as boat operation, oil spill cleanup, boom operations, and more.

Local 302 members serve as crane operators, heavy-duty mechanics, and oil spill response technicians — bringing both technical expertise and a deep commitment to safety and environmental stewardship.

IUOE Local 302 keeps the Trans Alaska Pipeline System flowing



Credit: Leanne Abraham - NPR

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A baseline Local 302 operator performs right-of-way maintenance along the Trans Alaska Pipeline System for Houston Contracting Company Joint Utility System facilities



Local 302 members, with Dusty Crandall operating the excavator, working for Ahtna, perform mainline excavation for pipe inspection and repair along the Trans Alaska Pipeline System



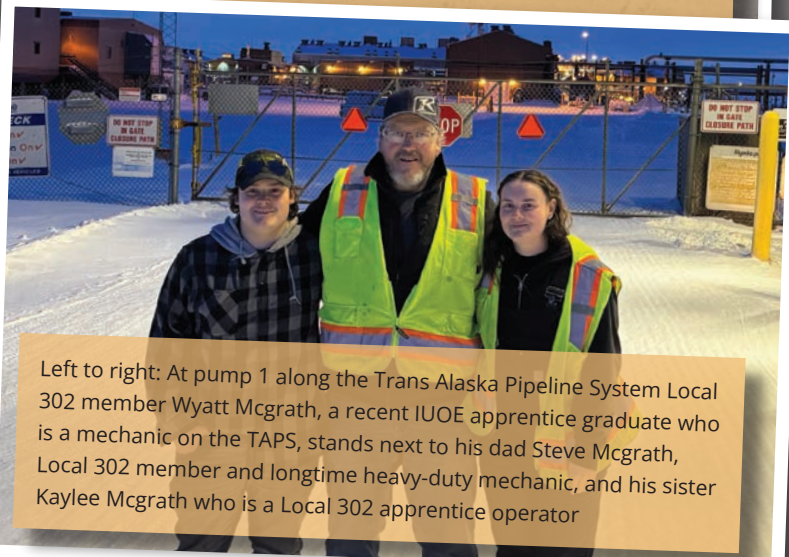
Baseline Local 302 operator Colette Wiehl clears snow along the Trans Alaska Pipeline System right-of-way for Houston Contracting Company



Local 302 mechanic and operator James Wiese welds fairleads onto a 20' flat for Tatitlek Chenega Chugach contract at Alyeska's Ship Escort Response Vessel System Base in Valdez, Alaska; These fairleads will assist in boom deployments and retrievals during sensitive area protection deployments at the Port of Valdez



Local 302 member Nick Rocheleau with a new Volvo 150H wheel loader at the Fairbanks Fleet Maintenance Facility, Houston Contracting Company



Left to right: At pump 1 along the Trans Alaska Pipeline System Local 302 member Wyatt McGrath, a recent IUOE apprentice graduate who is a mechanic on the TAPS, stands next to his dad Steve McGrath, Local 302 member and longtime heavy-duty mechanic, and his sister Kaylee McGrath who is a Local 302 apprentice operator



Local 302 members Jacob Cheeseman and Todd Torvend operate excavators to clear the Wolfe Point landslide that occurred in March 2025; photo courtesy of Local 302 member Jacob Cheeseman

Keeping Ketchikan, Alaska connected: The Tongass Highway Slope Stabilization Project

The rugged landscape of Southeast Alaska, the Tongass Highway is more than just a road — it's a lifeline. Stretching along the coastline north of Ketchikan, this highway connects thousands of people to schools, stores, jobs, and emergency services. But at Wolfe Point, just a few miles north of town, the steep, unstable slopes have long posed a danger.

That danger became reality in March 2025, when a massive landslide sent boulders, trees, and debris crashing across both lanes of the road. The slide stranded nearly 3,000 residents who live north of the slide zone, cutting off the only land route. For nearly three days, water taxis and shuttles were the only way in or out. Thankfully, no one was hurt — but the incident made it clear just how vulnerable this section of highway really is.

To address the problem, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) led a major slope stabilization project at Wolfe Point. Working for Secon Construction, IUOE Local 302 members performed the heavy equipment work needed to clear the damage from the landslide and continued with the stabilization project to make the area safer and to prevent future slides.

This work included ditches, removed loose rock by blasting and scaling, installing steel dowels to hold the hillside in place, and upgraded guardrails and drainage systems.

