

What is unusual about your hometown, place of work or job?

"Marathon Galveston Bay Refinery, formerly the BP Texas City site that had an explosion in 2005, killing 15, began operations in 1934 as a Pan American oil refinery. It's one of the largest and most complex refineries in the U.S., producing 451,000 barrels each calendar day."

What does this year's theme, "The Power of Unity," mean to you? How has your local benefited from putting unity into action?

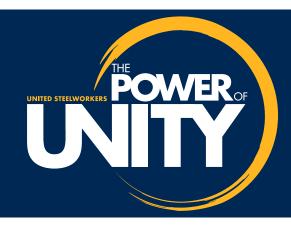
"United collectively, we have the power and strength so we won't 'stay throwed,' to quote U.S. Rep. Emanuel Cleaver. One million voices is a powerful and effective way to drive change."

What issues will be important when your local's contract expires?

"One of the biggest issues in my work group and industry is contractor utilization. Proprietary maintenance workers are being displaced by contractors at a record pace. Each day we have to fight and compete for our own work."

What's your favorite alternative fact?

"That Trump killed the TPP and saved Carrier jobs. That's funny - I remember our members and leadership doing that."



Brandi Sanders

Name:

Local 13-1, District 13

Local Number/USW District #:

Marathon Galveston Bay Refinery, Safety Repair Technician

Employer, Job Title: 11 Years as USW Member:

Gasoline, distillates, heavy fuel oil, propylene, coke, sulfur What does your local do or make?

Texas City, Texas

Hometown:

Who would you prefer to have dinner with: Sean Spicer, Betty White, Vladimir Putin, Drake, or Céline Dion? Why?

"Betty White. In my mind, she exhibits the qualities of a Woman of Steel. She had the tenacity to go down her own path in a difficult industry during a difficult time. I would love to hear her life experiences."

What's the best thing about the convention so far?

"The inspiration and motivation it has created is the best. However, I could use some Rev. William Barber in my life every single day!"

What things do you hope to do while you're here?

"I hope to network with other oil workers and steelworkers and represent my members through my work on the Constitutional Committee to the best of my ability."

What in this convention will you put to work when you return home?

"The Power of Unity, as we drive forward through strong partnerships fighting unfair practices and policies, reaching out in our communities and mentoring others."

