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First, I would like to thank everyone that participated in the food drive this year. We collected 71,170 pounds of food.



This year the food drive was a challenge because Second Harvest was no longer participating. Normally Second Harvest takes care of the media and the plastic bags. Despite that I still think that we did an amazing job. I know that the local food shelves appreciated all the donations. I want to encourage everyone by saying this is only the beginning. Every station pulled together to complete this effort to ease hunger in our communities. The food that we collect goes a long way and it affects a lot of people. We accomplished the goal that we set from the beginning and it's simple to help our communities. This year we reinvented the wheel. Next year we can improve on what we started this year. I overall received a lot of positive feedback. Everyone should be proud of the work we did with the food drive. I would like to thank all the volunteers and a special thanks to Samantha Hartwig for spending countless hours assisting me with this food drive.

-LaTasha McCaleb Food Drive Cord.



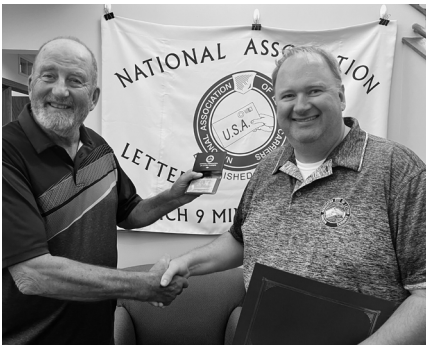
## RETIREMENTS



*Dave Schneider (r) (St. Louis Park) with Alt Steward Dave Dalke Best Wishes!*



*Chester Lawrence (Fridley) receiving his retirement watch and pin from Joann Gilbaugh and Joe Tiemann Happy Retirement!*



*Jon Thompson receives his 50 year member card from Pres. Scott Bultena.*

## In Memoriam

- Harold R. Anderson
- David Burandt
- George Gray
- Edward Issenhuth
- Ray Matuzek
- Martin Tich
- Jean Philson
- Steven Mastro

## NEW MEMBERS

- Christopher Adler
- Gracie Allen
- John Bartzen
- Peter Beasy
- Blake Beese
- Daniel Brito
- Tenzin Geleck
- Kayla Gildon
- Jeffrey Hastings
- Michael Hess
- Andrew Kashian
- Alexander Pauliot
- Mark Squire
- Nicholas Stegman
- Juan Vasquez Barrios
- Hai Vuong
- Eric Wheeler
- Johnny Xiong

## Cribbage Tourney Winners!



1st Place – Bill Wessinger – B28

2nd Place – Pat Paplow – B9

3rd Place – Rollie Matt – B9

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Letter Carrier Political Fund (LCPF)

Article 1 Section 5 of the National Constitution states in part:

...and to establish and operate, under rules adopted and promulgated by the National Executive Council, a fund composed wholly of voluntary contributions by the membership to be used at the national and local levels exclusively for the purpose of assisting candidates without regard to party affiliation for election to federal office who favor legislation in the interest of labor, said fund to be separate and apart from all other moneys and funds of the Union.

Branch 9 is looking for a LCPF coordinator. If you are interested in this important role, please contact me or Joe Tiemann to discuss. We are over 94% organized, which means most letter carriers are in the Union. Less than 8% of Branch 9 members contribute to the LCPF. There is room for improvement.

The ugly truth about the world that we live in, and especially the way things work in politics, is money talks. The more we can fund lobbyists to put Postal issues in front of Politicians the quicker our issues get resolved.

Here are two issues that affect letter carriers.

### Federal Retirement Fairness Act

Many federal employees, including Postal Service employees, begin their federal/postal service in non-career positions before transitioning to career status. These employees, including letter carriers who were employed as casuals, transitional employees (TEs) or city carrier assistants (CCAs), do not receive retirement credit for their time spent in these positions. Because years employed

as a non-career employee are not creditable under the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS), employees who started in non-career positions and transition to career status must work longer to reach the required years of employment to receive full retirement benefits. The Federal Retirement Fairness Act would modify what is considered creditable federal civilian service under FERS. It would allow these employees to make catch-up retirement contributions for time spent as non-career employees after Dec. 31, 1988, making such time creditable service under the FERS, and for other purposes. This legislation would allow letter carriers and other affected employees the opportunity to purchase retirement credit for the time they spent in these non-career positions, providing greater retirement security.

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Many retired letter carriers worked both for the Postal Service and for private sector employers over their working years, paying into both the federal pension programs (CSRS or FERS for their federal service) and into Social Security (for their private sector employment).