When it's done, the highway will be safer and more reliable for everyone who depends on it.

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Wolfe Point landslide occurred March 2025; photo courtesy of Jason Baldwin KTUtv



Local 302 operator Todd Torvend works on the Tongass Highway Slope Stabilization Project in Ketchikan, Alaska



Left to right: Local 302 members Jonathan Spargur and Dylan Jayroe stand on a mooring foxtrot, with USS Bridge and USS Rainier visible behind them at Puget Sound Naval Station Shipyard in Bremerton, WA

Where warships go to rest: How Global helps maintain retired Navy ships in Bremerton, WA

At the edge of Puget Sound in Bremerton, WA, enormous Navy ships — some over a thousand feet long — quietly come to the end of their service. These aren't just old ships being thrown away. They're powerful vessels that served in wars, carried aircraft, and patrolled oceans for decades. When it's time for them to retire, Local 302 members who work for a woman-owned small business Global, A First Flagship Company, help give them a proper send-off at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.

Local 302 members' jobs include taking apart these ships safely and responsibly. After the Navy removes

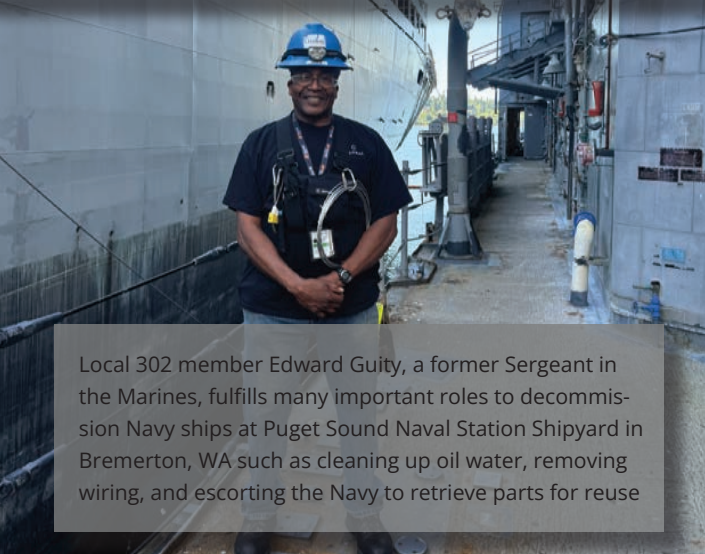
anything sensitive or classified, Local 302 crews get to work. They cut through thick steel, remove old equipment, and carefully clean out anything that could harm the environment, like fuel, oil, or lead paint. It's dirty, technical, and often dangerous work — but it's essential.

Global's work goes far beyond decommissioning. Local 302 members also support the active fleet by helping source, track, and deliver mission-critical parts — often under tight deadlines. When an operational Navy ship urgently needs a component to stay in commission, Global steps in to locate and retrieve it, sometimes even harvesting it

from decommissioned vessels. This work is vital to keeping today's fleet mission ready and avoiding costly delays.

In a way, Local 302 members' work is like closing a chapter of history while keeping the current one running strong. Whether they're safely dismantling a retired vessel or supplying parts to ships still in the fight, their efforts help ensure the Navy is ready for whatever comes next. It's tough, behind-the-scenes work — but thanks to Local 302 members, the final journey of America's warships — and the ongoing mission of today's fleet — is handled with care and commitment.

