



PHOTO CAPTION: L to R: Brown County Executive Troy Streckenbach, Director of Brown County Veteran Services Joe Aulik, UA 400 Business Manager Trevor Martin, Kevin Bahr from Tweet/Garot Mechanical, Logan Bahr from Bassett Mechanical, and UA 400 Business Agents Kirk Rademaker and Dustin Delsman.

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UA 400 Honored for Making Home Repairs on Veterans' Homes in Brown County

KAUKAUNA, WI (March 30, 2022) – UA 400 Pipe Trades was honored with a commendation from Brown County for making critical plumbing and heating, ventilation, air conditioning (HVAC) repairs to the homes of local veterans and their families. The commendation was presented by Brown County Executive Troy Streckenbach at a ceremony held on Saturday, March 26 at the [Greater Green Bay Labor Council](#). The UA 400 signatory contractors who performed the work at the veterans' homes providing the necessary labor, materials and delivery services included [Tweet/Garot Mechanical](#), [Bassett Mechanical](#) and [Beno Plumbing](#).

[Brown County Veterans' Services Office](#) reached out to UA 400 to service the homes of three veterans and provide critical home repairs, modifications, and community services to preserve and ensure the safety of their homes. A licensed UA 400 plumber or heating, ventilation and air conditioning service technician conducted a home repair evaluation to make repairs and modifications for each homeowner. Through our members and contractors, UA 400 aligns its resources and expertise to make a positive impact in communities and help build a more inclusive future for all.

"Helping out is part of who we are as an organization," said UA Local 400 Business Manager Trevor Martin. "Our members and contractors are always willing to step up and help a veteran in need, it's a way for us to use our skills and expertise to show our gratitude to area veterans for their service and sacrifice."

The National Low Income Housing Coalition finds that 2.5 million veterans heading households are at least 55 years of age. Of those 2.5 million veterans, 24% have housing repair cost burdens. Our female veteran population is in need as well.

According to a report by the National Housing Conference, nearly half of our veterans who are single mothers spend more than 30% of their income on housing costs including repairs.

UA 400 apprenticeships in plumbing, pipefitting, pipe fabrication and heating, ventilation, air conditioning provide industry leading wages and benefits, with opportunities for advancement and a nearly unlimited potential for growth. The [Wisconsin Pipe Trades Association](#) (WPTA) sponsors a career pathway specifically for Wisconsin veterans and service members. Our WPTA-VIP program is a Wisconsin specific program that provides no cost classroom and hands-on education, followed by on-the-job training where you earn wages on your pathway to apprenticeship and a career in the pipe trades.

“UA 400 and the @Wisconsin Pipe Trades Association - Veterans in Piping (VIP) program helps connect returning veterans with employers in the Plumbing and Piping Industry,” said UA 400 Business Manager Trevor Martin. “The program is designed to give veterans the skills necessary to step onto a jobsite and meet the needs of the project safely and efficiently. Employers step to the plate to hire these young men and women after they have completed 8 weeks of training at WPTA training centers across the state.”

For 25 years, UA 400 has had a long-standing commitment to training and advancing career opportunities in Northeast Wisconsin. UA 400 invests in job training and apprenticeships to build a skilled and diverse union workforce that powers its organization – and our state – for the future.

UA 400 Pipe Trades is comprised of approximately 2,300 members serving 18 counties in Northeast Wisconsin. Its main purpose is to provide training for its members and qualified manpower to its 105 signatory contractors for all aspects of the plumbing, pipefitting, HVAC/R service, and pipe fabrication industries. To learn more about the UA 400 apprenticeships, visit the [UA 400 Career Portal](#).

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About UA Local 400 Pipe Trades

The UA 400 Pipe Trades, headquartered in Kaukauna, Wisconsin with an office in Fond du Lac, is comprised of approximately 2,300 members serving eighteen counties in Northeast Wisconsin. The organization is affiliated with the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of Plumbers and Pipefitters with an estimated 345,000 membership throughout the United States and Canada. The group's mission is to be the preferred choice for industries, employers and workers specializing in plumbing, pipefitting, HVACR service and fabrication as well as training for its members and qualified manpower to their 105 signatory contractors. The UA 400 takes pride in their partnerships and contributions to serve local communities with organizations such as Cerebral Palsy Telethon, Special Olympics, Rebuilding Together, Heat's On Project, Harbor House Domestic Abuse Program, Freedom House and Salvation Army. To keep up with the latest news and learn more about UA 400, visit <http://www.ua400.org> follow us on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).

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