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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**By JANETTE DOLABSON**

### **White House Postal Task Force releases long-awaited report:**

"On Dec. 4, the Trump administration's task force released its report evaluating USPS's finances and operations, "United States Postal Service: A Sustainable Path Forward." The report is available for viewing on the NALC website. The report had been due to the White House on Aug. 10, but the administration did not report the findings for nearly four months, leading both the Postal Service and Congress to delay meaningful action on addressing core issues while awaiting these recommendations. NALC President Fredric Rolando called it "a huge missed opportunity filled with legislative recommendations that are likely to be dead on arrival in Congress." Rather than fully addressing the artificial financial crisis caused by the retiree health care pre-funding mandate enacted by Congress in 2006, the report launches an all-out attack on the collective-bargaining rights of postal employees. It calls for the revocation of the right to negotiate wages by all four postal unions, including NALC.

"NALC totally rejects this attack on hardworking American workers and we are confident that bipartisan majorities in both houses of Congress will too," Rolando said. The report also calls for massive service cuts, allowing USPS to reduce the frequency and quality of delivery services, which would result in huge job losses for city letter carriers and harm our customers. It advocates forcing the Postal Service to dramatically raise prices for competitive products, the fastest growing—and highly profitable—segment of the Postal Service's volume. An industry coalition representing package shippers, the Package Coalition, warned that the recommendations would "limit access and raise prices" on package delivery, harming consumers and the Postal Service alike. While the report does not expressly call for the privatization of USPS as the Office of Management and Budget predicted it would earlier this year, it does highlight the privatization of postal systems such as Germany and New Zealand.

"This is a victory for the public and the NALC," Rolando said. "Our efforts to mobilize the public and a majority of Congress to oppose privatization and to support H. Res. 993 and S. Res. 633 have paid off." He added, however, "This report, particularly in its suggestions for regulatory and administrative changes, poses a serious threat to affordable universal service. We will remain vigilant and fight any efforts to damage the public interest in such service."

In an otherwise mostly disappointing report, one positive was the task force's embrace of one of NALC's ideas to reduce the retiree health care pre-funding burden by limiting the amount to be pre-funded to the actual vested liability for such benefits. NALC urges Congress to adopt this proposal. "The delay of this long-overdue report has resulted in another missed opportunity in the 115th Congress to advance real measures that would strengthen the Postal Service and return financial stability to this agency," Rolando said. "NALC is committed to restoring the Postal Service to financial stability while protecting its employees and strengthening the universal mail delivery network."PR

### **EDDM Mail:**

EDDM Mail is very important to the Postal Service. This mail here in the Sierra Coastal District generates 3.5 Million dollars revenue this past year for the Retail EDDM mail and 3.9 Million for all other EDDM mail. It came to our attention at our recent President's meeting that we are having a problem getting these delivered properly in some of our offices and Sierra Coastal has had to refund some of those customers their money for these mailings. They do not have addresses on them. It is one per customer, yet some folks are bundling them and leaving them in buildings on top of boxes or on some of the mounted deliveries some are just grabbing a few and putting them in boxes leaving the end of the routes without this coverage. These customers often have folks who check and see if these are getting delivered as they were intended and finding that they have not been. Also, some areas have not sent them out on their target dates missing the opportunity for the mailers to meet their preferred dates for advertising.

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## ATTENDANCE CHART BRANCH MEETINGS

MONTH	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N
MAIN OFFICE	4	5									
ENCINO	4	5									
PANORAMA CITY	4	3									
SHERMAN OAKS	3	3									
SUN VALLEY	1	1									
TARZANA	1	1									
RETIREE'S	3	4									
TOTAL	2022										

**MEETING PLACE OF BRANCH 2462, NALC  
6910 HAYVENHURST AVE., SUITE 101  
VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA**

**NEXT MEETING  
\*\*\*6:30 PM\*\*\***

**MARCH  
5th  
"2019"**

**DEADLINE DATE FOR THE NEXT  
ISSUE OF "THE MAIL CALL" IS**

**Mar 8, 2019**

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### "RETIREE CORNER" ATTENTION: !!!!

Our next Breakfast Meeting will be held at Denny's Restaurant , (Corner of Sherman Way & DeCielis). It will begin at 09:00 AM. The next 2 dates will be February 23<sup>rd</sup> & March 23, 2019 (4th Saturday) So, please mark your calendar....We hope to see you there.  
Thank You

**Bob Johnson**

## Vice President's Report

**By  
John Burton**

Reps. Gerry Connolly (D-VA) and Sam Graves (R-MO) reintroduced their six-day door delivery resolution for the 116th Congress, calling on the House to take "all appropriate measures to ensure the continuation of its 6-day mail delivery service."

