

IUOE Local 825

2020 Begins Our Second Century



Chartered in 1920, Local 825 of the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) has participated in the construction of the largest infrastructure achievements throughout New Jersey and five counties of New York State. According to Greg Laveve, IUOE General Vice President and Local 825 Business Manager, Local 825's members have helped build the major crossings of the Hudson and Delaware rivers; the highways and transit systems that crisscross our communities; dams and reservoirs; power plants; high rises; stadiums and megastructures that outline our cities and define our daily lives.

As Local 825 begins its second century, we honor the generations of men and women who preceded us and paved the way for a better work life. They were part of the generations who fought for and achieved an eight-hour work day, continuous training, fair compensation and comprehensive benefits to ensure health, safety, the ability to raise a family, educate children and retire with dignity.

These men and women weathered changes in technology, from steam-driven engines to cables to hydraulics to lift tons and move mountains. Today's changes are coming at a faster pace, with GPS, robotics and artificial intelligence promising to once again alter the landscape. Like their forefathers, Local 825 members are determined to prepare for a future that will leave succeeding generations with a mastery of their trade.

Local 825 is converting its state-of-the-art training centers into institutions of higher learning that will prepare members for careers in the development of hardware and software related to the maintenance and operation of heavy equipment. They will ensure our next generations of members continue to be the best-trained, most productive heavy equipment operators available anywhere.

Local 825 has adopted a commemorative 100th anniversary logo to focus attention on its major milestone and share its history. We are also preparing a history of the local that includes many of the photos provided on this page. Our members are your neighbors and raise their families in the communities they serve. ■



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(Top) Workers inspecting the cables of the Walt Whitman Bridge during construction circa 1960. (Bottom left) In 1927, Eugene Mark Reardon operated this steam-driven pug mill, used to make blacktop. Local 825 was only seven years old. A strong labor advocate, Eugene went on to become president of Local 825, serving in the 1950s up to his retirement in 1959. (Bottom middle) Joe Steelman at a construction project site in South Jersey. (Bottom right) Richard Laveve on a job in Union County.



YEAR CHARTERED: 1920

SERVICES: Heavy Equipment

SENIOR EXECUTIVES:

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