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The 71st biennial convention began on Monday, July 16, with a rigorous assessment of the challenges facing letter carriers—especially political, legislative and regulatory—and a call to action by NALC President Fredric Rolando to the 5,000-plus delegates gathered at the Cobo Center in Detroit.

Rolando pointed to Detroit’s historic role in building the U.S. labor movement, as well as to the city’s ongoing economic rebound from the local ravages of the 2008 Great Recession, as symbols of resilience and resurgence. “Just as Detroit’s comeback is a work in progress, so too is the Postal Service’s,” Rolando said. Even as USPS has made significant progress in recent years, policy decisions in Washington, DC—including pre-funding and pricing—pose difficulties that need to be addressed.

“Ultimately, the fate of the postal comeback depends on what Congress and the [Postal Regulatory Commission] do on postal reform legislation and rate regulation,” he said. “That, in turn, depends on how well we do our jobs at NALC. Starting with the delegates gathered here in Detroit, our task is to educate our members about the issues we face and the tools we have to respond. We must organize letter carriers and mobilize an army of activists to lobby Congress and inspire public support for a strong and

Branch 9 Delegation at the 71st Biennial Convention in Detroit, MI.



Branch 9 National Convention Delegation: (Front row) Caitlin Hill, Jeff Reed, Robb Petersburg, Vince Froelich, Barry Weiner. (r2) Ned McCrane, Angelina Brown, Melia Derrick, Samantha Hartwig, Mike Zagaros, Pat Paplow. (r3) Jason Karnopp, Marty Cornell, Troy Fredenburg, Brad Knutson, Christa Abraham, Cathy Jones, Connie Beissel, Lenny Larson, Pam Donato, Renee Hickerson, Paul Woida, Mark Olufson. (r4) Brad Knutson, Joe Rian, Jim Nelson, Joe Teiman, David Flynn, Rodney Anderson, Stacey Ellingson, Jeff Johnson, Ken Jambois and Andy Olufson.

vibrant public Postal Service. “It’s a lot of work, but guess what? We can and we will do it.”

Minneapolis’ own Branch 9 President Mike Zagaros was next on stage to deliver a rousing rendition of “The Star-Spangled Banner.”

Then President Rolando continued in saying “Elections—they have consequences,” about the many difficulties facing letter carriers as a result of the 2016 elections. The 2016 elections put a single party in control of the White House as well

as both congressional chambers, not to mention the courts. And those consequences, he said, have been “largely negative for the Postal Service, letter carriers and other American workers. Postal reform has remained stalled and federal employee unions have been targeted by the new administration and its Capitol Hill allies.” For example:

- The appointment of Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch helped lead to the negative decision in the Janus vs. AFSCME case.

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RETIREMENTS



Doug Vandenberg (Lost Lake) last punch with Steward Robb Petersburg. Enjoy your Retirement!



Jeff Sherman (Fridley) last punch with Steward Perry Korzenoski and caddie Mike Zagaros. Happy Retirement!

Welcome New Members

Robert D Batt
James M Bright
Laverne M Monroe
Robert W Schmoll
Bradley J Schwab
Yvonne N Thoits
Christopher D Walker
Steven D Winover
Cory J Woodward
Adam J Goff
Daniel T Hennessey
Duk S Kim
Joseph B Springrose
Benjamin R Young

In Memoriam

Wally Sjoquist

Thank you for the Walter E. Couillard/Eugene P. McNulty Scholarship. I plan to use this opportunity to further my education.



My name is Tyler Knaeble and I just graduated from Wayzata High School in Plymouth, MN. While at Wayzata I was heavily involved in the school newspaper and wrote stories on the school's sports teams and clubs. I was also a sportscaster on the daily news show and look to continue that path as I am enrolled at the University of Minnesota-Duluth and plan to major in journalism. Currently, my end goal is to go into sports broadcasting for a major TV network.

Thank you again Branch 9 for helping me to make this dream a reality.

