



# Tampa Letter Carrier

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## Around The Horn from The President's Desk

### Food Drive update

Brothers and Sisters, the figures for the 24th Annual Letter Carrier Food Drive are in. While a little disappointing, we were successful in collecting 821,042 pounds of food for Hillsborough County food banks. This will go a long way to feeding the starving in our community. As I said last month, whatever the amount of food both city and rural carriers collected for Hillsborough County, the food banks are better off today than they were before May 14. It was again a tremendous feeling assisting carriers unloading their LLVs and vans; filling up big cardboard boxes that sat on pallets and loading the transport trucks. It was awesome to observe carriers helping carriers, many carriers staying after work, off the clock to help out. Many came in on their scheduled day off to assist their brothers and sisters who worked and collected food throughout the day.

*Thank you to all!*

### Is your career job worth the risk?

A job with the Postal Service—top pay about \$60,000 without overtime. Benefits to include annual leave, sick

leave, paid holidays, COLA and step increases, and retirement. Earning power in 10 years is \$600,000; 20 years \$1.2 million, and so on. Not a bad way to support a family, to send children to college, to build for retirement, to fund your hobbies, to live a comfortable life. With this said, time after time I am dealing with carriers making bad decisions, risking all this, and their Postal careers; jeopardizing their earning potential, their retirement, possible prosecution and incarceration. Call it bad decisions, poor choices, desperation, but none of it is worth the risk. The United States Postal Service through the Office of Inspector General and the Postal Inspectors are watching, filming, documenting, interviewing, and investigating 24/7. I have reviewed video footage while investigating a number of cases; this is high definition video, leaving no doubt as to who is on the film. The advice is simple—do your job, deliver the mail, which the majority of you are doing. There is no place for theft of the mail, credit card theft, dumping

mail, or falsifying records. Do not be tempted and risk your career.



**Tony Diaz**  
President  
Branch 599

The Employee Labor Manual (ELM) addresses the employee's conduct:  
**662 Federal Standards of Ethical Conduct**

662.1 Publication  
To ensure that every citizen can have complete confidence in the integrity of the federal government, each federal employee, including each postal employee, must respect and adhere to the principles of ethical conduct set forth in 5 CFR 2635, 5 CFR 7001, and 39 CFR 447.

- 661.2 Application to Postal Employees (not all listed)
- d. Prohibition against bribery, graft, and conflicts of interest
  - j. Prohibition against:
    - (1) Embezzlement of government money or property.
    - (2) Failing to account for public money.
    - (3) Embezzlement of

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Thursday  
July 7  
7:30 PM

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- money or property of another person in the possession of an employee by reason of his or her employment.
- n. Prohibition against carriage of mail contrary to law.
- o. Prohibition against desertion of mail.
- p. Prohibition against obstruction of correspondence.
- q. Prohibition against delay or destruction of mail or newspapers.
- r. Prohibition against theft of property.
- s. Prohibition against theft of mail.
- t. Prohibition against theft of newspapers.
- u. Prohibition against misappropriation of Postal Service funds.
- v. Prohibition against the use of deceit in an examination or personnel action in connection with government employment.

The Office of Inspector General for the Postal Service and the Postal Inspectors while grouped together, have different responsibilities. Both the OIG and the Postal Inspectors are federal marshals with the ability to carry weapons and investigate across state lines and in every territory in the United States. They have enforcement power that far outstretches the local police and can subpoena the right to film, record and monitor in order to protect the public.

The OIG deals with internal issues within the postal service with employees, for instance, internal fraud, theft and employees acting against the interests of the postal service.

Postal inspectors, which we deal with more frequently, deal more with the public and fraud related issues. Their plate is full: mail fraud, mail theft, identity theft, mailbox vandalism, bogus change of address, charity fraud, fake check scams, dangerous mail, reshipping scams and return to sender scams regarding postage, threats on an employee, robbery of an employee, and

workplace violence.

While researching information for this article, I was able to speak to a member of upper management who I deal with when discussing/investigating these serious cases. Here are a few quotes I obtained that I wish to share with you, *with permission to print*, "The OIG and the Postal Service have a statutory duty to police any and all of these issues. We are obligated by ethics and law to ensure that the mail is protected; it is not aimed to dislike any employees. Even more important is that there is an obligation to protect the integrity and honor of all those good employees that do a great job every day and spend their whole career doing the right thing. They are diminished in the eyes of the public, Congress and the Service when their peers steal mail, destroy mail, divert mail or dump mail. That makes them less valuable as a group, when evaluated for the faith we are all entrusted with. It damages the ability to collectively bargain and to protect the rights and benefits of members that have much lesser transgressions."