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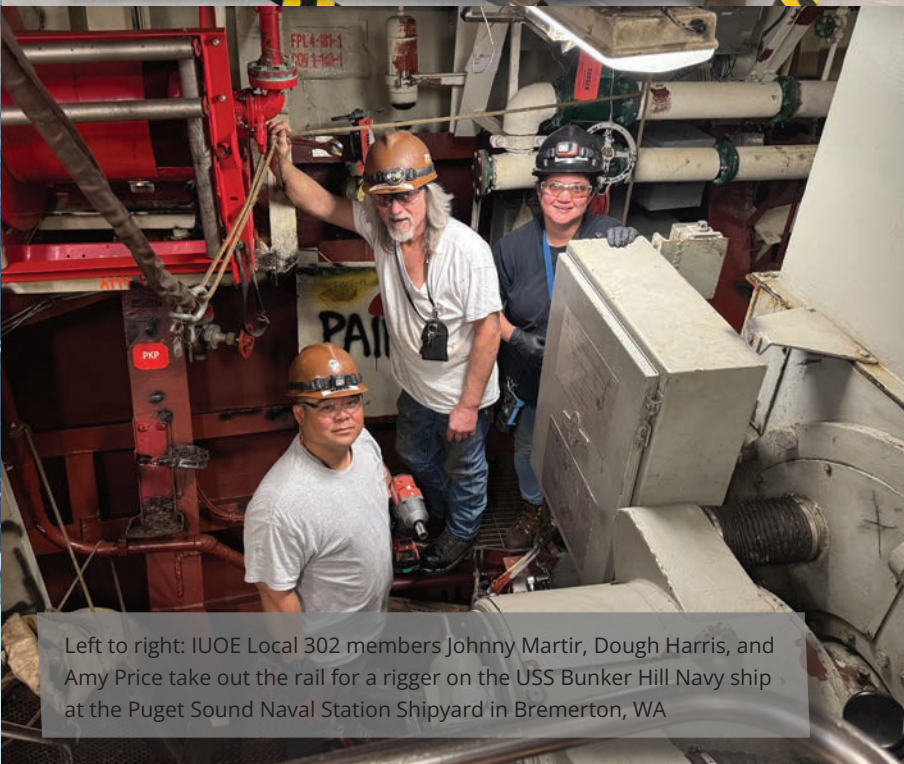
Local 302 member Edward Guity, a former Sergeant in the Marines, fulfills many important roles to decommission Navy ships at Puget Sound Naval Station Shipyard in Bremerton, WA such as cleaning up oil water, removing wiring, and escorting the Navy to retrieve parts for reuse



Local 302 member, and Steward, Dakota Wells stands next to a metal shear at the Puget Sound Naval Station Shipyard in Bremerton, WA; Dakota maintains diesel ships and harvest parts from ships to be refurbished or disposed of



Left to right: Local 302 members Dan Magalhaes (Local 302 Steward) and Denver Cain rig and pull up items from below for removal on the USS Bunker Hill Navy ship at the Puget Sound Naval Station Shipyard in Bremerton, WA



Left to right: IUOE Local 302 members Johnny Martir, Dough Harris, and Amy Price take out the rail for a rigger on the USS Bunker Hill Navy ship at the Puget Sound Naval Station Shipyard in Bremerton, WA



Left to right: Local 302 members and Global employees Cheryl Wardrop, Nathan Patterson, and Kevin Plummer clean up after mechanical work to harvest the machinery room on the USS Bunker Hill Navy ship



From left to right: Local 302 members Charles Caldwell, Scott Little, and Amon Lindsey conduct a forklift inspection to make sure it's operating correctly

TRAINING CENTER UPDATES

ELLENSBURG AND SPANGLE, WA TRAINING CENTERS

The 2025 Apprenticeship Application window is now OPEN!

2025 applications must be completed and submitted online before Friday, November 7, 2025, by 5 p.m. If selected, training will begin in Spring 2026.

Operating Engineers: Interested in training?

Sign up for courses such as: Excavator, Dozer, Loader, Backhoe, Forklift, Blade, Grade Checking, Crane training, Commercial Driver License (CDL), Hazmat Refresher, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), First Aid/Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Global Positioning System (GPS), and more.

Sign up opens Monday, September 8, 2025. Call the Training Center office at 509-968-3203 to request classes.

Eligible IUOE members must have a minimum of 500 training hours in the last year working for a contributing contractor. Training staff will verify your eligibility.

For more information and next steps visit <http://oetraining.com/>.



Thanks to all who attended the annual Top Hand Competition June 21, 2025 at the Operating Engineers Regional Training Center in Ellensburg, Washington!

This is always a fun, family-friendly event. Attendees enjoyed good food, competitions, and more. Congratulations to the Top Hand winners, and we'll see you at next year's event.

