February 2026

As February unfolds, we are energized by the unity and strength that define the union community. At the Union Labor Advisory Network, our work continues to be guided by pride, solidarity, and a steadfast commitment to supporting working families and the communities they build.

This year, the ULA Network is focused on meaningful growth expanding workforce development partnerships with Level Up, WDI, and other like-minded organizations, strengthening CTE pipelines, and advancing VFW remediation projects through the ULA Network Charitable Foundation and Vets 4 Vets Community Construction initiatives. Each project creates real opportunities and makes a tangible impact.

We remain committed to championing tradeswomen, connecting young people with apprenticeship pathways, supporting union veterans, and elevating important conversations around mental wellness and member benefits. This work reflects who we are — united by purpose and dedicated to the long-term strength of organized labor.

Our VFW remediation efforts are already underway. We kicked off with hands-on work, completing plumbing repairs at VFW Edward F. Lukoski Post 7096 and beginning bathroom renovations at VFW John F Prince Post 6478. By restoring safe, functional spaces, we are helping ensure these posts remain welcoming hubs for veterans with much more to come.

We are deeply grateful to our sponsors and union partners for trusting the ULA Network to amplify union voices, showcase member services, and deliver impactful media that strengthens communities across the nation.

Solidarity in Action: Union Labor Showing Up For Veterans

On a snowy Sunday morning, volunteers came together through the ULA Network Vets 4 Vets Community Construction Project — part of the NYC Department of Veterans' Services Joseph P. Dwyer Initiative — to complete plumbing remediation and repairs at VFW Post 7096. With support from the Plumbers Local 1 Women's Committee and The Mission Continues, the effort marks the beginning of continued support for VFWs and American Legions across New York — proving that when union labor, community partners, and veterans unite, real impact follows.

Watch Interview

When Labor Leads: A Smarter Future for Union Health Care

Mary Fogarty, National Taft-Hartley Liaison at Solidarius Health, shares how her union upbringing shaped her belief that labor remains a powerful pathway to middle-class stability and dignity at work. In this conversation, she explains how labor-owned, advanced primary care is helping benefit funds lower costs while improving access, prevention, and whole-person care — proving that when unions lead, members and their families get the quality health care they deserve.

Watch Interview

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In The News...

- Union Workers Strike at Garlock Sealing Technologies in Palmyra
- Nurses at Montefiore, Mount Sinai Hospital and Mount Sinai Morningside and West Ratify New Contracts by Overwhelming Majority
- In Major Breakthrough, Volkswagen Auto Workers Reach Tentative Deal
- California Labor Unions Demand Transparency and Human Oversight of Artificial Intelligence with New Legislation
- Organizing Down the Supply Chain: Logistics Workers Win First Contract
- Baltimore Adopts First Project Labor Agreement for Four Pumping Stations

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Events/Conferences

Building & Construction Trades Council of Greater New York 2026 Winter Conference
March 4-8, 2026
The Diplomat Resort & Spa | 3555 S Ocean Dr, Hollywood, FL
The 2026 Winter Conference of the New York City Building and Construction Trades offers an opportunity to connect with the leadership of New York City's unionized construction industry.

FDNY Battle of the Badges Charity Boxing Night
March 6, 2026
Madison Square Garden | New York, NY 10001
This highly anticipated night brings together first responders, supporters, and the labor community for an exciting event benefiting two important causes: Turnnel to Towers Foundation and the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

Building and Construction Trades Council of Nassau & Suffolk Counties Breakfast Reception
March 8, 2026
Westin Diplomat Resort | 3555 S Ocean Dr, Hollywood, FL
The breakfast will be held alongside the Building and Construction Trades Council of Greater New York Annual Winter Conference, taking place March 4–8, 2026, at the Diplomat.

Teamsters Local 282 Sixteenth Annual Scholarship Fund & 13th Annual Dinner Dance
March 21, 2026 | 6pm EDT
Russo's on the Bay | 162-45 Cross Bay Blvd, Queens, NY
As the cost of higher education continues to rise, this fund was established to support the children of Local 282 members as they pursue their college goals.

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