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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

KIMETRA LEWIS



In the month of April, the Texas delegation of legislative liaisons visited the State of Washington on a legislative trip. There we visited with the congressmen and women who represent the State of Texas to gain their support for the legislative bills that effect the Postal Service and its workers, specifically us. We gathered together as a group to strategize our plan of action. We were well versed on the facts and were prepared to engage in intellectual conversation on the issues of our concerns. Meetings were scheduled around the clock; ahead of our visits. If we got no scheduled visit, we still showed up. No Texas member of Congress was missed, whether Democrat or Republican.

We introduced ourselves by explaining who letter carriers are. Hard workers who worked during rain, sleet, snow or Covid. Over thirty (30) percent are veterans, who worked diligently to protect this country and who are now working just as hard to protect the mail entrusted in their care. We are a diverse group of people, consisting of men and women of all races and creed. We are community leaders who provide charity assistance to those who are in need of food with our Annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive and we are a long-time sponsor to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. We are the eyes and ears of the public each and every day.

In our visit, we discussed our need for Congress to support the Protect Our Letter Carriers Act (H. R. 1065/S. 463) This bill will provide funding to the Postal Service that would be used to install high-security collection boxes and cover the cost to

replace items carried by letter carriers with more secure electronic versions; thus, reducing the numbers of robberies. This bill would require the attorney general to promptly appoint an assistant U.S. attorney in each judicial district to prioritize any case that involves an assault or crime against a letter carrier. This would strengthen the sentencing guidelines for these crimes, ensuring that they are treated in the same manner as assaults on federal law enforcement officers.

We also advocated for the support of the Federal Retirement Fairness Act (H.R. 1522). The passing of this bill would benefit more than 65 percent of the current letter carriers by allowing them the opportunity to purchase retirement credit for the time they spent as non-career employees; thereby, providing greater retirement security. Last but not least, we expressed our desire for Congress to oppose postal privatization (H.Res. 70/S.Res. 147). The Postal Service is the core of the United States mailing industry. We are the last mile delivery to every business and residential customer in the country seven days a week. To privatize the Postal Service would be a detriment to the millions of Americans who rely upon our service; especially those in rural areas because their mail service would suffer as their delivery of mail would not be profitable for a private investor.

We need the support of Congress. To get this accomplished cost money. This is why it is so important that each letter carrier contributes to the Letter Carrier Political Fund. We all know, money speaks in the political world. Money gets results. If you are contributing, thank you. If you are not contributing start. This cannot be expressed enough. Our jobs are under attack. The future of the Postal Service is wavering. Let's not get caught slipping. Do your part.

Special thanks to the following members of Branch 132 for their roles in getting our mission accomplished, Keven Fegans, Trevor Haas, Eugene Johnson, Kevin Rape, Twasky Smith, Ron Stover, Rita Wilder, and myself. Hip, hip, hooray!

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Stewards meet 7:00 PM the first Thursday of each month in the Branch Office.

Executive Board meets 7:00 PM last Monday of each month.

AFL-CIO Council meets third Thursday of each month.

Branch meeting 7:30 PM first Monday of each month unless deferred by membership vote.

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BRANCH 132 WELCOMES OUR NEW MEMBERS!

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Rynesha Brooks
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Jason Frongel
Joshua Brooker
Tramayne Lee
William Sharp
Corey Zeno
Lakindra Williams

Allison Sheffield
Seth Vasquez
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Jakaylah Presley
Pablo Bloise
Ericka Hampton
Lamont Marshall
Mianca Wright
Latreveous Simpson
Jeffrey Bull
Coriann Williams

SICK & WELFARE REPORT

Farmers Branch – Joseph Johnson had knee surgery.

Northaven – Sabino Garcia's father passed away; Peter Munson passed away.

Oaklawn – Luan Gloria had open heart surgery.

DRT – Janine Singleton's aunt passed away.

