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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*".

January 1 - **New Year's Day Postal Holiday**

January 6 - 7:30 pm - Monthly Branch Meeting

January 8 - 7:00 pm - Monthly Steward Meeting

January 19 - **Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday**

January 26 - 7:00 p.m. Executive Board Meeting

January 29 - 1:15 p.m. Retirees' Luncheon – Golden Corral – 1902 Towne Centre Dr., Mesquite, TX 75150

February 3 - 7:30 pm - Monthly Branch Meeting

February 5 - 7:00 pm - Monthly Steward Meeting

**Region 10 NBA Spring Steward School & Rap Session**

**February 13-16, 2026**

**Cityplace Springwoods Marriott – (281) 350-4000**

February 16 - **Presidents' Day Holiday**

February 23 - 7:00 p.m. Executive Board Meeting

March 3 - 7:30 pm - Monthly Branch Meeting

March 5 - 7:00 pm - Monthly Steward Meeting

March 8 - **Daylight Saving Time Begins**

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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 Tuesday of each month unless deferred by membership vote.

Opinions expressed in this paper are those of the writers, and do not express the opinions of the editor or the Union. All articles for publication must be signed and received by the Editor no later than the 1st of each month. If you wish to run your personal or business ad, rates are available on request and must be received by the 10th of each month to be inserted in the next month's issue. The editor's email address is RitaWilder05@gmail.com



**JANINE SINGLETON**  
 FINANCIAL SECRETARY

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT**  
 OCTOBER 2025

National Dues	\$73,604.42
Active Dues	206.22
Annuity Withholding	
Lost Time Reimbursement	707.68
Miscellaneous	
TSALC Rebate	
HB Rebate	
Deposit Dividends	
<b>TOTAL \$</b>	<b>\$74,518.32</b>

**NOVEMBER 2025**

National Dues	\$106,273.03
Retiree Dues	12.00
Annuity Withholding	
Lost Time Reimbursement	
Miscellaneous	
TSALC Rebate	535.20
HB Rebate	4,092.00
Deposit Dividends	
<b>TOTAL \$</b>	<b>\$110,912.23</b>



**CLUBBER TARGTON**  
 TREASURER

**TREASURER REPORT**  
 NOVEMBER 2025

General Fund	\$303,129.43
Business Savings	25.67
High Yield Savings	313,410.85
Stewards Fund	123,728.43
Convention Fund	0.00
CPA/Legal Fund	2,500.00
Building Fund	0.00
Education Fund	31,869.43
MDA Fund	413.81
CD 18 Month	705,487.23
<b>TOTAL \$</b>	<b>\$1,322,466.99</b>

**DECEMBER 2025**

General Fund	\$316,733.79
Business Savings	25.67
High Yield Savings	314,109.71
Stewards Fund	122,020.06
Convention Fund	0.00
CPA/Legal Fund	1,500.00
Building Fund	0.00
Education Fund	25,900.26
MDA Fund	413.84
CD 18 Month	707,653.29
<b>TOTAL \$</b>	<b>\$1,338,522.46</b>

**OCTOBER 2025 BRANCH MEETING MINUTES**

- A quorum of members of Lone Star Branch 132 met on October 6, 2025.
- Invocation by Brother Eugene Johnson. President Lewis led the Pledge.
- No Resolutions of Sympathy.
- No Executive Board Recommendations.
- Brother Matthew Leffall will receive his Gold Card.
- Small Batch training will be conducted by NBA Shawn Boyd and his staff October 19, 2025, at the union hall from 8 am until finish.
- A proposed By-Law change was read and will be placed in the Metro Letter Carrier and discussed at the December meeting.

Announcements:

- Must take leave by November 29, 2025.
- Health Benefits Open Season November 10 - December 7, 2025.
- Penalty Overtime Exclusion November 29 - December 26, 2025.
- 5-minute leeway still exists.
- President Lewis informed the membership that they cannot be required by management to falsify scans.
- The Delegate list for the 2026 National Convention was read to the membership.
- Branch Financial reports will be in the next Metro Letter Carrier.

Respectfully submitted

Danny Hillard, Recording Secretary

**NOVEMBER 2025 BRANCH MEETING MINUTES**

- A quorum of members of Lone Star Branch 132 met on November 3, 2025.
- Invocation by Brother Matthew Leffall. President Kimetra Lewis led the Pledge.
- No Resolutions of Sympathy.
- Executive Board Recommendations. Branch will participate in Toy Drive again this year. (passed)
- Motion that the branch match any donations made by members for the Toy Drive. (passed)
- Brother Matthew Leffall received his Gold Card 50 years of service.
- Small Batch training was well attended, 70 members were present.
- The Spring NBA training will be in Houston February 13-16, 2026, details are not yet available.
- A proposed By-Law change and the proposed 2026 budget will be voted on at the December meeting.

Announcements:

- Must take leave by November 29, 2025.
- Health Benefits Open Season November 10 - December 8, 2025.
- Penalty Overtime Exclusion November 29 - December 26, 2025.
- Management will be conducting street observations beginning in the month of November.
- Route count and inspections for Preston Station was canceled.
- There is a new Texas 1 District manager taking over.
- Branch Financial reports will be in the next Metro Letter Carrier.

