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Kathy Baldwin

You will be missed! You were a great friend, union sibling, activist, mentor, leader and taught many well and have left us in great hands.

Rest in Heaven sister



President's Report

The National Convention in Boston was a significant event for our organization, providing a great opportunity for members to learn and connect. It was a pleasure to see many of you there. If this was your first convention, I hope you made the most of it by participating in the training, classes, exhibits, and getting to know your fellow brothers and sisters. The convention was filled with lively debate and discussion, and I'm sure you'll agree that the tellers earned every penny for their hard work.

Our political engagement is crucial, especially in a pivotal state like Texas. I had the opportunity to assist at the LCPF booth on Thursday, along with several TSALC board members and members from the New Mexico State board. We are now bringing that same enthusiasm back to our region, engaging with members across Texas. We are committed to sending board members to your branch meetings or functions to provide education on legislation and political action. As Michael Enzi said, 'If you're not at the table, you're on the menu.' No one likes politics, but if we do not engage, we will be left behind. Texas is a pivotal state, and many moving parts represent letter carriers in Texas and throughout the entire country.

There are several important dates for us to know: The registration deadline to vote is October 7, 2024, by mail (postmarked by) or in person at the local election office. Absentee ballot deadlines: Request (received) by October 25, 2024, return your ballot by mail (postmarked by) at 7:00 pm on November 5, 2024, or return your ballot in person by 7:00 pm on November 5, 2024. And, of course, voting deadlines are October 21- November 1 for early voting and November 5, 2024, for in-person voting.

We are asking our representative to sign the discharge petition to bypass committees and bring the H.R. 82 directly to the House floor. Share the QR Code and have as many members ask their congressional representatives to sign this petition. The Fact Sheet for H.R. 82/S. 597, Social Security Fairness Act is printed in this newsletter for your reference.

Ask your representative to sign the H.R. 82 discharge petition.

Rep. Abigail Spanberger (D-VA) and Rep. Garrett Graves (R-LA) are leading a discharge petition on the Social Security Fairness Act (H. R. 82). The legislation, which has 326 cosponsors, has yet to advance from the House Committee on Ways and Means to be considered in the House floor. This action utilizes a special rule that would bypass this legislative hurdle and bring the bill directly to the House floor for a vote.

To show their support and help move the legislation forward, **House members can sign the discharge petition starting on Sept. 10, when Congress returns from recess.** With legislative days in the 118th Congress running out, now is the time to act on this bill.

More on the Social Security Fairness Act

H.R. 82/S. 597 would repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO), which are parts of Social Security law that unfairly reduce or sometimes eliminate Social Security benefits of federal annuitants, including letter carriers.
for NALC's fact sheet.

I hope to see you all at the Region 10 Fall School. I pray God blesses Kathy Baldwin's family with comfort and know she will be missed. She saw something in me and I will forever be grateful.

Carlos Rodriguez Jr.
President, TSALC





NALC Fact Sheet

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Repeal Social Security's WEP and GPO provisions (H.R. 82/S. 597)

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.

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.

This fact sheet outlines how the two provisions work and the legislation before Congress to fix their unfairness.

Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP)

The WEP (enacted in 1982) reduces the Social Security benefits of retired public employees (federal, state and local) who also worked in Social Security-covered private sector employment—if they receive a government annuity for their non-Social Security-covered government employment. This provision hits CSRS retirees directly (but not FERS retirees). In all, nearly two million Americans have been adversely affected by the WEP provision—a number that will grow as more CSRS employees retire.

The WEP affects the determination of a new retiree's monthly Social Security benefit (the *Primary Insurance Amount*)—which involves a three-part calculation applied to a worker's *Average Indexed Monthly Earnings* (AIME) from Social Security covered employment. A worker's top 35 years of earnings are indexed to wage inflation to express earnings from years ago in today's dollars and then converted into a monthly average—or AIME. In 2023, the first \$1,115 of a worker's AIME is multiplied by 90%, an AIME between \$1,115 and \$6,721 is multiplied by 32% and then any AIME more than \$6,721 is multiplied by 15%. This formula insures that lower-income workers get a higher relative benefit.

That's how the calculation works for private sector workers and/or FERS workers (whose federal service is covered by Social Security). But for CSRS retirees, the first bracket of the calculation is different. The Social Security Administration multiplies the first \$1,115 of their AIME (from private sector jobs) by 40% instead of 90%—reducing the benefit by \$558 per month (\$6,696 annually). This is grossly unfair—private workers with private pensions face no similar reduction in Social Security benefits.

