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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

KIMETRA LEWIS



On February 22, 2026, letter carriers across the country stood in solidarity as we rally together in a day of action attesting a need for a fair labor contract that would include higher wages and improve working conditions. As letter

carriers, we have served this country, the Americans, our customers, since 1794. We are the backbone of the United States Postal Service which provides an inexpensive means of communication to its customers throughout the nation and we have shown our loyalty, our dedication and our commitment. Within the communities in Branch 132, not only have we delivered the mail, we have been the eyes and ears of the communities. We have been unsung heroes, the kind that do not wear a cape, as we have saved the lives of customers who we have found in distress along our routes.

Letter carriers have diligently worked in all types of elements demonstrating that we are essential workers who never waiver. Our motto says, neither rain, nor sleet, nor snow, nor gloom of night shall keep the postmen from their appointed rounds. We can now add COVID to that! Through

the service we deliver, we have shown that we deserve a fair contract that provides a living wage that will secure our ability to survive in this present economy. The truth is letter carriers work harder than ever and we deserve higher pay with full cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs).

Not only do letter carriers deserve higher pay but we also need an all-career workforce with full benefits for every letter carrier from the start of their careers. We need better work rules to protect us on the workroom floor and on our routes. We need strict penalties for management's failure to enforce compliance with our national agreement. It is only our hope that the message was received loud and clear to all who have a hand in the negotiations.

In closing, I would like to thank those who came out and participated in the rally. Thanks to President Chris Vargas of Branch 4065, Arlington Branch 2309 for sending some of their members to participate, the Dallas AFL-CIO, and the Young Active Labor Leaders (YALL). Special thanks go out to our speakers Former U.S. Representative and Current Candidate for U.S. Representative District 33, Colin Allred and Texas AFL-CIO Representative, Leonard Aguilar.

With a fair contract, we can proudly serve the United States Postal Service and America!

Serving Addison, Athens, Canton, Carrollton, Carthage, Center, Commerce, Corsicana, Dallas, Daingerfield, Denton, DeSoto, Duncanville, Ennis, Fairfield, Gainesville, Gilmer, Gladewater, Grand Prairie, Grand Saline, Greenville, Henderson, Jacksonville, Jefferson, Kerens, Kaufman, Kilgore, Lancaster, Lewisville, Longview, Marshall, Mesquite, Nacogdoches, Seagoville, Sherman, Sulphur Springs, Waxahachie, White Oak, Wills Point, Wilmer, Winnsboro

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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

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ron Stover

Seat Belt Pledge Over Zoom

It has come to our attention that management is requiring carriers to make a verbal pledge over zoom that they will wear their seat belts while performing their duties as a Letter Carrier. We have heard that management is instructing carriers to make this pledge whether they are guilty or not guilty of not wearing a seat belt. Though wearing a seat belt is a state law, making a pledge should not be a condition of employment. If management asks you to make a verbal pledge, respectfully decline. If threatened with discipline, ask for a steward and file a grievance. The only time you should sign documents or make a pledge is when you first hired at the Postal Service, after that the only document you should sign is a PS Form 3971 requesting leave, and discipline upon receipt of said discipline. If you receive discipline you should sign, date, and write the time you received the discipline, after you sign the discipline, request a copy from your supervisor. Immediately after you sign the discipline you should ask to see a steward and let your steward know you received discipline.



SICK & WELFARE REPORT

University – Michael Longshore's mother passed away; Reggie McGill is sick; Corey Rector had surgery.

Seagoville – Ricki Chandler's uncle passed away.

NBA Office – NBA Shawn Boyd's mother is sick.



JANINE SINGLETON
FINANCIAL SECRETARY

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

DECEMBER 2025

National Dues	\$75,244.26
Retiree Dues	
Annuity Withholding	
Lost Time Reimbursement	
Miscellaneous	598.19
TSALC Rebate	
HB Rebate	
Deposit Dividends	
TOTAL \$	\$75,842.45

JANUARY 2026

National Dues	\$83,040.59
Retiree Dues	24.00
Tax Refund	0.00
Lost Time	769.28
Active Dues	237.16
Annuity Withholding	
TSALC Rebate	
Deposit Dividends	0.00
TOTAL \$	\$84,071.03



CLUBBER TARGTON
TREASURER

TREASURER REPORT

JANUARY 2026

General Fund	\$219,478.01
Business Savings	25.67
High Yield Savings	314,833.48
<i>Stewards Fund</i>	24,220.08
<i>Convention Fund</i>	0.00
<i>CPA/Legal Fund</i>	1,500.00
<i>Building Fund</i>	0.00
<i>Education Fund</i>	25,900.26
MDA Fund	413.88
CD 18 Month	709,898.54
TOTAL \$	\$1,244,649.58

FEBRUARY 2026

General Fund	\$211,136.49
Business Savings	25.67
High Yield Savings	315,558.92
<i>Stewards Fund</i>	134,584.40
<i>Convention Fund</i>	100,000.00
<i>CPA/Legal Fund</i>	8,650.00
<i>Building Fund</i>	7,000.00
<i>Education Fund</i>	38,550.00
MDA Fund	413.77
CD 18 Month	712,150.91
TOTAL \$	\$1,239,285.76

LAST PUNCH BUNCH



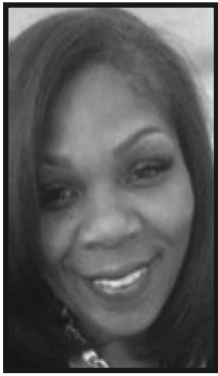
ROGER COMPIAN
WHITE ROCK
STATION
35 YEARS



RALLY PICTURES



MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Rokeshia Blake
City Carrier

Each day at the Lancaster, TX Post Office, Rokeshia Blake approaches her work with one clear priority: the customer. Through Week 14, that commitment is reflected in her performance, as she holds the highest Customer Overall Satisfaction (OSAT) score at an impressive 74.29%.