Description of the function of the OIG:  
**Office of Inspector General**  
 The OIG Hotline receives information from Postal Service employees, customers, and the general public. It is an important avenue for reporting fraud, waste, and misconduct. We review the information received to identify systemic and criminal issues and potential areas for postal-wide reviews.

We are primarily responsible for receiving and evaluating concerns and complaints, and determining which OIG area would best conduct any appropriate inquiry or investigation.

### What the USPS OIG Hotline CANNOT assist you with:

- Daily mail delivery and tracking problems.
- Post Office customer service issues

and concerns. If you have a customer service issue, please contact USPS.

- Day-to-day management decisions.
- EEO Complaints.
- Issues that are handled by the grievance process.
- Issues handled by other government agencies such as the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Department of Labor, Justice Department, Office of Personnel Management.
- Employee benefits and compensation.

### What to Report to Us:

The Hotline will take complaints regarding fraud, waste, and misconduct within the Postal Service.

**To report mail fraud schemes, vandalism and mail theft by a customer please contact the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.**

### What the USPS OIG Hotline CAN assist you with:

- Injury compensation fraud
- Embezzlements and financial crimes
- Contract Fraud
- Kickbacks
- Computer Crimes
- Narcotics
- Employee Misconduct
- Internal affairs and executive investigations
- Whistleblower reprisal
- Theft of items from the mail by Postal employees or contractors
- Destruction of mail by Postal employees or contractors

### Contract update

Following 90 days of bargaining over the terms of a new National Agreement—culminating in a week of intense negotiations—NALC and the U.S. Postal Service announced tonight that the bargaining period would be extended beyond the midnight expiration of the 2011-2016 contract, on May 20.

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# West Central Florida Labor Council, AFL-CIO

## 2016 Endorsed Candidates as of June 8

### Hillsborough County

Supervisor of Elections ..... Craig Latimer  
 Tax Collector.....Doug Belden  
 Property Appraiser.....Bob Henriquez  
 County Commission, Dist 3.....Les Miller  
 County Court Judge, Grp 10 .... Miriam Velez Valkenburg  
 School Board, Dist 1 ..... William Person  
 School Board, Dist 3 ..... Cindy Stuart  
 School Board, Dist 7 ..... Alan Clendenin  
 13th Judicial Circuit State Attorney .....Mark Ober  
 13th Judicial Circuit Public Defender .....Julianne Holt  
 13th Judicial Circuit Judge, Grp 3..... Carl Hinson  
 13th Judicial Circuit Judge, Grp 24 .....Melissa Polo

### Pasco County

Clerk of Court..... Paula O’Neil  
 County Court Judge, Grp 4.....Debra Roberts

Citrus County Sheriff..... Philip Royal

### Hernando County

County Commission, Dist 1 ..... Jimmy Lodato  
 County Commission, Dist 3 .....Diane Rowden  
 School Board, Dist 4.....William Vonada

### Pinellas County

County Commission, Dist 1 .....Janet Long  
 County Commission, Dist 3 ..... Charlie Justice  
 County Commission, Dist 7 .....Kenneth Welch  
 County Court Judge, Grp 9 .....Dwight Dudley  
 School Board, Dist 1 ..... Joanne Lentino  
 (Co-Endorsement) .....Matthew Stewart  
 School Board, Dist 4.....Eileen Long  
 School Board, Dist 5.....Eliseo Santana Jr.

### Polk County

Supervisor of Elections..... Lori Edwards  
 County Commission, Dist 3 .....J.C. Martin

Sarasota County Commission, Dist 1 .....Fredd Glessie Atkins

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During the extended period of negotiations, the terms and conditions of the 2011-2016 contract will remain in effect.

NALC President Fredric Rolando issued the following statement: The intensive discussions we’ve had over the past three months—both at the main table on key economic provisions, and among the numerous committees composed of NALC Executive Council members and management representatives—have been productive and professional. Although we cannot say definitively that we will be able to reach an agreement without resorting to the law’s mediation and interest arbitration procedures, there has been tangible progress and both sides remain committed to attempting to reach a mutually acceptable tentative agreement.