The impact of the WEP can be reduced if CSRS workers have at least 21 years of substantial earnings from Social Security-covered employment (in private sector jobs before and after their CSRS employment—or through second jobs during their federal service). The 40% multiplier is increased to 45% for a worker with 21 years of substantial Social Security earnings—and by 5% for each additional year of such earnings—until it reaches the normal 90% multiplier for those with 30 years of such earnings. (See www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10045.pdf for a full explanation of the WEP from the Social Security Administration.)

Government Pension Offset

Normally, survivors and spouses of Social Security benefits qualify for spousal and survivor benefits based on the earnings and benefits of their spouses—unless they qualify for greater benefits based on their own Social Security earnings history. For CSRS letter carriers with little or no private sector work experience, such spousal and survivor benefits from Social Security could be significant—since their own Social Security would benefits would be minimal.

Unfortunately, the GPO (adopted in 1977) typically eliminates most, if not all, of the otherwise payable spousal and survivor benefits for retirees who receive a government annuity for non-Social Security work. That's because the GPO reduces Social Security spousal and survivor benefits by two dollars for every three dollars paid in CSRS annuity benefits to affected retirees.

For example, if a CSRS retiree's spouse receives \$2,000 in Social Security retirement benefits, the 50% spousal benefit would normally be \$1,000 per month. But if the annuitant receives \$3,000 in CSRS benefits, his spousal benefit would be totally eliminated.

The same grossly unfair impact is seen with Social Security survivor benefits. Again, Social Security recipients who receive private pensions see no reduction in the Social Security's spousal or survivor benefits.

The Social Security Fairness Act of 2023 (H.R. 82) would eliminate the GPO and the WEP titles of the Social Security Act for benefits payable for months after December 2023. By repealing the GPO and the WEP, the bill would change the current law that reduces Social Security benefits for individuals who receive other benefits. NALC fully supports H.R. 82 and urges Congress to pass this legislation.

**NALC supports H.R. 82/S. 597, which would eliminate the GPO and the WEP titles of the Social Security Act for benefits payable for months after December 2023.
Sponsored by Reps. Garrett Graves (R-LA), Abigail Spanberger (D-VA) and Sens. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and Susan Collins (R-ME).**



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Protect Our Letter Carriers Act (H.R. 7629/S. 4356)

Since the inception of the Postal Service nearly 250 years ago, letter carriers have delivered to every community on every street in the United States rarely being the targets of violence. In recent years, that has changed.

Since 2020, there have been more than 2,000 crimes committed against letter carriers on the job. Many of these attacks involve a gun or another weapon. Letter carrier robberies climbed to 643 last year, an increase of nearly 30%, and the number of robberies resulting in injuries doubled, according to the United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS). Unfortunately, nearly every day we learn of other instances of letter carriers being assaulted, robbed, and even murdered while delivering mail and essentials.

The Protect Our Letter Carriers Act (POLCA) would devalue key infrastructure, deter these crimes through increased prosecution and sentencing guidelines, and keep letter carriers safe on the job. The nation's over 200,000 city letter carriers deliver medications, checks, ballots, packages and other essential mail that Americans depend on. It is imperative that America's mail is protected and, most importantly, that the letter carriers who deliver it are, too.

Secure and devalue postal infrastructure

POLCA would provide \$7 billion in funding for the Postal Service to secure its infrastructure, including the installation of high-security collection boxes as well as the replacement of items carried by letter carriers with more secure electronic versions. The funding would be appropriated over five years, \$1.4 billion annually in fiscal years 2025-2029.

A recent audit of USPIS data found that 52 percent of robberies of a letter carrier involved the theft of postal infrastructure items that have become highly sought after on the black market in recent years. Similarly, the Postal Service has reported an increase in high-volume mail theft incidents from mail receptacles, including blue collection boxes.

In response, the Postal Service has begun to reinforce its infrastructure, which includes items carried by letter carriers on the job. The bill would provide the necessary funding to implement this updated technology nationwide. When key infrastructure is devalued and more secure, letter carriers will be safer on their routes.

Increase prosecution rates

Alarming, while crimes against letter carriers have persisted, arrests and prosecution against the alleged perpetrators have not. Though the number of assaults and robberies against letter carriers has doubled in recent years, the number of arrests and convictions for these crimes has markedly decreased, according to USPIS. Due to workload and other priorities, these cases often sit on district attorneys' desks, are not federally prosecuted, and the alleged assailants are not held accountable.

