



2110 Local News

April 6, 2009

VA Palo Alto Health Care System

UNION ALERT!!!

President's Corner

The new year has gotten off to a great start for VAPAHCS and Local 2110. Many changes have occurred, we have a new Associate Director and Chief Executive Nurse. I can assure you that AFGE Local 2110 will continue to do everything in our power to represent you in all aspects of VAPAHCS. Our goal and mission has not changed. We work hard to ensure the Master Agreement is honored and your rights as federal employees are protected. As your elected representative, I will continue to be your advocate as well as ensure all employees have the tools to provide excellent care to our veterans

Conferences and Training

New Steward Training will begin at the end of April in the local office. AFGE National Convention is in August where elections for National President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer will take place. Amendments to AFGE National Constitution will be presented and voted on at that time.

District 12 and National News

12th District will be meeting with Local Presidents to prepare for National Convention: Discussion on Credentials Training, Work on Resolutions to bring to the Convention as a united group.

National AFGE is currently working on Whistleblower Legislation to protect Federal employees from retaliation of reporting waste, fraud and abuse.

Legislative News

2 Legislative Committee members travelled to DC to lobby on the following Labor issues: Hybrid Title 38, LVN Issues, Pay raises for Federal Workers, Federal Police Officer Status. Veteran's Issues: ANAM (Automated Neuropsychological Assessment Metrics), HIPPA Concerns and Morgue Privacy

What did Local 2110 do?

- A Demand To Bargain was issued to Nursing Service relating to scheduling policy and was resolved to both parties satisfaction.
- Union Stewards worked on 5 Employee reprimands and were able to mitigate the discipline down to the satisfaction of the employees.
- Our Stewards also worked on 4 admonishments which were dismissed.
- Union Safety Officer participated in the AWE Inspections this week.
- Several suspensions were mitigated down or dismissed.

All employees are encouraged to contact the Union office at x65326 if they have any concerns or questions regarding any changes in working conditions or policy & procedures relating your job. It is our goal to get back to you within 24 hours of your call.

What does the Union do? NOW YOU KNOW!

AFGE Local 2110 Union Officers & Staff: (x65326)

President, Bill Luttrell
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**Stewards: Vic Allyn, Nelson Spaulding, Rodora Barmore, Pam Robinson,
Renee Crumpton, Bill Hicok, Donalyn Warden**

Union Benefits

Local 2110 offers two Safeguard Dental programs, an HMO and PPO for our members. Please contact Bryon Smith, (510) 709-9203 for information regarding these plans and all other union member benefits. Open season for our Short-Term Disability Insurance is coming in the fall.

****Monthly Business Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month
@ 4:30 PM 2nd Floor Library Conference Room in Admin. Bldg 101 PAD
Next meeting: Tuesday April 28, 2009**

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