2025 TOP HAND COMPETITION



Top Hands (left to right): Jon Mayerl, Derek Lopez, Jerald Thompson, John Andersen, Jake LaVergne

Backhoe

1st: Jon Mayerl
2nd: Tyler Silverthorn
3rd: Jacob LaVergne

Excavator

1st: Derek Lopez
2nd: John Andersen
3rd: Jon Mayerl

Dozer

1st: John Andersen
2nd: Mark Foreman
3rd: Mike Ristvedt

Blade

1st: Jerald Thompson
2nd: Derek Lopez
3rd: Jacob McGovern

Loader

1st: Eric Michael
2nd: Greg Fruhling
3rd: Lyle Bartley/Jon Mayerl

Truck & Trailer

1st: Jake LaVergne
2nd: Jason Hurd
3rd: Jon Mayerl

Forklift

1st: Jake LaVergne
2nd: Pat Beavers
3rd: James Tobin

Hydraulic Crane

1st: Justin Carey
2nd: Jake LaVergne
3rd: Pat Beavers

Lattice Crane

1st: Justin Carey
2nd: Pat Beavers
3rd: Jake LaVergne





Congratulations to the 2025 Ellensburg Training Center apprentices who were recognized at the Top Hand Competition for completing entry level training!



APPLY FOR ALASKA APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS!

- Free training and a great career
- Heavy Equipment Operator and Service Oiler applications available September 1 – 14, 2025
- Heavy Duty Mechanic applications open year-round
- For more information and to apply visit <https://aoeett.org/>



Heavy Equipment Operator

The Heavy Equipment Operator Apprenticeship Program trains individuals to safely and skillfully operate the machinery that powers major construction and infrastructure projects — such as excavators, bulldozers, graders, and cranes. Through a combination of classroom instruction and hands-on field training, apprentices learn equipment operation, site safety, maintenance, and basic surveying. During the 6,000-hour program apprentices earn wages while gaining real-world experience under the guidance of journeyman operators. Graduates of the program become highly skilled, union-certified operators ready to build and maintain the roads, pipelines, and projects that keep communities moving.

Heavy Duty Service Oiler

The Heavy Duty Service Oiler Apprenticeship Program prepares individuals to support the operation of heavy equipment by fueling, lubricating, and performing basic maintenance on machinery used in construction and industrial projects. Apprentices learn to identify mechanical issues, conduct safety inspections, and ensure equipment is properly serviced and ready for operation. This 5,000-hour program combines classroom instruction with hands-on training in the field. Graduates become essential members of the job site team, keeping equipment running smoothly and helping prevent costly downtime.

Heavy Duty Mechanic

The Heavy Duty Mechanic Apprenticeship Program trains individuals to inspect, repair, and maintain the powerful machinery used in construction, mining, and other heavy industries. Apprentices learn both in the classroom and on the job, gaining hands-on experience with hydraulic systems, diesel engines, electronics, welding, and diagnostics. Over the course of the 8,000-hour program participants work alongside experienced mechanics and earn while they learn. Upon completion, they become journeyman-level mechanics, equipped with the skills to keep critical heavy equipment running safely and efficiently on job sites across the region.

U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski secures \$1.99 million for the Alaska Training Center

Thanks to support in 2024 from U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), \$1.999 million was secured for the Alaska Operating Engineers Employers Training Trust Fund. The Trust put the funds to good use purchasing equipment for the apprenticeship and training program:

- 2024 Komatsu WA475-10 Loader
- 2022 Caterpillar 242D3 Skid Steer
- 2021 Caterpillar 966M Loader
- 2021 Caterpillar 730 Articulating Dump Truck
- 2020 Caterpillar 262D3 Skid Steer
- 2019 Komatsu PC390LC-11 Excavator
- 2018 Caterpillar 320 Excavator
- 2017 Caterpillar 160M3 Motorgrader



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*New event
dates!*

The Western Washington Stationary Engineers Training Trust presents the 2025 Boiler Symposium September 18 and 19. Each day, check-in and networking begin at 7:30 a.m. with the event from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Boiler Operators who attend the Symposium and complete the exam will meet requirements for a refresher course. The event is approved by the Bates Technical College Steam Certification Board and the Seattle Steam License Advisory Board.

Registration: \$165 (includes cost of the exam) covers two days attendance, breakfast bites, and lunch.

Register now! <https://tinyurl.com/4ptd6jju>



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Is there a Local 302 member you think we should feature in the Loadline? Email mainoffice@iuoe302.org.



RAY SHERMAN

Why did you join IUOE Local 302?

How long have you been a member?

I joined the union back in 2008 during the downturn in the housing market. What really stood out is how Local 302 offered stability, training, good paying work, strong benefits, ongoing skill development, and camaraderie that comes with being part of a proud professional brother and sisterhood.

What are your favorite things about being a union member?

The training trust, benefits package, and the collective bargaining contracts. I have taken courses and certification training that I wouldn't have had access to otherwise. We have a reliable pension, healthcare, and fair pay for standard hours and overtime.