FERS retirees receive full benefits from both their federal pension plan and Social Security for their federal service since they paid into both systems while employed by the Postal Service. Although retired CSRS letter carriers naturally don't expect to receive Social Security benefits for their service for the Postal Service (for which they paid no FICA tax), most are shocked to find out that their Social Security benefits for their private sector work—or for the private sector work of their spouses—are usually reduced by provisions in the Social Security law enacted several decades ago.



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These provisions—the Windfall Benefit Reduction (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO)—were adopted by Congress in the late 1970s and early 1980s to address the false perception that federal retirees were somehow “double dipping.” In fact, these provisions are grossly unfair. The Social Security benefits of retired private sector workers are not reduced if such retirees receive benefits from private pension plans. CSRS retirees earned their full Social Security benefits and should receive them. NALC has been working for decades to reform or repeal the WEP and GPO provisions. We are trying to do so once again in the current Congress, though budget rules that require tax increases or other spending cuts to pay for such legislation continue to be obstacles.

These are just two of the issues that need to be addressed for active and retired Letter Carriers. For more information, please check out [nalc.org](http://nalc.org)

Please sign up to contribute to the LCPF. More information about how to do this is available in this edition of the Branch 9 News.

In Solidarity, Scott

*\*LCPF Disclaimer on page 11*

## Heat-related Illnesses and First Aid

Heat stroke, the most serious form of heat-related illness, happens when the body becomes unable to regulate its core temperature. Sweating stops and the body can no longer rid itself of excess heat. Signs include confusion, loss of consciousness, and seizures. Heat stroke is a medical emergency that may result in death. Call 911 immediately!

Heat exhaustion is the body's response to loss of water and salt from heavy sweating. Signs include headache, nausea, dizziness, weakness, irritability, thirst, and heavy sweating.

Heat cramps are caused by the loss of body salts and fluid during sweating. Low salt levels in muscles cause painful cramps. Tired muscles—those used for performing the work—are usually the ones most affected by cramps. Cramps may occur during or after working hours.

Heat rash, also known as prickly heat, is skin irritation caused by sweat that does not evaporate from the skin. Heat rash is the most common problem in hot work environments.

The chart below shows symptoms and first aid measures to take if a worker shows signs of a heat-related illness.

Illness	Symptoms	First Aid*
Heat stroke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confusion</li> <li>• Fainting</li> <li>• Seizures</li> <li>• Excessive sweating or red, hot, dry skin</li> <li>• Very high body temperature</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call 911</li> </ul> <p>While waiting for help:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place worker in shady, cool area</li> <li>• Loosen clothing, remove outer clothing</li> <li>• Fan air on worker; cold packs in armpits</li> <li>• Excessive sweating or red, hot, dry skin</li> <li>• Wet worker with cool water; apply ice packs, cool compresses, or ice if available</li> <li>• Provide fluids (preferably water) as soon as possible</li> <li>• Stay with worker until help arrives</li> </ul>
Heat exhaustion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cool, moist skin</li> <li>• Heavy sweating</li> <li>• Headache</li> <li>• Nausea or vomiting</li> <li>• Dizziness</li> <li>• Light headedness</li> <li>• Weakness</li> <li>• Thirst</li> <li>• Irritability</li> <li>• Fast heart beat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have worker sit or lie down in a cool, shady area</li> <li>• Give worker plenty of water or other cool beverages to drink</li> <li>• Cool worker with cold compresses/ice packs</li> <li>• Take to clinic or emergency room for medical evaluation or treatment if signs or symptoms worsen or do not improve within 60 minutes.</li> <li>• Do not return to work that day</li> </ul>
Heat cramps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Muscle spasms</li> <li>• Pain</li> <li>• Usually in abdomen, arms, or legs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have worker rest in shady, cool area</li> <li>• Worker should drink water or other cool beverages</li> <li>• Wait a few hours before allowing worker to return to strenuous work</li> <li>• Have worker seek medical attention if cramps don't go away</li> </ul>
Heat rash	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clusters of red bumps on skin</li> <li>• Often appears on neck, upper chest, folds of skin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Try to work in a cooler, less humid environment when possible</li> <li>• Keep the affected area dry</li> </ul>

**\* Remember, if you are not a medical professional, use this information as a guide only to help workers in need.**

## Exec. Vice President's Report

Hello Brothers and Sisters of Branch 9. I have been in the EVP role for almost a month now and it has been a busy start. On April 29th, we had the bowl-a-thon (first in a few years) and I thought it was a great success. It was fun to get out and see a lot of carriers show their support for the fantastic cause that is the MDA. I want to say thanks to Ronaele Bolden, the e-board, and all the volunteers who came out to help make this event as fun and successful as it was.

