

REGION 4



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April 15, 2019

To: All Local Union Presidents, Financial Secretaries, Recording Secretaries,
Veteran's Council Officers and Members – Region 4 UAW

Re: **2019 National Veterans' Conference – August 18-23, 2019**

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The 2019 International Union, UAW Veterans' Conference will be held at the Walter and May Reuther 2000 Maxon Road – Onaway, Michigan. Region 4 is entitled to 35 delegates for this Conference. *The Conference will begin on Sunday, August 19, 2019. Registration for delegates begins at 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (1300-1700 hours) at the Center. The Center has a no weapons policy. No weapons can be brought onto the premises.*

Please make arrangements with the appropriate UAW local unions to excuse your regional representative for union business from August 17-23, 2019. Each Advisory Committee Member must file an expense voucher for reimbursement with their local union, who in turn will be reimbursed for expenses by the International Union.

Registration

The conference registration will be completed online by using the following link to register: <https://conference.uaw.org/veterans.php>. Please use an updated browser when registering. Delegates will sign in using the following **username: UAWVET and password: VET2019**. The website will open for registration on April 17, 2019, all registrations must be completed no later than July 29, 2019. If you have any questions regarding the registration process, please email Matthew Uptmor at muptmor@uaw.net or contact Pam Licari at 313-926-5208.

The conference registration fee is \$600 per delegate. Checks should be made payable to **2019 UAW National Veterans Conference**. It is suggested that the local generate a single check to cover the registration fees for its delegates. Please send the payment to:

UAW President's Office
c/o Pam Licari
UAW National Veterans Conference
8000 E Jefferson Avenue
Detroit, MI 48214

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Family Education Center Housing

The facility does not permit the accommodation of spouses or other family members. Also, there are no private rooms. Delegates are housed two delegates per student unit or three delegates per family unit.

Travel Reimbursement

Delegates whose worksites are located more than 500 miles from the center (one-way) will be reimbursed travel expenses at the end of the conference as follows:

Driving/Hotel and Mileage: For those driving more than 500 miles one-way (1,000 round-trip), mileage is not reimbursed for the first 1,000 miles of a round-trip. After 1,000 miles, a driver will be reimbursed at the current IRS rate. The International Union determines mileage according to Rand-McNally and reimburses for the most direct route to the center.

On trips to and from the center, delegates will be entitled to one-night lodging when driving more than 500 miles; two nights lodging for 1,000 miles or more. Those delegates driving from the same local should plan to drive together.

Hotel rates should not exceed \$65 per night for single occupancy; \$80 per night for double occupancy. Delegates must save hotel receipts and submit at center for reimbursement. Upon completion of the program, the delegates will receive mileage and/or hotel refunds. Meals, highway tolls or other costs incurred during travel are not refundable by the UAW.

Parking: To avoid any misunderstanding, please notify your delegates that vehicles allowed to park in the Family Education Center must have a VIN number starting with a 1, 2, 4 or 5 and be Union-made/American-made. If the VIN begins with a "3", it was assembled in Mexico; if it begins with a "J", it was assembled in Japan. Vehicles that do not have a 1, 2, 4 or 5 must be parked in a lot located adjacent to the main gate.

Air Transportation: All airline reservations are made through Black Lake using the following website:

<http://www.cvent.com/d/bbqvcs>

Flying: For those flying to Detroit worksite must be more than 500 miles one-way. Delegates will arrive in Detroit on Saturday and hotel reservations for the Saturday night stay will be made by the Family Education Center. That information will be printed on the E-Ticket itinerary provided by the travel agency. Charter buses will leave Detroit from the hotel on Sunday at 9 a.m. EST and arrive at the center approximately at 3:30 p.m. For Friday return-trip, no flights will be made before 4:30 p.m. EST.

To take advantage of the Super-Saver rates, all flight arrangements are made by the Family Education Center at least 14 days in advance. When contacted by TSI, be prepared to pay for airfare with either a personal credit card or through arrangements made with the local union. Local unions may pay with a check or by credit card. No personal checks will be accepted.

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In cases of airline reservations not made 14 days in advance, the International Union will refund only the cost of Super-Saver fares. Meals, phone charges or other costs incurred during travel are not refundable.

Airfare reimbursement will be made upon completion of conference. A \$75 airline registration fee will be deducted from the reimbursement. The International Union will reimburse only the cost of a 14-day advance non-refundable ticket. Any changes, additional costs or late fees will not be reimbursed and is the responsibility of the local union or delegate.

Displays

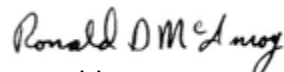
If delegates from the locals wish to bring a display, please submit this information to the UAW President's Office as soon as possible, so that we can review for prior approval.

Special FEC Delegates

The International Union will provide housing and food at the Family Education Center for five delegates from each region whose local unions are selected by the regional director to receive additional financial support in order to send delegates to the Veterans Conference. Any local receiving FEC special delegates must pay a \$100 registration fee, to be sent to UAW President's Office, c/o UAW National Veterans Conference.

Please follow this link for a copy of this call letter <http://region4.uaw.org>. I encourage your participation and early response for this conference. Further questions should be referred to Ted Dever, Region 4 Veterans' Coordinator at 847-459-3888.

Fraternally,


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Region 4 Staff

2019 UAW National Veterans Conference
Walter and May Reuther Family Education Center
AUGUST 18-23, 2019

Attached please find a Vendor Request Form which must be filled out and submitted to the UAW President's Office for approval prior to the conference. Any vendor or local union **must** fill out this form and submit it to Mark Liburdi as soon as possible. After their review, and if the request meets our criteria, they will receive an approval.

Items must be Union-made/American-made. Also, vendors will be prohibited from selling their products while the conference is in session.

Please forward this form, along with attachments to the call letter to your local unions.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Liburdi at (313) 926-5208.

**2019 UAW NATIONAL VETERAN'S CONFERENCE
VENDOR REQUEST FORM**

LOCAL UNION/REGION: _____

NAME OF CONTACT PERSON: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Email address: _____

ITEMS YOU WISH TO SELL: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

DATE DENIED: _____

**When completed, please mail this form to:

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8000 East Jefferson Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48214
mliburdi@uaw.net