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

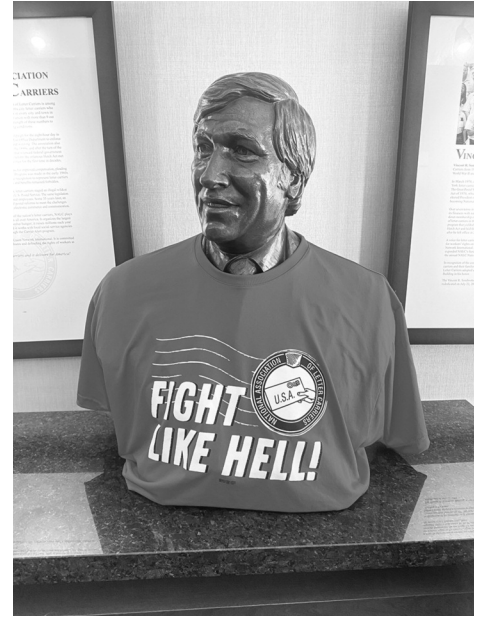
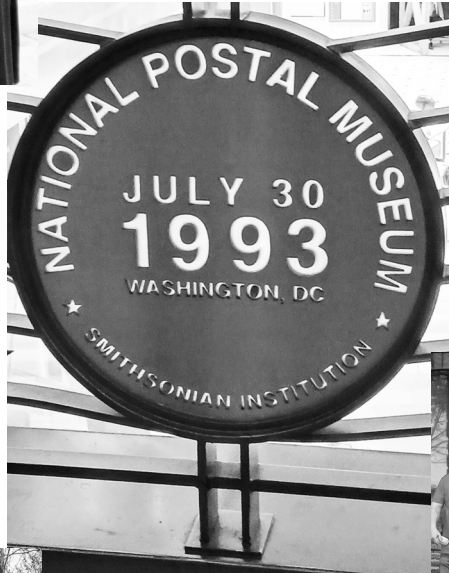
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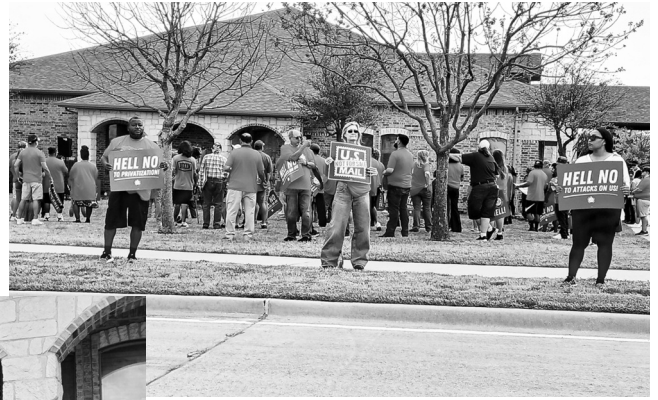
Thank you to all the Letter Carriers who give to the Letter Carrier Political Fund

The Washington Post reported recently that President Trump planned to fire the governing board of the U.S. Postal Service and merge the agency with the Commerce Department. This is not the first time the president has talked about making massive changes to the Postal Service. This is not a drill; President Trump has done what he said he was going to do thus far; we need all carriers to get involved. Down below, you see the names of a few members of Branch 132 that donate to the Letter Carrier Political Fund. We need each of you to join. We should all be in the fight to ensure Congress keeps the Postal Service as a vital service to all Americans. On the NALC website, you can see the legislative actions needed by each member during this critical battle. Reach out and call your congressman/woman and ask him/her to support the Protect Our Letter Carriers Act (H.R. 1065/S. 493), Oppose postal privatization (H.Res. 70/S.Res. 147), and the Federal Retirement Fairness Act (H.R. 1522). If you work with someone on this list or recognize someone you know, thank them, then join the fight! Five dollars a pay period may save your job! For information on how you can join the fight, call the hall (214-388-4349), or call Ron Stover (469-438-7965). Together, we can have a more powerful influence.

Adcock, Orion T.	De La Roca, Sandra	Johnson, Joseph L.	Simmons, David A.
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Allen, Gregory A.	Douglas, James P.	Johnson, Jr., Eugene	Singleton, Janine
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Ausborne, Larry C.	English, Sammy W.	Loya, Robert	Stevens, Beverly A.
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Castillo, Jr., John	Hibbs, Jr., Earl M.	Pitt, Jr., Darrell R.	Vines, Thomas H.
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Cox, Scotty J.	Jeffcoat, Steven M.	Silan, Zannie M.	