What's your current job, and what do you enjoy about it?

I am the primary technician at the Washington Athletic Club. I handle a wide range of maintenance tasks like troubleshooting and maintaining systems for steam and hydronic pumps,

motors air handlers, plus swimming pools and jacuzzies. I also work with automation and do fabrication projects and installations.

What are the top things you wish you would've known when you started your career?

The fact that you don't need to know everything from day one. It takes a while to learn any trade and stationary engineering is no different. Be patient and willing to learn new things.

What advice would you give to people considering a career in the trades?

It's one of the safest and smartest career paths. You earn fast, avoid student debt, and enter a field where demand is real. Plumbing, automation, machining, refrigeration etc. Work is always hands on and satisfying.



TRAVIS SHERMAN

Why did you join IUOE Local 302?

How long have you been a member?

I joined Local 302 mainly because

of my dad, but also because of the diverse jobs and good pay. I've been a member for almost three years.

What are your favorite things about being a union member?

My favorite thing about being a member is the benefits and working with my dad every day!

What's your current job, and what do you enjoy about it?

My job is a stationary engineer at the Washington Athletic Club. The place is unique and comes with a lot of history.

What are the top things you wish you would've known when you started your career?

I wish I would've known how much schooling I was going to take. I am currently an apprentice with the Western Washington Stationary Engineers Training Trust and I am halfway through! I have completed classes such as Fundamentals of Electricity and Lab, Advanced Electrical and Lab, Pneumatic Controls, and Control Fundamentals. Attending this training provided through the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local 302 is life changing.

What advice would you give to people considering a career in the trades?

Never stop learning — there's always something new!

FROM THE DESK OF THE DISPATCHERS



Reminder

Local 302 members, we are proud to be your Union! However, we are not your “employer”.

We get this question often, so we wanted to clarify. IUOE Local 302 cannot confirm your current or prior employment status since we are not your employer.

To avoid any issues with loan applications, make sure to provide the contact information for the company/employer you're currently employed and paid by and/or previous employers.



Ensure your contact and qualifications are up to date with Local 302

- If you find yourself out of work, remember to call your District Office and register yourself on the Out-of-Work List (OWL) for all districts you are willing to work in.
- Be sure to confirm the pieces of equipment you can be dispatched for and remove any classifications that you no longer wish to be dispatched for.
- It's important to make this a priority, so you don't miss a job or get dispatched to a job you can't or don't want to do because of classification or location.
- TIP: Re-register for the OWL well in advance of your registration expiration date. If registered for 90 days, then re-register every 60 days so you don't risk being dropped off the list. Scan this QR Code for more information:



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OE Federal remains committed to Local 302 members by constantly refining our services to fit your needs and amplify your union pride. With a long history of supporting union families, we stand ready to help you build a secure financial future.

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IUOE Local 302 member Kevin Rubio

Congratulations to Kevin Rubio for being recognized as "Rookie of the Year" by LBA Realty

Kevin received the honor of the "Rookie of The Year" award for his outstanding performance as a new stationary engineer for LBA Pacific Northwest group and his ability to hit the ground running

on variable platforms. He's also known for his adaptive ability to assess, troubleshoot, and offer solutions to problematic issues, and his willingness to assist.

While Kevin is a "rookie" to the LBA, he is far from new to the field having logged seven years as a journeyman stationary engineer and offering a laundry list of licensing and certifications.

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the PACIFIC HEALTH COALITION

IUOE Local 302 members* and their eligible dependents are invited to participate in the **2025 Pacific Health Coalition fairs located across Washington and Alaska. Lab tests and flu shots are paid for 100 percent by your health plan at no cost to you. Pre-registration is required.**

"The lab test I did through the Pacific Health Coalition fair caught my early-stage cancer. Because I caught it in time, I am healthy today. I can't recommend strongly enough for members and their families to do these annual health check-ups."

– Local 302 member, Washington state

*This offer applies to IUOE Local 302 members who receive health care coverage through the International Union of Operating Engineers Trust Funds which is administered by the Welfare and Pension Administration Service (WPAS). It is not available for Local 302 members who receive health care coverage through other organizations.