City Carrier Assistant and New Career Employees Meeting

Thursday, August 16th,
2018 @7:00PM

Crystal VFW
5222 56th Avenue N
(Bass Lake Road)
Crystal, MN 55429

This meeting provides CCA's and new career employees a great opportunity to learn more about your rights at work and your future with the Postal Service.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Summer is really heating up. Last week, in the City of Detroit, Branch 9 was represented by 32 delegates at the 71st Biennial National Convention. 6 of the delegates were attending their first National Convention. The National Convention is an opportunity to do the business of our Union. Amendments to our Constitution as well resolutions brought forward by branches that will be the NALC positions in the collective bargaining process and legislative arena. Over 5500 delegates discussed and decided the fate of the resolutions.

Dave Allmann (Steward from Normandale) presented two such resolutions at a GMM last year. They were passed by the Branch and the State Association. These resolutions addressed more options for uniforms in the heat of the summer and the cold of the winter. The National Executive Council and the delegates agreed to the resolution and is now part of the NALC position for the National Joint Labor-Management Uniform Control Committee and the next round of bargaining in 2019. In addition to the General Sessions there were a variety of workshops before and after every session thru Thursday. You will be able to get much of the information from these workshops soon on the NALC website in the members only section.

On Wednesday, per the Constitution, candidates were nominated for the NALC Executive Council for the 2019 – 2023 term. This includes the National Resident Officers (President, Executive Vice President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Directors of City Delivery, NALC Health Benefit Plan, Mutual Benefit Association and Retirement), 3 Trustees and 15 National Business Agents. The Resident Officers and the Trustees are in a contested elections which will take place thru a mailout ballot to all NALC

members in good standing as of June 1, 2018. More information will be available in the Postal Record, and the NALC Website.

While there are also some contested elections for National Business Agent, Branch 9 President Emeritus Lenny Larson, supported by all the Branch Presidents and leaders from Region 7 in attendance placed the name of our own



Troy Fredenburg into nomination for the position of National Business Agent. Troy was elected by acclamation. Congratulations Troy!

Finally Branch 9 was recognized for our participation in the Letter Carrier Political Fund (LCPF). We finished second in our category (Branches over 2000 members) in participation with 11.3% of our members participating and second for the amount raised per capita of \$22.11. While it is nice to be recognized, I think we can and must do better.

I wish every member had to opportunity to attend a National Convention. The sight of thousands of letter carriers in one hall is awesome. The theme of this convention was "The Spirit of Solidarity." A National Convention is a time for fellowship and comradery with Sisters and Brothers from around the country and you find out that the issues you have others have and that



Mike Zagaros

you are not alone. It's a time to get energized and recharged for the battles ahead. Now that the Detroit convention has ended, remember that we will meet again in August of 2020 in Honolulu Hawaii. For those of you interested in being a delegate, nominations for the 2020 convention will take place in September of 2019. To be a compensated delegate, you must attend 18 of 24 General Membership Meetings the two years prior to the convention. That two-year period begins with the August General Membership Meeting on Tuesday August 28th at the Crystal VFW.

Up next is the **Minnesota Primary Election on Tuesday August 14th**. There are a lot of contested elections this time around. Elsewhere in this issue, there is more information about voting in the Primary. If you have any issues with getting the time to vote, contact the Branch Office. During a Primary Election, voters are restricted to voting for Candidates from one party. However, voting for candidates from more than one party voids all votes in the party portion of the ballot. Primary elections are all about turnout. Remember to vote at the polls or early voting at your county auditors.

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Election Notice

This is an official notice of elections for the officers and delegates of Jerome J. Keating Branch 9 NALC, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Nominations for the offices of: President; Executive Vice President; Recording Secretary; Financial Secretary; Treasurer; Editor; Sergeant at Arms; NALC Health Benefits Representative; Director of Retirees; three (3) Trustees; Delegates to the 2019 MSALC State Convention; five (5) Delegates to the Minnesota, AFL-CIO/Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation (RLF); three (3) Delegates to the St. Paul Regional Labor Federation (RLF) will be held at the September General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Crystal VFW, 5222 56th Avenue North, Crystal, MN 55429.

With the exception of MSALC delegates, the term for all offices will be three (3) years beginning in January 2019. The President and Executive Vice President shall be Delegates to the NALC Convention, MSALC State Convention and Minnesota AFL-CIO/Minneapolis RLF by virtue of their office. Candidates must complete the appropriate Letter of Intent and return same to the Recording Secretary at the General Membership Meeting in which they are nominated or within 10 days thereafter; by no later than 5:00pm.

