



Media Advisory

UA Local 400, Boldt and Union Construction Trades Donate Labor and Materials to Keep Kitchen Open at Appleton’s American Legion Post 38...Saving Its Legendary Friday Fish Fry

Kaukauna Wis. (June 1, 2022) – More than 12,000 American Legion posts closed for at least part of the pandemic. Those closures left some posts in financial trouble. Besides the pandemic, American Legion Post 38 in Appleton, Wisconsin was in dire need of upgrading the plumbing and electrical for the group’s outdated kitchen, which was recently deemed not up to code. [UA 400 Pipe Trades](#) is proud to support all our veterans. UA Local 400 and Boldt along with these local contractors and union trades including [Laborers Local 330](#), [Sargent Electric](#), [International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers \(IBEW\) Local 577](#), [Bassett Mechanical](#), [Coenen Mechanical](#) and Viking Electric donated a total of \$70,000 in labor and materials for the entire kitchen remodel. Upon learning of the local legion’s dilemma, UA 400 contacted [Boldt](#) and both organizations jumped in to help the veteran’s group. Demo day kicked off Monday, May 16, 2022, with Boldt removing a 20’ x 20’ x 6’ slab in the kitchen followed by UA 400 removing old piping piping, and Sargent Electric updating the electrical system. Once all the plumbing rework was completed to make the Legion kitchen code compliant, Boldt repoured the new concrete floor. After being closed for two weeks due to construction, the Legion’s kitchen reopens on Friday, June 3rd for its legendary Friday Fish Fry.

UA Local 400 Pipe Trades offers paid apprenticeships in pipefitting, pipe fabrication, plumbing and HVAC/R service. Their five-year apprenticeship programs provide classroom instruction and on-the-job training from UA Certified Instructors at the UA Local 400 training center. With 2,300 members serving 18 counties in Northeast Wisconsin, UA Local 400 is proud to offer some of the nation’s best training programs working in conjunction with the Mechanical Contractors Association of Wisconsin (MCA) to serve the unique needs of local contractors.

- Who:** **Trevor Martin** – Business Manager, UA Local 400 Pipe Trades
Ed Domek – Commander, American Legion Post 38
Jan Hoffman – First Vice Commander, American Legion Post 38
Tom Schlender – Business Manager, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 577
American Legion Post 38 Veterans
- What:** **American Legion Kitchen Remodel “Saves Friday Fish Fry”** – Project work includes completion of underground piping and plumbing (UA 400 & Bassett Mechanical), electrical work and materials (Sargent Electric); electrical work (IBEW Local 577); concrete cutting, excavation, repour new concrete, labor, and materials (Boldt); concrete work (Laborers Local 330); stainless steel counter work (Coenen Mechanical) and appliances (Viking Electric). UA Local 400 provided seven plumbing apprentices supervised by UA Local 400 Plumbing Instructor Bruce Dietzen from the following contractors Hurckman Mechanical Industries, Plymouth Plumbing & Heating, A & J Mechanical Contractors Inc., Ahern, and Schneider & Schneider Mechanical Inc.
- When:** **June 3, 2022**
2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Where:** **American Legion Post 38, 3220 West College Avenue, Appleton, WI**

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