POLCA would require the Attorney General to appoint an assistant U.S. attorney in each judicial district to prioritize any case that involves an assault or crime against a letter carrier. Their principal responsibility in the district would be to coordinate and supervise the investigation and prosecution of these alleged crimes.

Harsher sentencing for robbery and assault of a letter carrier

Even though letter carriers who are victims of these crimes are federal employees in uniform on the job, under current law, the sentencing guidelines for those found guilty of these crimes are overly weak and permissive. In 2024, a San Francisco defendant was found guilty of robbing a letter carrier at gunpoint and sentenced to only 30 days imprisonment, while in Mississippi a defendant was sentenced to eight years.

This bill would strengthen sentencing guidelines for these crimes, ensuring that they are treated in the same manner as assaults on federal law enforcement officers.

NALC supports the Protect Our Letter Carriers Act, (H.R. 7629/S. 4356) which would devalue key infrastructure, deter these crimes through increased prosecution and sentencing guidelines, and keep letter carriers safe as they deliver essential mail and packages to every community in the country. Sponsored by Reps. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Rep. Greg Landsman (D-OH), Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and Sen. Josh Hawley (R-MO)

Vice President's Report

In less than two short months the General Elections will be over. We as a country will have elected candidates to office that have the best interest in making the country and our State a better place. What happens after the elections? We as a union, if we want our voice to be heard we must continue to hold these elected officials accountable and responsible for their actions. How? By making phone calls, sending emails, and visiting their local offices for our voice to continue to be heard. For example, NALC has several Bipartisan Bills in the House that we are fighting for our representatives to Co-Sponsor, most have Co-Sponsor some have not. Let's contact their offices and hold their feet to the fire and ask them why they haven't supported Letter Carriers in the State of Texas.

The NALC National Convention held in Boston was a success. Over 5,000 Letter Carriers from all around the nation came together in unity and pass Resolutions and Amendments that are in the best interest of Letter Carriers for the present and future. It was great to see everyone who was able to attend.

A big thank you to Branch 421 and Homer Hernandez for allowing myself and District 5 Representative Cesar Hernandez to visit their Branch mid-September. The hospitality and kind gestures are really appreciated. It was great to visit with Congressman Joaquin Castro district 20 and Henry Cuellar district 28. Both representatives have shown and continue to represent Letter Carriers in the State of Texas. I was also able to visit Dallas Branch 132 and President Kimetra Lewis in the big city. I was able to talk to the locals on the upcoming election and the State Convention coming up in July 2025. Branch 132 thanks for the hospitality and warm gestures. I'm looking forward on visiting your Branch at a Branch meeting or local Branch function, please email me at ewyllienalc33@gmail.com and or Carlos Rodriguez at Carlos.TSALC@gmail.com. See you at the Region 10 fall school.

Everett Wyllie

Vice President

TSALC

Secretary's Report

AFL-CIO Affiliation Dues

Who is the AFL-CIO? The Texas AFL-CIO is a state labor federation consisting of 240,000+ affiliated union members who speak up together in support of working families in Texas. We seek a fair shot for all working people -- union and non-union alike -- by working in the legislative and political arenas. We provide support for unions in organizing new members and we coordinate community service, volunteer, and educational programs. It adds to our power to have a voice, the other unions support, show up, call, write when a union in need asks.

So, it is important for us to support them as well by paying our dues to the state and local county as well. IN turn twice a year the state rebates that branches that pay .10 cents for each month paid every six (6) months in April (October – March) and October (April – September). Since you would be affiliated you can also send your high school seniors to apply for their scholarships as well.

Texas NALC only have sixteen(16) branches paying these affiliation dues, we need to fix this! You can contact Emily Speight, Comptroller, Texas AFL-CIO @ emily@texasaflcio.org . You can also contact me, and I can assist or reach out to me at the Fall school, See you then!

- Region 10 Fall school **October 13-14, 2024**—Fort Worth Marriott Hotel & Golf Club at Champions Circle
- **TSALC Committee of Presidents January 25, 2025** Doubletree by Hilton, 6505 N Interstate Hwy 35, Austin, TX 78752
- **2025 112th Texas State Convention July 28-30, 2025.** Doubletree by Hilton, 6505 N Interstate Hwy 35, Austin, TX 78752
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CONDOLENCES TO THE BALDWIN FAMILY
FOR THE LOSS OF A GREAT LEADER,
MENTOR, FRIEND AND UNION SIBLING.
RIH KATHY

Director of Retirees' Report

September 2024

Greetings My Fellow Retired Brothers and Sisters!!