Elections for contested officer positions and Minnesota AFL-CIO/Minneapolis or St. Paul RLF Delegates will be by referendum ballot that must be returned to the designated post office box selected by the Election Committee by 9:00am, Tuesday, November 27, 2018. Should an election of delegates to the MSALC State Convention be necessary, it will be held at the October General Membership Meeting on October 23, 2018.

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The Minnesota State Association of Letter Carriers will be holding its biennial State Training Conference at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd October 1st and 2nd.

There will be MDA Golf fundraiser on Sunday September 30th. This conference is not a convention where you need to be a delegate to attend. Branches are free to determine how their members may attend. The Agenda for this conference will include training on organizing, current legislation, OWCP (worker's comp) training, Filing Article 14 (Safety and Health) grievances, and practical exercise on grievance handling. There will also be presentations on the LCPF, MDA, Food Drive and Customer Connect as well as a rap session with the Business Agent's Office. At the July General Membership Meeting, a motion was passed to fund the expenses for up to 12 members to attend the conference. The expenses to include hotel, mileage (not lost time) and per diem if they are not staying at

Cragun's. If you are interested in attending the conference it is open to all members, please submit a short note on why you want to attend and send it to the Branch Office 2408 Central Avenue NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418 or electronically to mikez@branch9nalc.com by the August GMM. The Executive Board will review the submissions and make the final determinations.

Also in August, it is expected that the **White House Task Force on the Postal Service** report will be released. While the NALC and other unions worked together to prepare a comprehensive analysis of the Postal Service's current situation and to offer concrete recommendations that can be taken to stabilize the USPS, a treasured and Constitutionally mandated agency, it was hoped that the Task Force would give our input some consideration. That hope was quickly dashed when just a few weeks after the Union's submission the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) prepared their own report

"Delivering Government Solutions in the 21st Century a Reform Plan and Reorganization Recommendations" which calls for the privatization of the Postal Service. Now the Task Force could make its own recommendation that differ from the OMB, however, the cynic in me expects that they will parrot what is in the OMB 128-page report. As President Rolando said: **"Now that we know that this administration and its Task Force will make recommendations on reforms to achieve OMB's privatization goals, NALC will work tirelessly with other stakeholders and Congress to oppose this faulty privatization plan every step of the way to preserve this public institution, which is based in the Constitution."** The first steps towards this work is to get our Representatives in the House to co-sponsor H.Res. 993. This bi-partisan resolution states: "That Congress should take all appropriate measures to ensure that the United States Postal

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Exec Vice President's Report

SUMMER IS IN

full swing, kids are out of school, dogs are on the loose, and the temperatures are rising outside. Management's flavor of the month is safety. Carriers are being told to be safe while delivering the mail. If the dog is running loose skip the house to prevent dog bites. If the temperature is on the extreme hot side, go ahead take an extra break in an air-conditioned building to cool down; don't drive up long driveways to deliver the mail, all of these instructions to promote safety from the mouth of management.

Unfortunately, actions do speak louder than words. Carriers are following these directions from management to be safe, but when carriers can't get the route done in 8 hours for safety reasons management, sometimes, chooses to disregard the carrier's explanation for safety and hauls the carrier into the office for a day in court interview.

It is our job to let management know why it will take longer to get the route done based on heavier parcel volume, heavier flat volume, heavy DPS volume, and/or for a safety reason, using a Form 3996 for auxiliary assistance in the morning is the BEST WAY to prove that you did inform management of why the route will not be completed in 8 hours, especially if there is a known safety issue on the route.

For example at the May 11, 2018 Safety Symposium conducted by the Postal Service, Area Manager Tony Williams stated that carriers should not be driving up customer driveways to deliver the mail. In some stations this has had an impact on a few routes, instead of driving up driveways to deliver the mail, carriers will walk up the driveways, for a legitimate safety reason, which is now adding time to their routes; then management

is threatening discipline for extending the length of the route. Make sure that management is informed that a change like this will have an impact, and fill out a Form 3996 to inform management that the route will take longer to complete.

I find it disingenuous of management to instruct carriers to be safe, and then turn around and threaten potential discipline when safety issues can cause carriers to take longer to get their routes delivered. This leads to questions of does management really care about carrier safety, and how do carriers protect themselves from being disciplined for being safe when management chooses to ignore the safety concern of the carrier.

