

AFGE Local 2199

Newsletter 4/1/25

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Membership Meeting

Membership meetings are held every 2nd Wednesday of the month. We welcome all to attend. The link to attend the meetings are on the website, [AFGELocal2199.org](https://www.afgelocal2199.org), and once you book the meeting then the link will be sent to you via email.

Lunch & Learn

New Year, new dates for leadership to be swinging by all CBOCS to check in and see how things are going and for questions and info sessions.

3/27/28 Executive Order

New EO is to strip away **ALL** union actions and master agreement rights. This will be devastating and will mean that the only guidelines would be directly from the VA handbook and the AFGE master Agreement will be null and void. The Executive Order was done on 3/27/25 and can be found at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/03/exclusions-from-federal-labor-management-relations-programs/> .

Please reach out to Utah Congressional And Senate members to let your voices heard!!!!!!

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What Is AFGE E-Dues?

Previous administrations have tried to undermine our union by attacking our finances. In response, AFGE used the latest technology to create a dues collection system totally independent of the agencies whose workers we represent. Now, government employees can easily sign up to become a member of AFGE online using the AFGE E-Dues system.

- Have questions? [View the E-Dues Frequently Asked Questions.](#)
- [Enroll In AFGE E-Dues Today!](#)
- [Watch These Videos to Help Get Your Local Started with E-Dues](#)

Have Questions?

Send a note to edues@afge.org with your name, personal email, personal mobile number, and Local number and an AFGE representative will follow up with you as soon as possible.

How to Sign Up Using AFGE E-Dues

Get Started Today

Once your local joins E-Dues, existing members and new members can sign up as members at join.afge.org from any device – phone, tablet, computer – using a credit card, debit card, or bank draft. The signup process takes just minutes, and they're done. Synchronization with MyLocal means you can access your membership data just like you always have – no need to learn a new system.



[**Enroll In AFGE E-Dues Today!**](#)

Scan the QR Code to Sign Up Now:



Republicans Introduce Bill To Ban All Federal Labor Unions



Sahid Fawaz March 15, 2025

The GOP escalated its war on workers with the introduction of a bill to end federal labor unions.

[The Center Square reports:](#)

“Labor unions representing federal workers are facing another challenge to collective bargaining rights – and even their very existence – in a newly introduced Republican bill meant to prevent American taxpayer dollars from subsidizing union costs.

The [Federal Workforce Freedom Act](#) would prohibit federal employees from organizing or joining labor unions in order to collectively bargain, as well as forbid federal agencies from participating in collective bargaining negotiations with labor unions representing federal workers.

The bill, introduced Thursday, would also terminate any and all collective bargaining agreements between labor unions and federal agencies ‘established before, on, or after the date of enactment of this bill.’

The sponsors of the bill, U.S. Sens. Mike Lee, R-Utah, and Marsha Blackburn, R-Tenn., argue that these kinds of collective bargaining agreements harm worker efficiency, increase labor costs, and charge taxpayers in the bargaining process.

‘Public servants are not like private sector employees. They should not be able to collectively bargain for leverage over their employers, because they work for the American people,’ Lee said Thursday. ‘[I]t is time that we required all federal workers to spend their days working for the public instead of union business.’”

Wins and Losses for the Month

Wins: 5

Losses: 2

Total ongoing cases: 43

ULPs: 8

ARBs: 3

Detailed Employees return to duty : 2

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Local 2199 is on your side in these turbulent times. We are working through all the orders that are coming out to get you the facts of what is going on. We are trying to navigate the maze of Executive Orders to try to get you, Local 2199, the truth and accurate information. Please bear with it as sometimes the information does not come as fast as one would like. Rest assured that we are working hard for you and we ARE HERE FOR YOU!!!

Union Picket



**Let your
voice be
heard!!!**

**April
26th
11:00am**

**While our
collective
bargaining
may be under
threat, our
collective
voices will
never be
tamed.**

**Gather at
the
SLC VAMC
main
gate**

From the Local Presidents Desk

Hello, Bargaining unit employees of AFGE Local 2199,

I would like to welcome all of our new members and thank all of our 1001 members for making their voices heard. These past few weeks have been mentally and emotionally exhausting. I want all of you to know that you are not alone. Together, we will make this local and VA a better place for our veterans and each other as we go through these extremely difficult and troubled times until July 2026 (the day the DOGE committee is disbanded as a government entity).

AFGE is on top of each issue, that is an Executive Order or DOGE committee and frightening demands that we have to follow as VA employees. Please follow what they say and simply go through these troubled times together. DON'T GIVE IN TO THESE BULLIES. I could not be prouder of the way you all are weathering through this storm.

There will be news of upcoming events within our local area so please watch for them on our social media outlets; IE: Facebook, website, broad stripes, X and Instagram. Feel free to reach out to any officer or steward who is listed on the last page of the newsletter for assistance, but please be mindful that we are receiving the same information that you are currently receiving. There is also the national site, AFGE.ORG, to see the latest updates on information and lawsuits filed.

Thank you again for your continued dedication to our to our veterans and to your union.

Respectfully in Solidarity,

Robert Johnson, President

AFGE Local 2199

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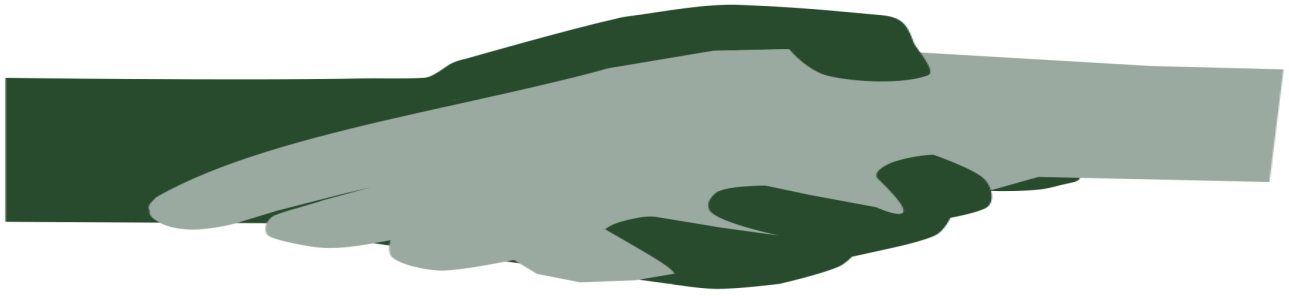
Your partnership with AFGE doesn't have to end when you retire.

AFGE Retirees are front and center in our efforts to honor and defend government employees. That means advocating for a productive, healthy, and secure retirement as well as good jobs, pay, and benefits for those who are still working.

- Stay connected with friends through social activities and volunteer opportunities
- Keep informed about issues affecting retired and active government employees
- Take action to protect retirement security, jobs, and government employee pay
- Save money on a host of benefits – Retirees receive all AFGE discounts and benefits
- Share your skills with the next generation of union leaders and activists



LEARN AND LEAD



BECOME A STEWARD

Transparency and Availability

Union officers are to provide more transparency and availability. What does this mean for the members? This means that if you need a rep to assist you then you will get one quickly. If you want to know what is happening in the local chapter, then we will have a monthly briefing to inform you of upcoming events. Our goal is to keep everyone informed of local events and events happening on the national level that will affect the VA and the employees.

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