Well, the 2024 National Convention in Boston is over and I hope all that attended are home safely and in good health. To say this was a different convention is an understatement and I am glad I was in attendance. It was my pleasure to see all of you that attended!

You should have received a brochure from the Postal Service, titled "Understanding the Postal Service Health Benefits (PSHB) Program." This brochure goes over the integration with Medicare, dates to remember and Open Season. It has additional information for RETIREES at WWW.KEEPINGPOSTED.ORG and a PSHB Navigator Phone Line at 833-712-7742. The PSHB is a new, separate program within the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program, will be administered by OPM and coverage under the PSHB Program will be effective January 1, 2025.

A new enrollment platform, the Postal Service Health Benefits System (PSHBS) will be introduced for the 2024 Open Season which will be November 11, 2024, to December 9, 2024 and will be used specifically for Health Benefits Enrollment. This new system will REQUIRE a LOGIN.GOV account. You can visit WWW.LOGIN.GOV for more information how to create your account and more information will be provided before the 2024 Open Season. You are REQUIRED to select a health insurance plan in the PSHB Program during the 2024 Open Season and if you do not actively select a PSHB plan, you will be automatically enrolled in a comparable PSHB plan.

PSHB plan options and premium information will be available in October 2024. Below is a partial list of Conditionally Approved Postal Service Health Benefits Program Carrier Applicants, as of March 2024:

Aetna
BCBS
GEHA

National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) Health Benefit Plan
UnitedHealthcare

If you retire as of January 1, 2025, and are not currently participating in Medicare Part B, you ARE NOT required to enroll (it is voluntary) in Medicare Part B to continue your health insurance coverage in the new PSHB Program. However, enrollment in Medicare Part B may reduce your out-of-pocket expenses for health care related expenses and may provide a greater value to you. If you are retired as of January 1, 2025, and are already enrolled in Medicare Part B, you ARE required to remain enrolled in Medicare Part B to continue coverage under PSHB.

If you retire between October 31, 2024, and December 31, 2024, and are entitled to Medicare Part A (typically at age 65), you will have the option to enroll in Medicare Part B during a specific eight-month special enrollment period immediately following your retirement date. You MUST contact the Social Security Administration (SSA) to initiate enrollment if you are over the age of 65.

As always, I am here to help y'all with whatever I can. If you need to contact me, you can call my cell 281-546-7176.

Elisabeth Goodwin, your Director of Retirees

Treasurer's Report

Quarter 3, 2024 TSALC Financial Report

Account Balances

	as of 6/30/2024
TSALC Checking	\$212,704.22
TSALC Conv. Fund	\$829.34
TSALC Savings	\$100,012.53
6-Month CD	\$103,762.91
8-Month CD	\$102,984.87

TSALC Checking

Balance 6/30/2024	\$195,283.87
July - 2 Deposits	\$21,628.40
July - 1 EFT	-\$2,343.83
July - 7 Checks	-\$12,666.35
July - 1 Bank Fee	-\$0.40
August - 2 Deposits	\$10,819.60
August - 1 EFT	-\$17.07
August - 0 Checks	\$0.00
Balance 8/31/2024	\$212,704.22

TSALC Conv.

Fund

Balance 6/30/2024	\$829.34
July	\$0.00
August	\$0.00
Balance 6/30/2024	\$829.34

TSALC Savings

Balance 6/30/2024	\$100,010.83
July - Interest	\$0.89
August - Interest	\$0.81
Balance 8/31/2024	\$100,012.53

6-Month CD

Interest paid in 2024	\$3,762.91
Balance 8/31/2024	\$103,762.91

8-Month CD

Interest paid in 2024	\$2,984.87
Balance 8/31/2024	\$102,984.87

On September 5, 2024, I had the pleasure of attending a roundtable discussion regarding workers working in the heat at the Teamsters Local 988 Union Hall. Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia hosted the roundtable, and Acting Secretary of Labor Julie Su attended. Four industry workers were there, the Congresswoman, and the Acting Secretary. A lineman, a cabin crew worker from the airport, a custodial worker, and myself representing letter carriers. During the discussion, I spoke about the extreme heat we face as letter carriers, shared images from a thermal temperature gun, and spoke about letter carriers taking breaks in the heat and potentially being harassed for a stationary event.