Anytime there is a safety issue I strongly recommend that carriers always follow up with a form 1767 safety hazard report. The 1767 form should be in a place that every employee has easy access to. When the 1767 is completed on the top section by the carrier, indicating what the safety hazard is it will then be given to any supervisor or manager at the station. Make a copy of it for yourself when you hand it over to management.

Management only has 24 hours to respond to the 1767 in writing indicating what actions management will take to fix the safety issue and the date when the safety issue will be corrected. If management fails to respond within 24 hours to the 1767 see your steward. Stewards should file a grievance under Article 14 of the National Agreement when management fails to respond to the 1767. The 1767 is the best way to prove that management was notified of a safety issue, and if management ignores the entire issue, or fails to fix the issue we can



Samantha Hartwig

file a grievance under Article 14 for management's inaction to a safety issue. The 1767 safety hazard form and completing the 3996 form regarding the extra time it will take get the route done because of safety, is your best defense against discipline.

Most of the time carriers won't know that there will be a safety issue on the route till something happens such as suffering the side effects from working in the extreme heat for too long. There have been times when heat related illness has been reported, but the carrier is told to keep working, and not to seek medical attention. Carriers across the country have died from heat related illness because management did not take safety seriously. That being said it is up to us to be safe, to listen to our bodies, and to look out for our fellow brothers and sisters.

Even with all safety precautions being taken while delivering the mail accidents sometimes happen on the job. Anytime there is an accident it needs to be reported immediately to management. The first thing to do is to take care of yourself, call 911 if you need immediate medical assistance, then call management, and follow up with either the Steward or the Safety liaison. Please make sure the steward and the safety liaison know about your accident,

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- The \$2 trillion tax cut is ballooning the federal budget deficit and exposing federal employees' jobs, pay and benefits to potential cuts.
- Executive orders are harming workers with the loss of overtime provisions and are gutting federal employees' union rights.

The Postal Service is not immune from the consequences, with vacancies on the Postal Board of Governors and Postal Regulatory Commission hindering its capabilities. Perhaps most troubling is the creation of an administration task force to develop ways to "restructure" USPS and to examine the definition of universal service. Months ago, NALC organized a full-throated defense of the Postal Service and its business through the development of a white paper, together with the other three postal unions, that was presented to the task force, President Rolando said. It challenged the White House's assumptions and offered policy recommendations. With the task force's report due in August, NALC is preparing for an expected call for postal privatization. "But we're not waiting," he said. NALC mobilized behind the introduction of a bipartisan House resolution that calls on Congress to oppose postal privatization. H.Res. 993 was introduced in Congress by a group of 10 bipartisan House members

Monday morning. "You can count one thing for sure: NALC will be at the center of the fight to preserve and strengthen the Postal Service for the 21st century," Rolando said. He forcefully proclaimed that NALC will work against privatization and deregulation while protecting affordable universal service, the sanctity of the mail, the security of America's mailboxes and letter carriers' rights to collective bargaining. "You can take that to the bank," he thundered, drawing a sustained standing ovation. "And you can

take it to the White House!" The administration's budgets have targeted federal and postal employee pension and health care, as well as USPS door and Saturday delivery. The Office of Personnel Management requested that Congress cut postal and federal workers' pension benefits. The Government Accountability Office initiated a study of the Mailbox Statute, with United Parcel Service and some Republican leaders in Congress falsely claiming it is an unfair subsidy to USPS. And Congress continues to refuse to lessen the impact on Civil Service Retirement System retirees of the Windfall Benefit Provision and the Government Pension



Ken Jambois, President Fred Rolando and Jim Nelson

Offset. "So, as this wide range of legislative and regulatory activity should make clear to all of us, our capacity to lobby and represent letter carriers is crucial," Rolando said. "But at the end of the day, lobbying only goes so far. The best way to influence legislation and policy is to determine who serves in Washington. That requires political organizing and political action." He added that every election—midterm or otherwise—is vital to our future, active and retired carriers alike.