Register for health fairs here:



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LOCAL 302



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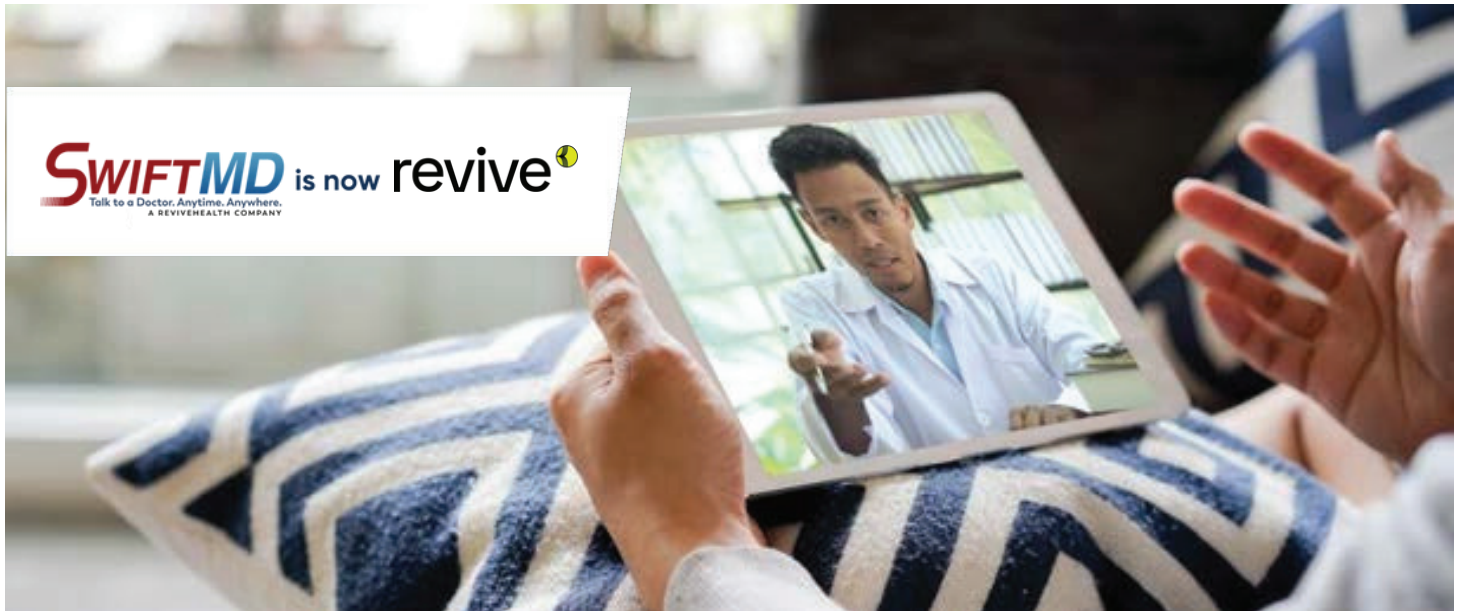
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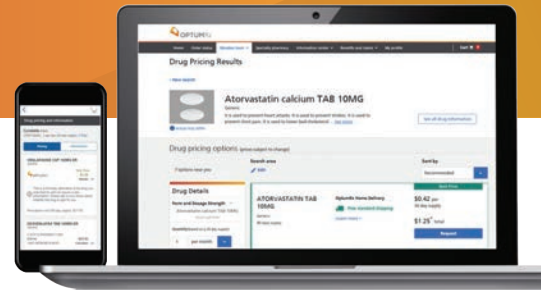
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Log in to **optumrx.com** and select **Drug pricing and information** from the member tools dropdown



Download and open the OptumRx app, then select **Search drug pricing**

Avoid confusion with information alerts

Sometimes getting medications filled can be confusing. The drug pricing and information tool shows alerts that let you know if a drug will have a negative interaction with another medication you're taking, or if a specific medication is not covered under your plan. We want you to have all the facts.

* Based on an internal OptumRx analysis of adjudicated claims through October 2020. Average percentage savings across book of business. Savings may vary by member. Not a guarantee of savings.



SAFETY FIRST

During wildfire season: Plan ahead and keep track of air quality

Wildfire season typically occurs during the summer months, and beyond. During this time, it's important to stay alert to wildfire and air quality conditions, especially for people who work outside. Wildfire smoke contains a mixture of harmful chemicals and particles. This smoke can make anyone sick, even healthy individuals.