What is at stake in these negotiations? Obviously, setting wages that reward all letter carriers—career and non-career alike—for their exceptional contributions to the Postal Service’s

essential service to the people and businesses of the United States is the most critical issue. Years of hard work and dedication by America’s city carriers have positioned the Postal Service to meet the evolving needs of the nation’s mailers, shippers and citizens.

The inadequacy of city carrier assistant (CCA) wages and the need to improve career conversion rights for CCAs are glaring problems that must also be addressed.

Repairing and improving the work culture in carrier stations across the country also is a major focus of our contract talks.

We are negotiating at a time of great challenges and great opportunities for the Postal Service of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The Postal Service must evolve to become an indispensable public utility for the internet age, and it is NALC’s responsibility at the bargaining table to shape that evolution constructively—both to improve service and to assure the Postal Service’s long-term viability,

while strengthening the terms and conditions of America’s city letter carriers, the nation’s most trusted workers. Our bargaining team is acutely aware of this responsibility and is committed to fulfilling it.

As long as we see a path toward success, we will stay at the table and work as hard as we can to reach a new National Agreement. —NALC website

### Quick Hits: Information you should know

\*) Final CPR Class for 2016 was held Wednesday, May 18. Another 15 are now CPR certified! Our next CPR Class will be in February 2017.

\*) Building rentals continue to be strong. The main hall as well as the smaller Newman Recreation Room are booked into 2017. Member discount is available; call the Building Manager for details, 813.877.4785.

**Look forward to talking to you again on the next  
Around The Horn  
from the President’s Desk**

# The Birdseye View

## Government Elections

If any of you wonder how important the 2016 Elections are going to be, take into consideration all the risk there will be other than just the division that currently exist among the electorate. Playing into the scenario of the presidential election, joined by every congressional seat up for election as well as at least one third of all the Senate seats facing election, the plot definitely thickens. This scenario will no doubt play huge into the battleground states that are most affected by all the possibility of change in their representation along with the long term issues of Supreme Court nominations and confirmations. The effect of the outcome of this election will determine a great deal of change for the American economy and the politics for either party platform whether it moves to the right or left there are too many issues for the world we live in to imagine there is only one solution to our national debt along with income inequality and national defense. If there is going to be sacrifice, it can't continue to be all on the working class, it has to be shared sacrifice like it has always been when America's back is against the wall.

The one thing we can control is our right to vote and everyone that is eligible to vote should be encouraged to vote. Florida has joined a few other states that give their voters the right to register and vote my mail, no longer require that you are absent to use absentee ballot. Encourage everyone in your family that is eligible to register and request *vote by mail*. This process allows you to study the ballot at home and know what the issues are and how they affect you if passed or not. No matter your party or beliefs, you can decide how and who you choose to vote for and mail your ballot to your supervisor of elections. If you choose *vote by mail* and you don't return it prior to election required dates, you

can still take your ballot to your polling precinct the day of the election.

As the final screenings are announced at the July WCFFL CLC (West Central Florida Federation of Labor's Central Labor Council) meeting, we will present them to the members for their knowledge of candidates that support unions and working class citizens.

## Legislature

There are a couple of bills which have either passed the House subcommittee or the House for passage. One is the bill to continue six-day mail delivery to all business and residential delivery, which was supported by the House Committee and subcommittee for Financial Services and General Government. This appropriation bill for 2017 not only continues six-day delivery of mail, but it also doesn't allow funds for any future closings of rural or consolidation of small offices. The other bill which passed the House is a bill to consolidate and sell Federal and Postal properties that are underutilized. The bill calls for \$8 billion of property to be sold within 6 years with the future possibility of up to \$40 billion of Federal and Postal property to be sold.

## Our Property

There have been rumors spreading and inquiries about the sale of our union hall, so let's end the rumors, which probably came from some word about parties having interest in our property. There is your rumor, yes there has been interest no doubt for the value of our location and the real estate market that is very vibrant with high-end housing, new office buildings and the growth coming from the neighboring SoHo development and Downtown expansion. If there was ever any truth to the sale of our property it would only happen after the members would be notified by having a special meeting and vote on the process of listing and selling their property. We currently

are well funded and doing the best business in renting for parties, the use of our hall, and recreation room than we have done in previous years. So at this time the accurate information is that we are not engaged in selling our union hall, the A.R. "Tony" Huerta National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 599 Union Hall.

