



Local 2916 and Army Reserve member Connie Rendón, who was severely injured while deployed in Iraq, was honored last Veterans Day for her service. From left, Hector Rendón, Connie Rendón, LL 2916 President Patrick Cox, LL 2916 VP Bob Judkins, IAM President Tom Buffenbarger and Southern Territory GVP Bob Martinez.

IAM Honors Heroic Veteran

Last Veterans Day was especially poignant for wounded Iraqi war veteran and Local 2916 member Connie Rendón, who was honored by her family, fellow members and friends for her extraordinary service.

Rendón, who helped organize the L3 Vertex facility at

Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, TX, in 1999, also served as Sgt. 1st Class in the Army Reserve. In 2004, Rendón's unit deployed to Iraq. Six months later, Rendón was severely wounded when her truck was hit by an IED. Six years and nearly 40 surgeries later, Sister

Rendón stood tall last Veterans Day as she was honored for her bravery.

"Most of us will never experience, nor truly comprehend, the grievous injuries you've suffered," said IAM President Tom Buffenbarger. "You are a true American hero."

Local 2003 Celebrates New Union Hall



Local 2003 and Daleville, AL community members celebrated the groundbreaking of a new Union Hall that will serve nearly 3,800 members who work at Fort Rucker Army Base.

The state-of-the-art building will also serve as a storm and hurricane shelter for the community. It will have offices, a computer lab and meeting space for up to 500 people.

"This new building will serve our union and the community for decades to come," said Local 2003 President Tony Barnes.

Wisconsin Workers Fight GOP Attack

Not content with destroying thousands of jobs by refusing federal funding for high-speed rail, Wisconsin GOP Governor Scott Walker now wants to take away bargaining rights and benefits from more than 175,000 state workers.

Walker's wrong-headed proposals, disguised as a budget-balancing bill, sparked one of the largest labor demonstrations in the state's history as thousands of outraged people descended on the state capitol to protest Walker's assault on workers.

The increasingly vocal protests from teachers, students, firefighters, private sector union workers and thousands more turned into weeks of mass demonstrations and sleep-ins in the capitol building.



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Flight Attendants Discuss Contracts

More than 100 Continental Micronesia, United and Continental Airlines Flight Attendants gathered at the IAM William W. Winpisinger Education Center to prepare for the upcoming representa-

tion election for 25,000 Flight Attendants after the merger of the carriers.

Flight Attendants shared their experiences under their respective contracts and provided input into the IAM cam-

paigned to represent the combined group.

The IAM contracts at Continental and Continental Micronesia have defined benefit pension plans and deliver significantly more in pay and benefits than the contract covering United's Flight Attendants.

United Flight Attendants are represented by another union.

IAM Strategic Resources Economist Peter Greenberg, standing, goes over the advantages of the Continental and Continental Micronesia IAM contracts with a group of United, Continental and Continental Micronesia Flight Attendants at the IAM William W. Winpisinger Education Center.



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