The discussion from the Congresswoman and Acting Secretary focused on getting the word out regarding a new proposed rule for OSHA. The new rule would provide common sense guidelines for employers who have employees working in the heat. Things such as paid rest breaks, providing cool water, etc. Anyone can go to www.osha.gov and view the proposed rule and comment on it. Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia and Acting Secretary of Labor Julie Su encourage anyone to go onto OSHA's website and comment on the rule and why it is needed and important. After all, the big employers will be commenting on why the rule isn't needed.

James D Kimbrell
TSALC Treasurer

District 1 Report

Hello brothers and sisters, I hope everyone is doing well. It was good to see everyone at the National Convention in Boston. There was a lot that was discussed during the week. The Protect Our Letter Carriers Act (H.R. 7629/S.4356) was one of the discussions. Which would federally prosecute anyone that attacks a letter carrier. The Social Security Fairness Act (H.R. 82/S.597) was also mentioned. Also, the Federal Retirement Fairness Act (H.R.5995) would allow non career employees catch-up on their retirement. One of the other things that was talked about was the extreme heat that carriers endure, seems like every summer it gets hotter. We also heard some great speakers during the week. Business is done now we have the Fall School in Fort Worth. Hope to see you there. I would like to thank NALC Branch 3867 for inviting Kimberly Arnhold and myself to a family fun day at their union hall in August had a great time. Also, let us not forget (H.R.618/S.131) Improving Access to Workers' Compensation for Injured Federal Employees. It would allow a nurse practitioner and physician assistant to treat the injured worker. USPS Shipping Equity Act (H.R.3721) It would allow the post office to ship alcoholic beverages from licensed producers and retailers to legal customers. And Door Delivery Resolution (H.Res.376) that bill is to ensure the continuation of door delivery for all business and residential customers. Election time is coming soon, let us not forget to vote. Let us help and encourage our coworkers, friends, and family to register to vote.

Irma R. Salinas
District 1 Board Member
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District 2 Report

This is an exciting time in our country. The first woman of color was elected was the Vice President of the United States of America. Vice President Kamala Harris is still making history by being the first woman of color running now for President of the United States of America.

At the NALC's 73rd biennial convention held in early August over 5,500 delegates endorse and support the Harris – Walz ticket. Vice President Kamala Harris and Gov Tim Walz have a history of fighting for unions and union members. The most important election is only days away. The election of Vice President Kamala Harris as President will be a game changing in so many ways. Legislation benefiting individuals by reducing medicine cost, more housing made affordable and women right to chose will be protected just to name a few.

As letter carriers if we work to get our congressional representatives re-elected a lot of the letter carriers' legislative issue could be passed. Legislation that is passed will benefit and protect Letter Carriers from attacks that involve guns and other weapons. We need every Letter Carrier Congressional Liaison (LCCL) to contact their congressional representatives and ask them to support the Protect Our Letter Carriers Act (H.7629) and Improving Access to Worker's Compensation for Injured Federal Workers Act (H.R.618/S.131).

Colin Allred is running against Ted Cruz to become the next Senator from Texas. We need to let everyone know that Colin Allred is a friend of labor and when he wins Letter Carriers win also. **We need do everything to get the word out that the Harris/Walz ticket is the winning ticket to better life.**

WE ARE NOT GOING BACK

Rita Wilder District 2 Board member **972-805-6798 – ritawilder05@gmail.com**

District 3 Report

Greetings Brothers and Sisters

I hope that everyone survived the hot summer days. Except for the National Convention there has not been too much going on. I visit Representative Ronny Jacson's office monthly to keep him updated on the HRs that NALC is supporting. NALC Headquarters needs everyone to contact their representatives to sign the H.R. 82 Discharge petition. This petition would bypass the legislative hurdle and bring the bill directly to the House floor for a vote. I urge everyone, please call, email, write or go to the NALC APP or on the NALC website to act as soon as possible. Let their representatives know that we need them to sign this petition.

The National Convention has come and gone. Everyone there had fun times with all the other members. All the workshops that were taught had valuable information. Had good speakers and had valuable information to pass out also. October brings fall school to Ft. Worth. I hope to see everyone there to get more valuable information to take back to their Branches also.