H. Res. 54's introduction marks the sixth Congress that this resolution has been introduced.

With 259 cosponsors in the previous Congress, the resolution enjoyed broad bipartisan support, including 185 Democrats and 74 Republicans last Congress. With 43 of those members not returning to the 116th Congress (including 19 Democrats and 24 Republicans), we will have to work hard to.

Reps. Susan Davis (D-CA), Peter King (R-NY), and David Joyce (R-OH), reintroduced their door delivery resolution for the 116th Congress, calling on the House to take "all appropriate measures to ensure the continuation of door delivery for all business and residential customers."

The resolution, H.Res. 23, is identical to the resolution introduced in the 115th Congress, H. Res. 28, which reached 248 cosponsors, well above the necessary 218 members for a majority of support in the chamber. It is now the third Congress in a row that these supportive lawmakers have introduced this resolution.

A bipartisan group of 13 House lawmakers reintroduced their anti-privatization of the Postal Service for the 116th Congress, calling on the House to take "all appropriate measures to ensure that the United States Postal Service remains an independent establishment of the Federal Government and is not subject to privatization."

### In Unionism



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I would urge every carrier to deliver all mail as they have been instructed to. I don't want anyone to be disciplined for not delivering them properly. Let us know if you have been instructed to leave them out on top of apartment boxes by your supervisors rather than in the mail boxes. This is an improper instruction and should not be done, ever.

### **Lost Arrow Keys:**

If management is having you fill out a Lost Arrow Key checklist form if you have lost or misplaced an arrow key, please see your shop steward and have them file a grievance. These forms are not approved by the NALC and carriers should not be required to fill them out.

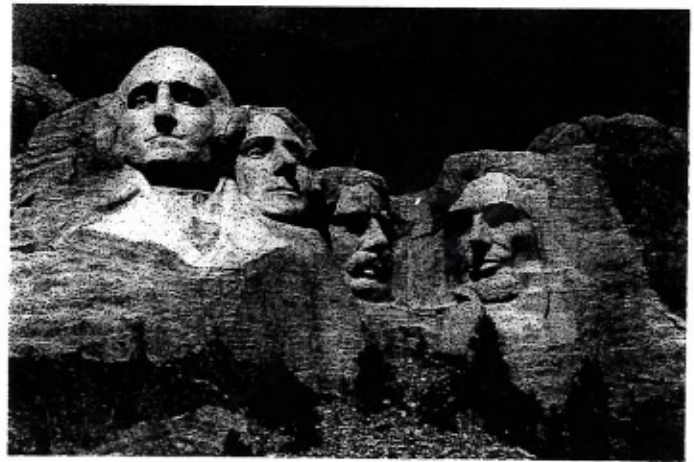
### **Accountable cage clearing:**

If you are in an office that is not using a clerk to clear accountable mail/keys at the end of the day please make sure that your shop steward is filing this grievance. You should not be outing keys in a box and leaving accountable mail on a desk or cage unattended. The NALC has won a National Arbitrated Grievance out of the Chatsworth Station that states: "...Postal Service is hereby Ordered to Cease and Desist from not properly staffing the accountable cage in the PM with qualified clerks. Management is immediately Ordered to schedule and assign a specific and qualified clerk to perform the PM cage duties and to notify said carriers as to who it shall be for every day of the week. C-31726 should be cited in these grievances.

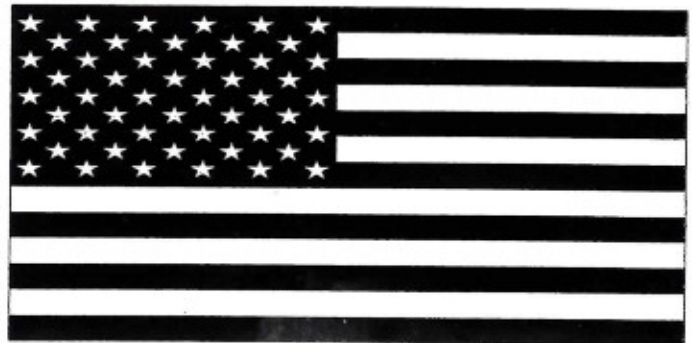


## **M D A BOWL-A-THON**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2019**  
**SANTA CLARITA LANES**  
**PLAN NOW TO ATTEND,**  
**GET YOUR TEAMS ORGANIZED**  
**AND READY TO GO. TROPHIES AND**  
**PRIZES, PLUS FOOD AND DRINK**



## **HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY**



### **ATTENTION RETIREE'S !!!**

You may be familiar with the saying "There is no such thing as a Free Lunch" While this may be true, it does not pertain to Breakfast. The Branch holds a Retiree Breakfast meeting every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the Month. No Voting, just a friendly get together to talk and eat. The best thing is

#### **IT IS FREE !!!**

That's right, if you are a retired member in good standing of Branch 2462 your Breakfast is provided at no charge  
You Heard Right !