Tuesday celebrated the power of solidarity and heard from union leaders who pledged their support in the struggles ahead. Leaders from sister postal unions and the broader labor movement encouraged letter carriers to rely on the power of unity in the battles to stop privatization,

preserve retirement benefits and maintain a high level of service, six days a week, among other issues, and renewed their support for our cause. Delegates recognized those among them who had served their country in a military uniform, many of them wearing special red NALC Veterans Group T-shirts reading "Veterans Helping Veterans." Their work wasn't done: That afternoon, veteran carriers volunteered to help their fellow veterans in need. And solidarity doesn't end when carriers hang up their satchels. Retired carriers and family members also must do their part to preserve the gains they helped win in the past through political activism, collective bargaining and the Great Postal Strike of 1970. Letter carriers face many challenges, but speaker after speaker vowed that our fight is their fight.

At Wednesday's session, delegates meeting in Detroit put democracy into action, nominating candidates for election to the Executive Council. As a result, NALC members across the country will elect 10 national officers, three national trustees and national business agents for three regions by mail-in ballot this fall; 12 candidates for uncontested NBA seats were elected by consent.

Next, NALC Director of Life Insurance Myra Warren, read five resolutions to the National Agreement, which were all approved by the convention delegates. These were emergency suspensions being given priority consideration by the dispute resolutions teams, GPS data not being used for discipline, adding dry-fit and UV-protected fabric as well as cold wear gear clothing to the uniform program, and providing that street communications between letter carriers and supervisors be conducted via the Mobile Delivery Device (MDD).

On the fourth day of the 71st biennial convention, delegates embraced their power to effect



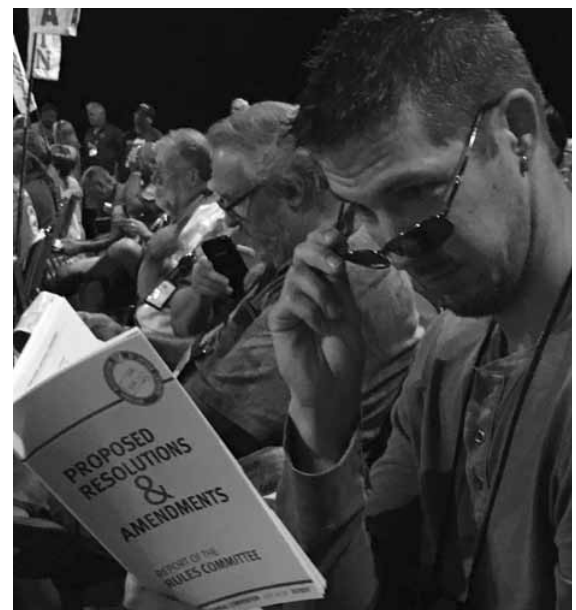
Branch 9 delegation on the floor of the convention



Jeff Reed, Angelina Brown and Jeff Johnson



Branch 9 NALC Veterans Group wearing the red T-shirts reading "Veterans Helping Veterans."



Robb Petersburg preparing to vote



Branch 9 Delegation on the floor of the convention



Rooftop Gala: Christa Abraham, Samantha Hartwig, Stacey Ellingson and Angelina Brown



1st Timers Caitlin Hill, Christa Abraham, David Flynn and Jeff Reed



Pat Paplow, Jeff Johnson, Cathy Jones & Jason Karnopp



Samantha Hartwig, Ken Jambois and Mike Zagaros



Rodney Anderson and National Dir. of Retirees Ron Watson

positive change beyond the workplace. Whether bringing their message to voters and to Congress, feeding hungry families through the Letter Carrier Food Drive or working for social and economic justice, letter carriers meeting in Detroit renewed their commitment to creating a better world. Speakers urged delegates on Thursday to remember that in their unity lies the power to embrace their values by helping the hungry, giving hope to the sick, defending the powerless and resisting those who discriminate or seek to divide. The delegates responded, donating money on the floor and in raffles for those in need and wearing blue T-shirts displaying their support for the union's political fund, which helps broadcast our message.