More than a number, her score represents the care she brings to every interaction: listening closely, resolving concerns thoughtfully, and ensuring customers feel heard. Blake's steady dedication and people-first approach demonstrate what exceptional service looks like in action.

HOT SPRINGS ARKANSAS TRIP

We're Going To...
**Hot Springs
ARKANSAS**

Come join us on this Retirees Sponsored trip!

June 16 - 19, 2026

Depart: June 16 | Return: June 19

*Discover, Experience, and Cherish Memories
That Last a Lifetime*

If you are interested, please contact:
Eugene Johnson - 214-938-4278
Robin Jones - 214-649-9568

The advertisement features a scenic view of a hot spring with a waterfall, a water tower, and a large resort building. The text is overlaid on the image in various fonts and colors.

Transportation: TBD

Hotel Reservation Information:

EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON
400 Convention Blvd.,
Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901

Group Name: NALC BRANCH #132

Phone Number: 1-501-624-9200

Room Rates:

Standard: ..\$124.00 - Couple

Double:\$124.00 - 2 people or more

Triple:\$134.00 - 3 people or more

Quad:\$144.00 - 4 people or more

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Depart: June 16th @ 11AM from
Marvelous Light Community
Church
901 E. Parkerville
Desoto, TX 75115

Return: June 19th @ 9AM
Arrive at Drop-off Location @
1:30 PM

Grown & Sassy All White Event
June 18, 2026 @ GiGi's Lounge

DECEMBER 2025 BRANCH MEETING MINUTES

- A quorum of members of Lone Star Branch 132 met on December 1, 2025.
- Invocation by Brother Eugene Johnson. President Kimetra Lewis led the Pledge.
- No Resolutions of Sympathy.
- President Lewis gave an update from the Rap-Session on some issues in the new contract.
- She has also been selected for the Rank & File Committee.
- The Proposed 2026 Budget was discussed and voted on. The Budget passed.
- The Proposed By-Law to change the regular meeting from 1st Monday to the first Tuesday. The By-Law was passed.
- Walter Alexander requested to transfer his membership from Branch 1111 to Branch 132.
- The request was passed.
- Brother Hibbs gave an update on the NALC Health Benefit Plan for those that might want to join during Open Season.
- Announcements;
- Health Benefits Open Season November 11- December 8, 2025.
- Penalty Overtime Exclusion November 29 – December 26, 2025.
- NBA spring training will be February 14-15-16, 2026 in Houston.
- USPS is purchasing 106,000 new fleet vehicles by 2028.
- Branch Financial reports will be in the next Metro Letter Carrier.

Respectfully submitted

Danny Hilliard, Recording Secretary

JANUARY 2026 BRANCH MEETING MINUTES

- A quorum of members of Lone Star Branch 132 met on January 6, 2026.
- Invocation by Brother Matthew Leffall. President Kimetra Lewis led the Pledge.
- Resolutions of Sympathy Brothers Robert E. Hinson and Adam Bursey.
- Those members that want to attend the NBA Spring Rapp-Session there are still rooms available, but they should book as soon as possible. Training will be in Houston February 14-16, 2026
- Brother Thomas Vines has been appointed Sergeant-at-Arms for the remainder of this term.
- The City Carrier Posting Dates for the city of Dallas have been released.
- USPS is implementing an online retirement application process beginning in January 2026.
- Stations should be circulating the Choice Vacation List at this time stewards should make sure that CCA's are included.

Stewards should grieve any attempt from management to have carriers sign a document concerning Restricted Sick leave.

- A proposed By-Law change was read to the membership and will be posted in the next Metro Letter Carrier.
- The By-Law will be voted on at the March branch meeting.
- 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, 2026

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

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

LONE STAR BRANCH 132, NALC
8451 Endicott
Dallas, Texas 75227

NON-PROFIT ORG.

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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*".

March 1-31 - **Women's History Month**

March 3 - 7:30 pm - Monthly Branch Meeting - Union Hall

Food Drive T Shirts Application is Available

March 5 - 7:00 pm - Steward Training - Union Hall

March 8 - **Daylight Saving Time starts**

March 17 - **St. Patrick's Day**

March 19 - 1:15 pm Retirees' Luncheon - Golden Corral.

1902 Towne Centre Dr., Mesquite, TX 75150

March 29 - **Palm Sunday**

March 30 - 7:00 p.m. Executive Board Meeting

April 1 - **Passover**

April 2 - 7:00 pm - Steward Training - Union Hall

April 3 - **Good Friday**

April 5 - **Easter**

April 7 - 7:30 pm - Monthly Branch Meeting - Union Hall

Deadline to Submit all Food Drive T Shirts Applications

April 27 - 7:00 p.m. Executive Board Meeting

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

May 5 - **Cinco de Mayo**

May 7 - 7:00 pm - Steward Training - Union Hall

May 9 - **Annual Food Drive**

May 18 - 7:30 p.m. Executive Board Meeting

May 25 - **Memorial Day**

May 31 - **Scholarship Application Due back by May 31**