



Labor Roundtable award winners

The Labor Roundtable of Southwest Washington held its 19th annual awards banquet Sept. 25 at the Vancouver Hilton Hotel and Convention Center. Awards were presented to from left to right: Dave Johnston, representing IBEW Local 48, "Union of the Year;" Gay Lincoln, Machinists Lodge 1005, "Labor Leader of the Year;" retired federal mediator Paul Stuckenschneider, "Community Service Award;" Kathy and Lee Duncan, members of IBEW Local 48, "Union Members of the Year;" and Port of Vancouver Commission President Nancy Baker, "Special Appreciation Award." Not pictured is Tom Burkholder, a retired member of the former Oil Chemical and Atomic Workers Union, who received a "Lifetime Achievement Award."

AFL-CIO creates Union Veterans Council

At the national AFL-CIO's mid-September convention in Pittsburgh, delegates passed a resolution creating the Union Veterans Council as a new AFL-CIO "constituency group." AFL-CIO constituency groups are organizations made up of union members from AFL-CIO-affiliated unions that serve as labor's outreach to particular communities, and make sure their perspectives are represented at AFL-CIO bodies.

In the case of the Union Veterans Council, it's meant to bring together union members who are veterans — to speak out on veterans issues and support the appointment of labor-friendly veterans to government agencies.

The AFL-CIO has six other constituency groups: A. Philip Randolph Institute, Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, Coalition of Labor Union Women, Labor Council for Latin American Advancement, and Pride At Work.



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