On the closing day of the 71st biennial convention, speakers from both sides of the political aisle energized the delegates meeting in Detroit. Two letter carrier-friendly Republican members of Congress praised the Postal Service and pledged to join letter carriers in their quest to defend it, including from the White House's overtures to privatize it. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) also committed to opposing any efforts at privatization or cuts to service or postal employee benefits. AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka told delegates that their struggles to protect their pay and benefits were not isolated. He explained that the labor movement is strong and determined and has the backing of workers everywhere. By standing in unity, the nation's workers can succeed. The delegates took the message to heart, taking the opportunity to renew the spirit of solidarity before rejoining the fight. Remembering brothers and sisters who passed away, they closed the convention in the spirit of legendary mine workers organizer Mother Jones, whose motto was, "Pray for the dead, and fight like hell for the living!" - Excerpts from the Convention Chronicles



Jason Karnopp, Barry Weiner and Troy Fredenburg



Mike Zagaros, Lenny Larson and Ken Jambois



Pat Paplow and Brad Knutson



Marty Cornell and Rodney Anderson

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Serviced remains an independent establishment of the Federal Govern and is not subject to privatization." Please contact your member of Congress and ask them to support this measure by being co-sponsor.

The issues and battles before us appear to be daunting. But the only way to defeat them is to fight them every step of the way. First we need to educate ourselves, our friends and family. You can get more information on the matters I've the written about by going to the NALC website at www.nalc.org. Next you can get involved in the political season. It does not matter which party you support as long as they support letter carrier jobs and our issues.

Finally, the one thing that we all can do is contribute to the LCPF and PAL9. If you would like more information on how to do this, come to a GMM; visit the NALC/ Branch 9 website, or call the Branch Office 612-781-9858. We need everyone to get involved and the time is now. -MZ

ABOVE AND BEYOND

Pete Stapleton has been selected to receive the Branch 9 "Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award" for his efforts by being the eyes of the community in which he works, Pete truly have made a difference.

One day on his route, he heard the sound of breaking glass and a customer's call for help. He saw one of his customers hanging out of a broken window. Pete quickly went assist them. It was through his quick actions, that he was able to interrupt a robbery and assault of a customer. Despite the fact that the attacker was still the home with a gun he helped by getting the customer through the window to the ground and then contacted the police to report the incident. The customer told him that the attacker was trying to rob and kill him. Pete stayed with the customer until the police arrived and made sure that they received medical attention. He then returned to his route and finished his deliveries. By getting involved, Pete's actions went above and beyond the call of duty and deserve recognition. -



Pres. Mike Zagaros presents Pete Stapleton the "Above and Beyond" award at the July GMM

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especially if you choose to file a claim for workers' compensation. Too many times after an on the job accident management will be given the paperwork and medical documentation to initiate a claim for workers' compensation, and it NEVER gets out of the office. It is very important to keep all copies of paper work for yourself when you initiate a claim for compensation due to an on the job injury. For a traumatic injury such as a broken bone, the form to complete is a CA-1. For an occupational injury such as carpal tunnel, the form to be completed is a CA-2. Timely submission of either the CA-1 or CA-2, AND the medical documentation from a medical doctor (MD) will prevent delays in lost wages and medical bills getting paid. Management only has 10 days to forward on to the Department of Labor

Office of Workers' Compensation (OWCP) your CA-1 or CA-2, and the medical documentation that explains what duties you were doing while working that caused the diagnosed injury. When the injury is severe resulting in having to be out of work for weeks, any delay in processing paper work could result in you not getting a paycheck, and not getting medical bills paid. Instances like this are especially difficult for some of our CCAs. I have helped CCAs who were hurt on the job and did not have any health insurance, and management failed to forward on their information to OWCP. OWCP is a benefit for ALL injured carriers, and when management does not assist in the OWCP process stewards need to file a grievance on this issue.

Being safe while delivering the mail will reduce the chances of

suffering an on the job injury. Management expects letter carriers to follow safety protocol, and management is expected to address safety concerns in a timely manner, not two weeks later. At the National Convention in Detroit, Michigan Manny Peralta taught a class about safety. The one thing that amazed me was the video done by the NALC that exposed the blind spots in the new Pro Master vehicles that are starting to be used for mail delivery. It will be more important than ever to be extra vigilant when using a Pro Master for delivering the mail. There were blind spots directly in front of the vehicle, and all around. It will important for carriers to take extra care when driving these new vehicles, especially for anyone not use to driving a vehicle that large. Take the time to be safe. -SH



***PRIMARY ELECTION*
Get Out and VOTE**

The primary election determines which candidates will be on the ballot in the November general election.