Respectfully submitted

Danny Hillard, Recording Secretary

## HE WILL BE MISSED

**Sid Simmons**

Robert Hinson had a long and successful career with the National Association of Letter Carriers, going back to the late seventies. I first met him in 1983, at the old union hall on Centre Street, just a block or two down from Station A. He was already an experienced steward at South Oak Cliff Station, and I was just getting started as an alternate steward in Lewisville.

Over the years, Robert held numerous positions with the union. In the late eighties, he worked for the National Business Agent, Joe Romero, as a Local Business Agent. Many of you in our NALC family, may not know that Robert arbitrated many cases, including removals, with a very successful win rate. He was an excellent advocate. During this period in his career, Robert also found time to represent NALC members in EEO hearings. He was good at that too!

After his tenure at the National Business Agent's office, Robert accepted a full-time position on the district wide Union Management Team, known as UMPS, which was a precursor to the current process we call the Dispute Resolution Team. Robert and his management counterpart would go out to stations, and the parties would present their disputes, and the team would write a decision. He was also very effective in that capacity.

After a couple of years or so, Robert left the UMPS team, and accepted another full-time position on the Dallas District Route Check Team. He and his partner had the important responsibility of making fair and equitable adjustments, with actual letter carrier input.

All of his prior NALC positions prepared Robert for the next 29 consecutive years of his career, when he was elected Vice President of NALC Lone Branch 132 in 1996. To this day, he is by far the longest serving Vice President of our branch.

Some of you may wonder how I can be so specific, when it comes to Robert's career. That's easy. I was right there with him, when it was going on, especially the last 30 years that we served together as branch officers! I also replaced him at the National Business Agent's office, as well as on the UMPS Team.

Robert loved to drive. Over the many years that Earl, Danny and I worked with him, he always drove. I mean always. We knew, without ever saying a word, that when we went to lunch it was going to be in his car, and he was going to drive. It was the same when we took road trips, no matter the distance.

Robert knew more people than anyone that I have ever known. The odds were good, that when we went somewhere in Dallas to eat, or go to Walmart or Staples, he would see a classmate, a church member, a postal employee, or just an old friend. I wouldn't have believed it, if I hadn't seen it with my own eyes.

Robert always loved to make travel and hotel arrangements for our branch delegates. To make sure that his accommodations were satisfactory, he would book a flight to the convention city, well in advance, and scout it out. He even flew to Honolulu, Hawaii. I have never seen anything like it. It was very important to him to ensure that others had a smooth and enjoyable experience.

Many years ago, Robert and I went to a training school and shared a room to save money. Back in those days, the branch couldn't allocate enough funds to cover all the expenses. I still remember how much luggage Robert brought with him. My wife, Sharron takes less luggage when we travel. That's saying something! I guess that is why Robert always looked so spiffy.

Robert was born in Center, Texas and moved to Dallas when he was a young child, with his parents, and his three siblings Bill, Dorothy and Shirley. Over the years, he would tell Earl, Danny and me many stories about his younger days. What was amazing, was his attention to detail. He had an unbelievable memory. He would tell us stories about experiences he had and could remember exactly what was said and done almost 70 years ago. It blew my mind, especially since I have practically no memory of my early years.

Robert graduated from James Madison High School in 1963 at only 16 years old. He accomplished that feat by skipping a grade and having his birthday shortly after he graduated. Many of you may not know that Robert was a sprinter when he was in school. He was a heck of an athlete, and was one fast cat!

Robert was a leader most all his life, and I believe it began after he graduated. He often told me about his involvement in preparing for his annual class reunion. Earlier this year, his graduating class celebrated their 62nd anniversary.

Robert Hinson had an amazing life, personally and professionally. However, above and beyond all his many accomplishments, he was just a good and decent man, with a heart of gold.

He will be missed.

Sid Simmons

## PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

### ARTICLE VII

#### EXPENSES AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

**Section 12** – Stewards certified by the Branch shall be paid one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per month for attendance at each regular Branch meeting. Stewards and Alternate Stewards certified by the Branch will be paid one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per month for attendance at stewards training meetings, payable no later than December 15th each year. All Formal A Representatives appointed by the Branch will be paid a stipend of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per month for their services in addition to any steward pay they received, payable no later than December 15th each year.

To receive compensation, all Stewards and Alternate Stewards must attend the meeting in person, if they live or work within a 50-mile radius of the Union Hall. Any steward or alternate falling into that category that is unable to attend the meeting in person due to working while the meeting is taking place will have the opportunity to provide evidence that they were working to receive compensation.