RALLY PICTURES





JANINE SINGLETON
FINANCIAL SECRETARY

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

FEBRUARY 2024

National Dues	\$79,784.66
Retiree Dues	0.00
Active Dues	206.22
Miscellaneous Reimbursements	0.00
OWCP Dues	0.00
MBA Rebate	52.75
TSALC Rebate	0.00
Deposit Dividends	0.00
TOTAL \$	\$80,043.63

MARCH 2025

National Dues	\$80,413.22
Lost Time R. Stover	1,769.20
Annuity Withholding	703.15
Retiree Dues	12.00
MBA Rebate	0.00
TSALC Rebate	0.00
HB Rebate	0.00
Deposit Dividends	0.00
TOTAL \$	\$82,897.57



CLUBBER TARGTON
TREASURER

TREASURER REPORT

MARCH 2025

General Fund	\$299,355.10
Business Savings	25.67
High Yield Savings	297,715.06
Stewards Fund	138,091.69
Convention Fund	45,000.00
CPA/Legal Fund	8,650.00
Building Fund	1,800.100
Education Fund	42,853.35
MDA Fund	413.52
CD 18 Month	684,606.32
TOTAL \$	\$1,212,095.65

APRIL 2025

General Fund	\$249,722.98
Business Savings	25.67
High Yield Savings	298,463.51
Stewards Fund	138,091.69
Convention Fund	45,000.00
CPA/Legal Fund	8,150.00
Building Fund	2,246.90
Education Fund	42,317.20
MDA Fund	413.56
CD 18 Month	687,449.48
TOTAL \$	\$1,236,075.20

FEBRARY 2025

BRANCH MEETING MINUTES

- A quorum of members of Lone Star Branch 132 met on February 3, 2025
- Invocation by Brother Eugene Johnson followed with the pledge led by President Lewis
- Resolution of Sympathy for Sister Cyndi Jefferson were read.
- No Executive Board Recommendations.
- President Lewis announced the installation of officers and stewards took place January 11, 2025. The installation was performed by NBA Shawn Boyd. Guest in attendance were former Director of Life Insurance Myra Warren, State President Carlos Rodriguez, State Vice President Everett Wylie, Austin Branch President William Moody, NBA Office Assistant Dietra Young and National Vice President James Henry.
- The vote on the Tentative Agreement received 90,040 total ballots; the vote was 63,680 rejected and 26,304 accepted, approximately 50% of the members receiving ballots voted.
- NBA Spring Training will be February 14, 2025 in Spring, Texas.
- The 112th State Convention will be held July 28-30, 2025 in Austin, TX.
- The following members have been selected for committees at the convention: Audit Committee, Larry Ausborne; Rules and Resolutions, Kim Cox; Mileage and Per Diem, Joseph Johnson; Officers Report, Charles Cotton; Accommodation, Kinnard Johnson; Tellers, Rachel Anderson and Andy Alvarado; Distribution, Carolyn Wiley and Sorainya Harris. Alternates Selected, Clubber Targton and Edwin Cooper.
- The Annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive will be on May 10, 2025.
- The appeal of the Caesar Clark steward election was rejected by membership vote.
- Branch Financial reports will be in the next Metro Letter Carrier.

Respectfully submitted,

Danny Hilliard, Recording Secretary

MARCH 2025

BRANCH MEETING MINUTES

- A quorum of members of Lone Star Branch 132 met on March 3, 2025.
- Invocation by Brother Eugene Johnson followed with the pledge led by President Lewis.
- Resolutions of Sympathy were read for Brother George C. Bryant.
- No Executive Board Recommendations.
- Intire Health Group spoke to the membership about their services.
- The Retirees' luncheon will be held on March 20, 2025, at Golden Corral Restaurant at 1:15 PM.
- The Fight Like Hell Rally will be held on March 23, 2025, at 1:00 PM.
- Bus trip to New Orleans is scheduled for June 26-28, 2025.
- TSALC convention will be July 28-30, 2025, in Austin, Texas.
- The Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive will be on May 10, 2025.
- Safety Teams are checking routes across the district looking for any violations.
- NBA Shawn Boyd spoke to the membership about several issues NALC dealing with the arbitration of the contract, the Fight Like Hell Rally and legislation now before Congress.
- Three motions were made, voted on and passed:
 1. To name the meeting hall Hibbs Hall.
 2. To reimburse any member working for the branch for AL or SL because of lost time.
 3. To motion to the April meeting to April 14, 2025.
- Branch Financial reports will be in the next Metro Letter Carrier.

Respectfully submitted

Danny Hilliard, Recording Secretary

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS BRANCH 132 SCHOLARSHIP

1. Lone Star Branch 132 of the National Association of Letter Carriers will award up to five \$1,000 Scholarships a year to applicants who are selected by the Scholarship Committee. The winners must meet all eligibility requirements as determined by the Branch and described below.