It was an honor to sit at the head table at the retiree banquet on Sunday May 6th. It was great to see and meet the generations that paved the way before us, see how far we have come as letter carriers at Branch 9, and celebrate their years of service. Just listening to the stories of the good ole days shows how much our jobs have changed and how many of the same problems repeat themselves. I would like to thank all the retirees for coming out, and all the volunteers that helped put on a successful event. I would also like to say thanks to Latasha McCaleb for being our food drive coordinator this year. I was able to come out to a few stations and help with the collection of food to see the plan in action. The station food drive coordinators and carriers did an amazing job and helped pull off the first food drive in years.

With summer now in full swing, we are faced with new challenges with route delivery. Often overlooked, heat can sneak up on you and it is very important that you manage your day safely, while working in extreme temperatures and humidity. Even more so now that stations have pushed back start times. Pushing back start times causes several new chal-

lenges, one being forced to work during the hottest time of the day. It is very important to know the signs of heat related illnesses. If you are experiencing symptoms such as nausea, muscle cramps, dizziness, confusion, hot dry skin, heavy sweating, or develop a rash, find a cool place, and drink water right away and if you need to take a break to cool down then do so. Your safety is number one. Hydration is key to combating heat stress so make sure you always have water with you throughout the day. If you experience these symptoms of heat stroke or heat exhaustion, then get to a cool place and let your supervisor know right away.

Scott and I have been to many stations and visits to the carrier academy where we get asked a wide variety of questions that range from station issues to uniform allowances. I would like to highlight the [nalc.org](http://nalc.org) website under the workplace issues tab and urge all carriers to check out the resources. One big resource that is important to view is the letter carrier resource guide. The 2023 Letter Carrier Resource guide is a must read for letter carriers. I wish I had read this when I first started in the post office as it would have helped me understand letter carrier rights. It is much easier to read as it is written in clear English vs the contract language that is written in JCAM. There is a lot of information in this resource guide to utilize for different situations. As always, we are here to help and answer any questions you may have in any situation, but this resource guide is a great starting point.

The guide is available now to download on the NALC website and includes updated rights and benefits, relevant changes to



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these rights and benefits as letter carriers progress from a CCAs all the way to career status. It also includes chapters on the NALC Structure, pay, uniforms, legislation, workroom floor issues and so much more.

Now that we are in the summer season, there seems to be an uptick in discipline. If you receive any discipline from management, make sure to reach out to your steward and/or branch as soon as possible so we can make sure you are represented within the 14-day time limit. Also make sure that your address is up to date. Management is sending discipline to carriers through the mail. Once that 14-day time limit has passed, the options are extremely limited on what can be done to help your case.

We are making the rounds doing station visits and look forward to meeting all the members. As always, if you have any questions, please call the branch or send us an email.

In solidarity  
Joseph Tiemann

<b>BRANCH 9</b> <b>2023 SCHOLARSHIP DRAWING WINNERS</b>
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**WALTER E. COULLARD/EUGENE P. McNULTY – \$2,000.00**

		<u>School Attending</u>	<u>Parent</u>	<u>Work Location</u>
<b>Winner</b>	Kyla Groehler	Iowa State	Thomas Groehler	Lost Lake
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up</b>	Angela Watroba	Anoka – Ramsey Community College	Marcy Watroba & Greg Watroba	Retired
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up</b>	Grace Anda	Anoka – Ramsey Community College	Geoffrey Anda	Anoka

**JEROME J. KEATING/AUSTIN B CARLSON – \$2,000.00**

		<u>School Attending</u>	<u>Parent</u>	<u>Work Location</u>
<b>Winner</b>	Angela Watroba	Anoka – Ramsey Community College	Marcy Watroba & Greg Watroba	Retired
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up</b>	Grace Anda	Anoka – Ramsey Community College	Geoffrey Anda	Anoka
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up</b>	Ava Erickson	Undecided	Chad Erickson	Nokomis

**J. WESLEY WOODS – \$1,000.00**

		<u>School Attending</u>	<u>Parent</u>	<u>Work Location</u>
<b>Winner</b>	Marley Wolfe	Hennepin Tech	Crystal Spiel	Brooklyn Center
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up</b>	Kyla Groehler	Iowa State	Thomas Groehler	Lost Lake
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up</b>	Grace Anda	Anoka – Ramsey Community College	Geoffrey Anda	Anoka

**LEONARD A. LARSON/BARRY J. WEINER – ADULT SCHOLARSHIP – \$1,000.00**

	<u>Position</u>	<u>Work Location</u>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Winner</b>	Lorene Banovetz	Retired
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Winner</b>	Renee Hickerson	Retired

## Director of Retirees Report

Minnesota elected a Democratic "Trifecta" last year which resulted in a slew of new laws and mandates passing this legislative session. Some of which will directly affect retirees.