#### Change to Read:

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**Traveling Formal A Representatives appointed by the Branch will be paid a stipend of one hundred (\$100.00) per month for their services in addition to any steward pay they received, payable no later than December 15th each year.**

**No steward will be compensated steward pay if they have not performed the duties of a steward at their respective offices. Each steward is required to provide evidence to the Union Hall, for example PS Form 8190 (grievance settlements), investigative interview notes and/or Formal A appeals, at least once a quarter, to substantiate the work they have performed. A quarter is defined as January-March, April-June, July-September, and October-December.**

To receive compensation, all Stewards and Alternate Stewards must attend the meeting in person, if they live or work within a 50-mile radius of the Union Hall. Any steward or alternate falling into that category that is unable to attend the meeting in person due to working while the meeting is taking place will have the opportunity to provide evidence, **within 30 days of the meeting (no exception)**, that they were working to receive compensation.

## SICK & WELFARE REPORT

**Beverly Hills** – Lenora Salinas has a new grandson.

**Caesar Clark** – Reso Washington had surgery.

**Juanita Craft** – Partick McGuire's father passed away.

**Highland Hills** – Adam Bursey passed away.

**Northaven** – Jerome Lee's wife passed away.

**Retirees** – Former Vice President Robert Hinson passed away; Robert "Hollywood" Lyons' sister passed away; former NBA Javier Bernal was hospitalized.

## BRANCH 132 WELCOMES OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Tamera Moran

Joshua Rogers

Antonio Robertson

Draylon Gant

Karissa Rakestraw

M D Badsha

Dee Hammonds

Logan Patterson

Weaver Barnes

Daniel Ahuyon

Jazmine Hammond

Deral Poole, Jr.

Kameko Henderson

Breanna Green

Muhammad Fadlseed

Laboya Walker

Sheniquion Wilbert

Valerie Warner

Tamaiah Bray

Kenya Duncan

Natasha Mills

Jamarzeyea Arvie

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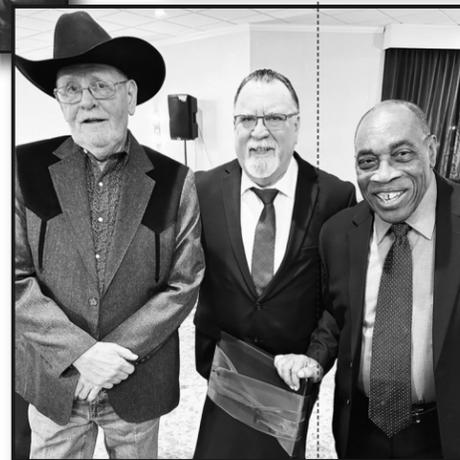
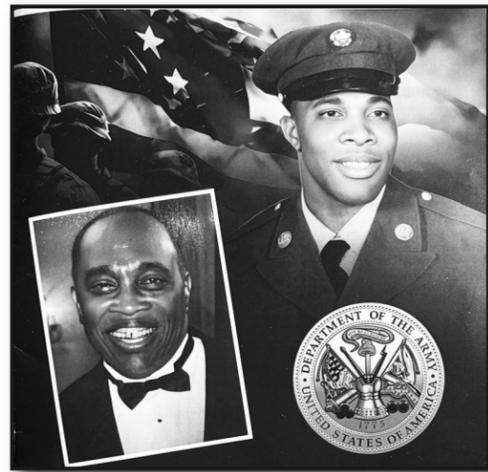


### President Kim Lewis

Too much is given; much is required! When Robert received the assignment, he fulfilled his duties. Throughout his tenure as a union advocate, he helped members of Branch 132 obtain the justice they were being deprived of by the Postal Service. Along the way, he made lots of friends. When I first met Robert, he asked me a few questions about who my people were, from there he realized that he knew my father, my step-father and my uncle. That's how most of Robert's relationships began; through conversation, he discovered that he knew someone the person he was being introduced to knew also. From there are friendship began and soon after that, I found myself in trouble with the Postal Service where my job was in jeopardy. He came to my aid and with the assistance of Myra Warren, I still have a career with the Postal Service today.

Over the years, I witness Robert doing the same for others. While Robert and I did not always agree with some of my decisions, we remained faithful to our friendship. I gave him my opinion and he gave me his. We agreed to disagree, but out of respect for one another, we agreed not dissolve our relationship. That's what real friendship is about.

Robert was a man of many stories. Every time I saw him, he would have a story to tell. He was always saying something that would make someone laugh. He enjoyed life and he enjoyed people. Robert had become a fixture at the Union Hall. His presence will be truly missed. His service to Branch 132 contributed to what our branch is today. As we honor him in this newsletter, I pray that those of you who knew him personally reflect on your memories of him. Cherish them as I will be cherishing mine. He truly was one of a kind!



### MORE THAN AN OFFICER AND A STEWARD

#### Earl Hibbs

When I received the word of Robert Hinson passing away, my first thoughts were not of Branch 132 losing a long-time officer and steward. My thoughts were and are of my long-time friend passing away. Robert was a close friend, someone with whom I could have conversations about not only the Union, but of life. There was not anything that Robert and I couldn't talk about, our families or anything that might be bothering either one of us.

Yes, I will remember Robert as the long-time Union Officer and Steward, but more that that I will remember Robert as my friend.