#### **FREE !!!!**

So what are you waiting for, meet with us this month.

When 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of Every Other Month  
Where Denny's Restaurant,  
(Corner of Sherman Way & DeCelis).  
Time 9:00 AM

If you have trouble with transportation contact BOB JOHNSON and we will try and arrange for a ride. Come on out, you will have a great time, and the price is right !

Active Members are invited to attend also if it is your Day Off !!

# "THE MAIL CALL"

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### Branch Meeting Minutes February 5, 2019

By  
**Steve Seyfried, Secretary**

The Meeting was held at the Branch 2462 Union Hall 6910 Hayvenhurst Ave, Van Nuys California. It was called to order by PRESIDENT J. DOLABSON at 6:47 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sgt-at-Arms RAUL DOZAL

**MOMENT OF SILENCE-----In Memory All members of the NALC and U S Military who passed this year.**

#### ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

**PRESENT---** J. DOLABSON, BURTON, SEYFRIED, MULLINAX, JOHNSON, JEFFREY, MACARAEG, WILSON, DOZAL, L. DOLABSON, ENZ

**ABSENT**—NONE

**MINUTES ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN MAIL CALL CORRECTION, THE BRANCH MEETING WAS HELD ON JANUARY 3, 2019 NOT 2018**

#### CORRESPONDENCE READ

#### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

**AMAIRANI JIMENEZ, EDDIE GARCIA, GRIGOR GAZDHYAN, ANTHONY FLORES, CYNTHIA ARBALLO, HAYK MKRYAN, ROSHANNA HALL, GABRIELLA BROOKS, ROGELIO RODARTE**

#### BILLS READ—NONE

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**AUDIT COMMITTEE** Audit still on going, budget is finished and will be voted on at tonight's meeting.

**HEALTH & SAFETY** Feb 14<sup>th</sup> is next Safety meeting at the Postmasters office. Drive safely in the rain. Office Safety inspections are being finished up, Main Office is the last.

**TRUSTEES** No Report

**RETIREEES** 4 retiree's present tonight.

**MDA FUND--DOZAL** Currently \$1441.00 in fund

**HBR—L. DOLABSON** Still waiting for final report on new members and enrollment figures for Health Plan

**MDA--MACARAEG** Bowl-a-Thon will be held on Sat, June 15<sup>th</sup> at Santa Clarita Lanes. Branch MDA team will be participating in Walk-a-Thon on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**MBA—ENZ** No Report

**EDITOR—SEYFRIED** The deadline for submitting articles for next months MailCall is Friday February 8<sup>th</sup>.

**ELECTION COMMITTEE** No Report

**FINANCIAL SECT REPORT—MULLINAX** Working on sending out letters to new Retiree's to continue their membership. Membership pins are being sent to all who did not receive at Stations. Working on getting to 98% organized.

**TREASURERS REPORT—JOHNSON** READ  
**MOTION—Accept the Financial Reports as read**  
 M/S/C

**VICE-PRESIDENT BURTON** HR 23 to maintain door to door mail deliver now has 25 sponsors, HR 33 which would ban privatization of Postal Service has 136 sponsors and HR 54 which would guarantee continued 6 day delivery has 86 sponsors. If you have not contacted your Rep do so soon.

**PRESIDENT J. DOLABSON** Gave her report which will be published in the MailCall

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES READ

#### OLD BUSINESS--NONE

#### NEW BUSINESS

**MOTION—Branch accept the 2019 Branch Budget as printed in the MailCall**  
 M/S/C

**MOTION—Retiree Breakfast only be held every other month beginning March, 2019.** M/S/F

**CALL FOR DIVISION FOR-13, AGAINST-4 MOTION PASSES**

**MOTION—Retiree Breakfast only be held 3 times per year, beginning January 2019**  
 M/S/F

**MOTION—Branch send MAYAN MACARAEG to the District OWCP class in Ontario. Cost not to exceed \$ 1,700.00**  
 M/S/C

**MOTION—Branch renew the Officers Bond for 1 year to cover the bonded Line Officers. Amount of the bond is \$ 35,000 each. Cost to the Branch \$ 210.00** M/S/C

#### UNDERLINED INDICATES UNANIMOUS VOTE

#### Good of the Association

Glad to report that Sister LESLIE MICHELSEN is out of the hospital and recovering at home. She asked that the Secretary pass along her thanks for all the support and prayers she has received from members and the Executive Board.

#### MDA DRAWING

\$ 3 BOB JOHNSON—RETIREE--DONATED  
 \$ 4 BOB JOHNSON—RETIREE--DONATED  
 \$ 8 BOB ENZ—RETIREE—DONATED \$ 4

Meeting Adjourned 8:28