Matt Sellmyer

District 3 Board Member

District 4 Report

GREETINGS TO EVERYONE

I hope this newsletter finds each of you doing well. A little early but I wish each of you, your families and loved ones the very best of holidays. Give Thanks to our Veterans-on-Veterans Day, give Thanks on Thanksgiving, Celebrate the Lord on Christmas and have a safe and Happy New Year.

I am going to use my article in a different way this quarter. I have been attending our National Conventions for more than thirty years and when this National Convention was finally over it sure made me think about many different things. Putting it nicely, I have never seen so much nonsense. With that being said, I would hope that many delegates at the National Convention would sit back and take a moment and think about the way they are managing their concerns. Please think about ALL the benefits you currently have and how all those benefits were achieved. Trust me when I say the United States Postal Service did not just give them to you. Your benefits were earned and achieved by many, yes, many NALC Union Reps before us that worked very hard to get what we all have. To keep this short the ones before us have done an awesome job and they have been mentors for us. Our mentors and our senior NALC Reps do know what they are doing as they have been guided by those before them. We all need to learn and listen from our mentors. With that said we have some very good mentors right here in Texas. In my years I owe a Big Thank You to many, more on the legislative and political side we have Les Doss, Micky Morris, and Oscar Cabral and on the contractual side we have Frank Herrington, Javier Bernal, and Gary Mullins. The NALC has just lost another great in Kathy Baldwin. Condolences and Prayers to the Baldwin Family.

There are definitely others and I Thank Each of You.

Within this newsletter and in our NALC Postal Record you will find the bills in Congress that we need to work on to get passed. Please contact our Senators and your Congress person and ask them to support these bills. If you have any questions, please contact your Board member. I Thank each of you for all you do for the members of the NALC. God Bless

Proud and Honored District 4 Board Member

Ron Eudy 325-518-7202

District 5 Report

Hello brothers and sisters, I hope when you are reading this you all are doing well. It's voting time make sure you register, and vote for the candidate that supports our career with the USPS. In our monthly meeting held on August, 15, 2024 in San Antonio, congressman Henry Cuellar, Greg Cazar, Joaquin Castro, and Tony Gonzalez attended our meeting in favor to support all House resolutions, to help support our letter carriers, also Dr. Kristin Hook is currently running against Chip Roy for the Texas district 21 to help letter carriers in the future regarding house resolutions, with that being said Chip Roy has been voting against Letter carrier house resolutions. On a different note, with peek season around the corner keep in mind our safety is priority, take breaks as needed, work safe. Again, don't forget to out and vote!

God bless you all and thank you for your support.

~ Cesar Hernandez ~
District 5 representative

District 6 Report

Hello Everyone in District 6,

1st let me start this Quarter's update on something that every carrier should be concerned about. Voting, everyone should be ready, willing and able to vote and help anyone who needs help getting to the voting booth. I'm challenging everyone to volunteer to help anyone to get out the vote. Your vote could determine if you have a job in the future. I hope everyone has recovered from Boston and the National convention. It was nice to see old friends. This convention was very different from the other 14 conventions that I have attended. A lot of crazy stuff happened that I feel divided the delegates for the week. Hopefully everyone left Boston united. The state convention dates have been set for July 28 thru the 30th 2025, in Austin. The state presidents meeting has been set for January 25, 2025, in Austin. More information will follow in the future. The Austin branch has stepped up to host the meeting and I feel this will be one for the books. Everyone needs to attend and enjoy the state capital and the fellowship of carriers from all over the state while there & hopefully conduct some state business. The T.S.A.L.C. has had a change of address. The new address will appear below. The fall school for N.B.A. region 10 will be held on October 12 - 14, 2025. I hope attendance is very high, the N.B.A. office does a great job with the classes and it's another great place to meet your fellow carriers from all over the state. Don't miss out on this great opportunity. As I close, any branch that would like a state officer to come and speak at their Branch meeting, let the state president and your district board member know. Now, let's talk about HR82 to repeal Social Security's WEP & GPO provisions. The house of representatives is trying to bring this to the floor for a vote. If you don't know what this is, it greatly affects older carriers who were under the CSRS retirement system when they pass away. It also affects their spouses who are unable to claim their benefits after their spouse passes. Since this is an election year, I'm not very optimistic that this will be handled before the session ends. But to be vigilant, please contact your representative and ask them to support this bill when it does come up. I will close with a plea to everyone to vote, the job you save might be your own.

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