First change of note is that Minnesota will tax Social Security at a different level. While many were hoping for a complete repeal of state taxes on Social Security, the new law does eliminate the tax for those earning up to \$100,000 for couples and \$78,000 for individuals. People earning more will receive partial relief.

Secondly, the creation of a Prescription Drug Affordability Board. The board will prohibit price gouging by pharmaceutical companies by setting upper payment limits for drugs sold in Minnesota, reducing costs for consumers, government and health plans.

Thirdly, lawmakers increased funding for Senior Nutrition, Age-Friendly community grants and the Live Well at Home Program. The Live Well grants will create sustainable programs to care for older Minnesotans in their homes. Many seniors fight to stay in their home as they age. With assistance they can and the costs are much lower than a nursing home. So everyone wins.

And we can't forget our Veterans. A Veterans and Military Affairs omnibus bill was signed into law on May 15th. It includes \$47 million to start up three veterans homes in Greater Minnesota as well as a Veterans Village in Richfield. The Homeless Veteran Registry will be beefed up to connect homeless veterans to services. This funding is designed to help Minnesota become the fourth state in the country to end veteran homelessness statewide. The bill includes service bonuses for post 9/11 era veterans and Gold Star Families (\$15 million) and reenlistment bonuses for the Minnesota National Guard (\$3 million).

Then at the national level, a manufactured crisis of the debt ceiling was averted when Biden and McCarthy joined forces and negotiated a settlement. No one is totally happy, so it must be a real compromise. The National Debt gets paid with no more battles on it through Jan 1, 2025. Defense gets \$886 billion and \$27 billion of unspent Covid relief funds get reassigned. One part that makes no sense is reducing IRS funding by over \$21 billion during through 2025. The Congressional Budget Office sites this as an actual loss to future revenue since the IRS will have less enforcement funds. However, the agency was to



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receive \$80 billion over the next decade, which means the IRS can still increase enforcement, operational improvements, customer service, and systems modernization. Imagine actually having someone answer the phone when you call.

And never to leave a done deal alone, McCarthy told Fox News afterwards "We have to look at the entire budget...The majority driver of the budget is mandatory spending. It's Medicare, Social Security, interest on the debt." He proposes a commission to look at further budget cuts. So please...

Stay tuned in

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Using your **Annuity**, retired NALC members can contribute directly from their CSRS or FERS annuities to the Letter Carrier Political Fund (NALC's PAC) on a monthly basis. This is a convenient way to make regular donations to the political action fund similar to the payroll system available to active carriers.

### Enroll by Phone

Call the NALC Retirement Office at 202.662.2877 anytime or toll-free at 1.800.424.5186 Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon or 2 to 4 p.m. (ET). (Note: you will need your CSA retirement Claim number.)

### Enroll Online

1. Go to [www.servicesonline.opm.gov](http://www.servicesonline.opm.gov)
2. Enter your CSA number, beginning with the letter A and ending with a zero. SAMPLE: A22222220
3. Enter your PIN (Personal Identification Number). If you don't know it, click Using Services Online for help with one.
4. Once you've entered your CSA number and PIN, click Log In.
5. On the next page, click ALLOTMENTS TO ORGANIZATIONS.
6. Click START
7. Select the Letter Carrier Political Fund (Formerly COLCPE)
8. Enter the amount of your monthly contribution. (*Maximum yearly amount is \$5,000*)
9. Click SAVE
10. On the next page click YES (if correct), then print the next page for your records.

### Enroll by Mail

Complete this form and send to:

NALC Retirement Department, Attention: Letter Carrier Political Fund, 100 Indiana Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20001-2144

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (your name) wish to contribute to the Letter Carrier Political Fund. I authorize the Office of Personnel Management to withhold the amount below from my *monthly* annuity payments:  
 \$25  \$20  \$15  \$10  \$5  Other: \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Maximum amount per year is \$5,000) and forward that amount to the Letter Carrier Political Fund (NALC's PAC). I make this authorization voluntarily and may revoke it at any time by notifying the Letter Carrier Political Fund in writing.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

CSA or Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

By making a contribution to the Letter Carrier Political Fund, you are doing so voluntarily with the understanding that your contribution is not a condition of membership in the National Association of Letter Carriers or of employment by the Postal Service, nor is it part of union dues. You have a right to refuse to contribute without any reprisal. Any guideline amounts are merely suggestions, and you may contribute more or less than the guidelines suggest and the union will not favor or disadvantage you by reason of the amount of your contribution or your decision not to contribute. The Letter Carrier Political Fund will use the money it receives to contribute to candidates for federal office and undertake other political spending as permitted by law. Your selection shall remain in full force and effect until cancelled. Contributions to the Letter Carrier Political Fund are not deductible for federal income tax purposes. Federal law prohibits the Letter Carrier Political Fund from soliciting contributions from individuals who are not NALC members, executive and administrative staff or their families. Any contribution received from such an individual will be refunded to that contributor. Federal law requires us to use our best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, name of employer and occupation of individuals whose contributions exceed \$200 in a calendar year.