2. The Scholarship Committee will be formed of four volunteers selected from Branch 132 and Auxiliary 28, and a fifth member will be selected from the local Educational Community. These five volunteers will be appointed each year by the Branch President.

3. Eligibility Requirements:

A. Applicant must be a high school senior at the time of application.

B. Applicant must be accepted to an accredited college or university and be willing to provide documentation of acceptance.

C. Applicant must submit copy of high school transcript and SAT or ACT test scores at the time of application. Additional personal information, such as community activities, teacher recommendations, or special achievements, is welcome, but not required.

D. Applicant must be a son or daughter or grandson or granddaughter of an active, retired or deceased City Letter Carrier who is a member of NALC Branch 132. Branch member must be a member in good standing for at least one year. Children of deceased members are eligible provided the widow/widower had not remarried. Legally adopted or verifiable dependents (income tax records, divorce records, etc.) are also eligible.

E. Relatives of members of the Scholarship Committee are ineligible to receive a Branch 132 Scholarship during the year that the family member serves on the Committee.

F. Applicant must enroll as a full-time student at an accredited college or university.

G. Scholarships are non-renewable and will only be given for the first year of enrollment.

H. If unusual conditions require a postponement of schooling, the recipient must state reason(s) in writing to the Scholarship Committee and request that the Scholarship be held in abeyance. Request(s) will be received by the Committee and a decision

rendered.

4. Checks for the NALC Branch 132 Scholarship will be written to the college/university and will be applied toward tuition, fees, books, or room and board.

5. If the NALC Branch Member is suspended

by the Union, acted as a 204B within the previous 24 months, or enters supervision, the Scholarship will be cancelled.

6. Applications will be printed in the Branch Newsletter and will also be available through the Branch office. Winners **will be** announced in July.

Scholarship Notes

The following information is presented in response to several requests from NALC Branch 132 members. You should contact the following addresses for eligibility information and applications:

Check out these websites:

www.fastweb.com

www.collegeanswer.com

www.collegeboard.com

www.scholarships.com

Branch 132 Scholarship Application Form

Student's Name _____

Home Address _____

Social Security Number _____

Home Phone Number _____

High School Attended _____

Relationship To Member _____

Member's Name _____

Member's Address _____

Member's Social Security Number _____

Member's Phone Number _____

Student's Signature _____

Member's Signature _____

Applications Must Be Received by MAY 31, 2025

Please mail completed application form, high school transcript, and test scores to:

**Scholarship Committee, Branch 132
8451 Endicott
Dallas, Texas 75227**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The branch meetings and steward training are being held at the union hall and being simultaneously broadcast over Zoom. Beginning in September 2023 for stewards to receive compensation for attendance at the monthly branch and steward meetings, the steward will be required to attend the meetings in person if you live or work within a 50-mile radius of the union Hall. Keep up with the latest information on the branch's Facebook page at "***Lone Star Branch 132 of the National Association of Letter Carriers***" or check the website at: "***nalclonestarbranch132.org***".

May 1 – 7:00 pm – Steward Training – Union Hall

May 5 – 7:30 pm – Monthly Branch Meeting – Union Hall

May 10 – **Annual Food Drive**

May 11 – **Mother's Day**

May 19 – 7:00 pm – Executive Board Meeting

May 26 – **Memorial Day – Postal Holiday**

June 2 – 7:30 pm – Monthly Branch Meeting – Union Hall

June 5 – 7:00 pm – Steward Training – Union Hall

June 15 – **Father's Day**

June 19 – 1:15 pm – Retirees' Luncheon – Golden Corral, 1902 Towne Centre Dr., Mesquite, TX 75150

June 26-28 – **Retiree's Sponsor New Orleans Bus Trip** – Bus fare per person is \$65.00. Hotel is the Double Tree by Hilton New Orleans. Please contact Eugene Johnson at 214-938-4278 to obtain group hotel booking code.

June 30 – 7:00 pm – Executive Board Meeting

July 3 – 7:00 pm – Steward Training – Union Hall

July 4 – **Fourth of July – Postal Holiday**

July 7 – 7:30 pm – Monthly Branch Meeting

July 21 – 7:00 pm – Executive Board Meeting

July 28-30 – Texas State Association of Letters Convention – Austin, Texas