Exposure to the small particles in wildfire smoke can cause mild to serious symptoms, including:

- Respiratory: Cough, difficulty breathing, wheezing, shortness of breath; asthma attack, runny nose, sore throat, sinus pain or pressure; phlegm.
- Headache, scratchy or irritated eyes, fatigue or tiredness.
- Cardiovascular: Chest pain or discomfort, fast or irregular heartbeat, feeling weak, light-headed, faint, or dizzy; or pain or discomfort in the jaw, neck or back.
- Symptoms concerning for a

stroke: Sudden numbness or weakness in the face, arm or leg — especially on one side of the body; Sudden confusion; Trouble speaking or difficulty understanding speech; Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance, or lack of coordination; Sudden severe headache with no known cause.

Alert your employer if you experience health effects from wildfire smoke exposure

Workers need to alert their employer if they experience any health effects from wildfire smoke exposure. Employers are not allowed to retaliate against an employee for reporting an air quality hazard, a health effect, or for seeking medical treatment due to a work-related illness or injury.

Respirators filter the air to protect workers' lungs.

Properly fitted respirators can significantly reduce a worker's

exposure to wildfire smoke. Bandanas, scarves, facemasks, KN95's, or t-shirts worn over the nose and mouth will NOT provide protection against wildfire smoke. A National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health approved N95 respirator is the minimum protection from wildfire smoke.

Wildfire smoke is measured in two ways:

- As PM2.5 which is extremely small particles measured in micrograms per cubic meter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$). PM2.5 essentially means fine particulate matter.
- NowCast AQI PM2.5 which is an index produced by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to communicate general air quality based on PM2.5. AQI stands for "air quality index".

Online tool to check the current air quality:

US Environmental Protection Agency fire and smoke map: <https://fire.airnow.gov/>

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

**We love seeing our Retirees
at the annual summer luncheons!**





CONGRATULATIONS RETIREES

APRIL - JUNE 2025

ALAN DANIEL - STANWOOD, WA
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DANIEL LIVINGSTON - MARYSVILLE, WA
DEAN SEABURG - POST FALLS, ID
DOMINICK GARITONE - KINGSTON, ID
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DONALD LEWIS - ELLENSBURG, WA
DONALD COBB - TONASKET, WA
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GEORGE SOTO - CHENEY, WA
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APRIL - JUNE 2025

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CALENDAR

DISTRICT MEETINGS

ALL MEETINGS CONVENE AT 7 P.M.
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

DISTRICT 1 – BOTHELL

1st Thursday of each month
Union Hall, 18701 120th Ave NE

DISTRICT 2 – BELLINGHAM

3rd Thursday of each month
1700 North State St

DISTRICT 3 – HOQUIAM

2nd Thursday of each month
Elks Club, 624 K St

DISTRICT 3 – SILVERDALE

3rd Wednesday of each month
Union Hall, 9301 Linder Way NW

DISTRICT 3 – PORT ANGELES

3rd Thursday of each month
Eagles Hall Aerie No. 483,
2843 E Myrtle St

DISTRICT 4 – WENATCHEE

2nd Thursday of each month
Veterans Hall,
1206 N Wenatchee Ave

DISTRICT 4 – ELLENSBURG

2nd Wednesday of each month
Union Hall, 403 S Water St

DISTRICT 5 – BOISE

4th Tuesday of each month
IBEW Hall, 225 N 16th St

DISTRICT 5 – LEWISTON

2nd Wednesday of each month
Central Labor Council,
1618 Idaho St Suite 102

DISTRICT 5 – POCATELLO

4th Wednesday of each month
Labor Temple, 456 N Arthur St

DISTRICT 5 – SPOKANE

2nd Monday of each month
Union Hall, 510 S Elm St
Start time 6 p.m.

DISTRICT 5 – KENNEWICK

2nd Tuesday of each month
Union Hall, 2637 W Albany Ave

DISTRICT 6 – ANCHORAGE

4th Thursday of each month
Union Hall, 4001 Denali St

DISTRICT 7 – FAIRBANKS

4th Wednesday of each month
Union Hall, 3002 Lathrop St

DISTRICT 8 – JUNEAU

4th Tuesday of each month
Union Hall, 9309 Glacier Hwy,
Suite A-105

DISTRICT 286 – AUBURN

2nd Tuesday of each month
Union Hall, 18 E St SW

SEPTEMBER

1 Labor Day

1 - 14 Alaska Training Center
Applications

Pacific Health Coalition Fairs

OCTOBER

Pacific Health Coalition Fairs

NOVEMBER

4 General Election

11 Veterans Day





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