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## How to contribute to the Letter Carrier Political Fund using ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER

Through a **MONTHLY** Electronic Fund Transfer, NALC members can contribute directly from their bank account to the Letter Carrier Political Fund (NALC's PAC). On the 1st of every month, the Political Fund will automatically (and without a fee) deduct from your bank account the amount you choose to contribute (ex: \$5 donation each month for twelve months, totaling \$60 for the year).

### Electronic Fund Transfer Authorization

Fill out and return this form with a **voided check** to the address below

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (your name) hereby authorize my bank to deduct from my checking account the **MONTHLY** sum of:

\$30  \$25  \$20  \$15  \$10  Other: \$\_\_\_\_\_ **PER MONTH** and forward that amount to the Letter Carrier Political Fund (NALC's PAC) (Maximum amount per year is \$5,000). I make this authorization voluntarily and may revoke it at any time by notifying the Letter Carrier Political Fund in writing.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Record #: \_\_\_\_\_ Routing #: \_\_\_\_\_ Account #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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Through PostalEASE, active letter carriers can contribute directly from their USPS paychecks to the Letter Carrier Political Fund (NALC's PAC) by designating the Political Fund as one of the three payroll "allotments."

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1. Login to USPS's Postal Ease website at <https://ewss.usps.gov>  
You may also get to the Postal Ease website through the USPS LiteBlue website See the instructions below
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3. Enter your Employee ID number and Password and click "Submit"  
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<https://ssp.usps.gov/ssp-web/welcome.xhtml>  
If you forgot your password click the link provided on the page or go to:  
<https://ssp.usps.gov/ssp-web/einVerification.xhtml>
4. Under Payroll click "Allotments / Payroll Net To Bank"
5. Click "Continue"
6. Click "Allotments"
7. Enter the 9-digit Financial Institution Routing Number: 0 6 4 0 0 0 1 7
8. Enter your 17-digit Account Number \_\_\_\_\_ 0 0 3 4 9 5 2 5 3 5  
*See instructions in step D at right*
9. Enter Account type as "checking"
10. Enter amount of your Allotment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. Click VALIDATE
12. Click SUBMIT
13. Print or write down your confirmation number for your records

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1:00 ☐ 5:00 pm

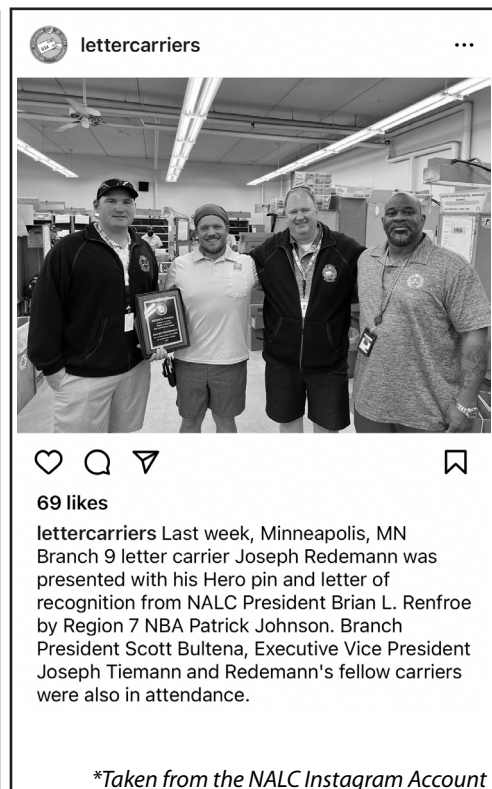
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**Call the Branch or see your steward to sign-up**

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## **Branch 9 Calendar**

### **June 13**

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

### **June 19**

Juneteenth  
Holiday

### **June 27**

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

### **July 4**

Independence Day  
Holiday

### **July 11**

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

### **July 25**

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

### **August 8**

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

### **August 22**

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

### **August 24 to September 4**

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### **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

### **Fridley Retiree Lunch**

2nd Tuesday of the Month  
11:30 AM  
Route 47 Pub and Grub  
7820 University Ave