2018 Primary dates:

Primary Election Day is Tuesday, August 14.

Vote by mail or in person June 29 through August 13.

Join Branch 9 for
*“The Great Minnesota
Get-Together”*

August 23 - September 3



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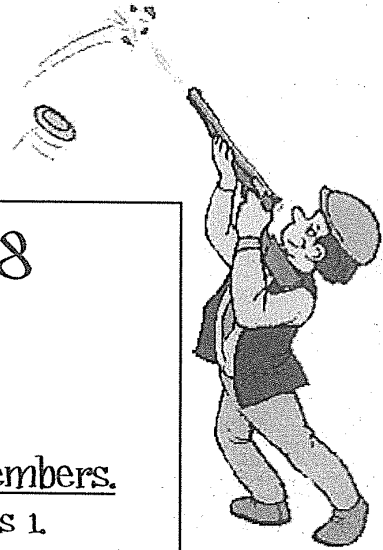
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What is a Trap Shoot? Trapshooting is a shotgun sport, in which 5 participants (squad) shoot together at small disks that are launched in the air called, clay pigeons. There are five stations, laid out in an arc. A round of trap is 25 clay pigeons, 5 being shot from each station in rotation. Branch 9 welcomes members of all abilities to participate, even if you have never shot Trap in your life!

Branch 9 NALC
Clay Trap Shooting at
Metro Gun Club
10601 Naples Street NE, Blaine, MN 55449



Sunday, September 16, 2018
10:30AM
\$20/person
This is a Branch 9 sponsored event for our members.
The limit for non-member guests per member is 1.
(Contact Ken Jambois for exceptions at 763.370.1392)

Price Includes:

MANDATORY - 20 minute class on:

- *Gun Safety
- *Proper Procedures of shooting in the fields

SHOOTING

- *2 Rounds (25 shots each)
- *50 Rounds of Shells (Target Loads)
- *20 Gauge Shotgun for each Squad of 5
- *May bring own 20 Gauge Shotgun, but not shells

SCOREKEEPER

- *This is not a serious competition, but a scorekeeper will be provided for each squad.

*Scoring is based on the final scores as they are posted when the shoot has been completed and gives every contestant an equal chance to win, no matter what his/her shooting ability.

*When all the shooting has been completed, the scores are listed in numerical order from the highest to the lowest. They are then divided into groups according to score. The highest score in each class is the winner!

LUNCH

*Lunch will be provided after the event of burgers, hot dogs, potato salad, etc.

Branch 9 Trap Shoot
(Deadline is Monday, September 10th)

Name: _____ Cell #: _____ Station: _____

Name of Guest: _____ Amount Pd: _____ Bringing Shotgun Renting Shotgun

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- * "like" our Branch 9 Facebook Page
- * Follow us on Twitter

Contribute to the PAC

The Letter Carrier Political Fund is the anchor for NALC's legislative and political activities.



nalc.org/government-affairs/political-activity

Branch 9 Calendar

August 14

Primary Election Day

August 14

Schedule Change
Steward Meeting
Moved to Aug. 28

August 16

CCA Meeting
7:00PM
Crystal VFW, Crystal, MN

Aug 23-Sept 3

MN STATE FAIR

August 28

*Steward Meeting @ 6:00 PM/
General Membership Meeting
7:00PM
Crystal VFW, Crystal, MN

September 3

Labor Day

September 11

Steward Meeting
7:00PM
Crystal VFW, Crystal, MN

September 25

General Membership Meeting
7:00PM
Crystal VFW, Crystal, MN



Northside Retiree Breakfast

1st Tuesday of the Month
9:30AM @ Elsie's
729 Marshall St. NE, Minneapolis

N Suburban Retiree Breakfast

1st Friday of the Month
8:30AM @ Denny's Restaurant
9020 Quaday Avenue NE, Otsego

Southside Retiree Breakfast

2nd Tuesday of the Month
9:00AM @ Fred Babcock VFW
6715 Lakeshore Dr, Richfield

Nokomis Retiree Breakfast

4th Tuesday of the Month
9:00AM @ Fred Babcock VFW
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4th Monday of the Month
6:00PM - Labor Centre -2nd Floor
312 Central Ave, Minneapolis