## Contract Negotiations

Even as the contract negotiations between the US Postal Service and the National Association of Letter Carriers have been extended beyond the May 20, 2016 deadline, we are already preparing for our own local negotiations which will not take place until there is a new national contract, which will actually identify the period for local negotiations. It is important for our members to attend branch meetings and be informed and participate in the process for any changes in our Local Memorandum of Understanding also known as our LMOU. We do have some challenges in several offices especially when it comes to choice leave issues which are actually driven by the LMOU in place and with the advent of a supplemental work force there is no reason why we should have these issues, especially when the supplemental work force is not part of the complement established for choice leave. Also, during the extended negotiation period several memorandums have been agreed to continue for the future, they are the MOUs on full-time regular transfer opportunities, Sunday Delivery for CCAs and Signing of Overtime list for CCAs when converted to career.

## Union Strong

In other labor issues, I personally want



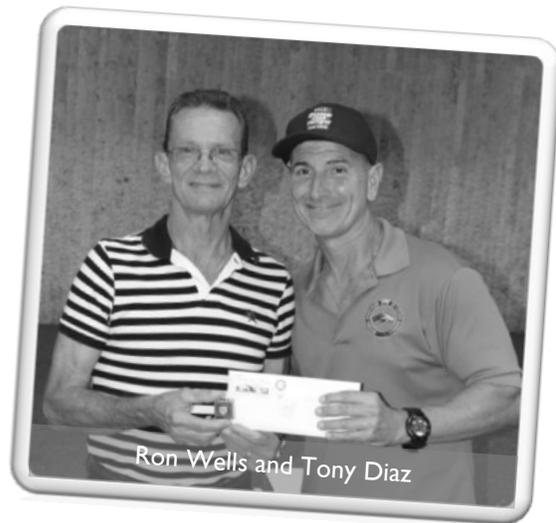
Alan Peacock  
Vice President  
Branch 599

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# Hector Hernandez and Ron Wells Retired!



Hector Hernandez and Tony Diaz



Ron Wells and Tony Diaz

Congratulations to  
**Hector Hernandez** [Carrollwood],  
 and **Ron Wells** [Interbay],  
 who received their retirement pin and gratuity from President Tony Diaz during our June Branch meeting.

## Sharing Our Members' Joys and Sorrows

**Our deepest sympathy** and prayerful support is extended to the family of **Earl Thurston Jr.** [retiree] whose passing was June 5; to Lynn and family at the passing of **Audie Childers** [retiree], June 7; to **Crystal Fenwick** [Temple Terrace] and family at the passing of her husband, David, May 18; to **Mike Anderson** [retiree] and family at the passing of his mother, June 1; to **Mary Ann Kress** [Town 'N Country] and family at the passing of her mother; to **Mike Williams** [TCA] and family at the passing of his father, May 21; to **Albert Phelps Jr.** [Interbay] and family at the passing of his mother, May 15; and to **Alan Robinson** [retiree] and family at the passing of his aunt.

## The Birdseye View

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 to congratulate the 45,000 CWA (Communications Workers of America) and IBEW (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers) strikers against Verizon for their settled dispute and new contract that brings them great gains in salary and benefits. The 45 day strike is over and the workers return to work with an increase in jobs for American workers.

### Independence Day

Hopefully, as we celebrate our nation's Independence holiday, we reflect on all the positive benefits of being in a free society that never came about without a high price of those that have and will continue to serve and sacrifice even their life for all of us who truly believe that being free is worth fighting for. Confidently, America will come together to always

draw upon its faith and beliefs that was laid down by our courageous forefathers that lit the lamp of liberty and passed the torch to all future generations to uphold and protect for all future generations of Americans for eternity. God Bless all of you and God Bless the United States of America.

Fraternally for Fairness, Equality and Freedom,  
 Alan Peacock  
 Vice President NALC Branch 599

# Proposed Bylaw Change

## ARTICLE VI Duties of Officers

### Duties of the President

#### Section 1: Currently Reads:

(D) The President of AR "Tony" Huerta, Branch 599, N.A.L.C., shall serve on a full -time basis and shall receive yearly salary of \$63,000.00 and he/she shall receive all other benefits equal to letter carriers. The Branch shall pay his/her Civil Service Retirement if he/she is a CSRS employee or his/her Federal Employees Retirement if he/she is a FERS employee. If he/she is a FERS employee and he/she makes contributions to the Thrift Saving Plan, the Branch shall match up to 5% of his/her contributions, not to exceed the percentage he/she has consistently and continuously contributed in the past three years as a TSP participant prior to his/her initial election to office. If re-elected to subsequent terms, the President may then elect to increase his/her percentage at that time, to the maximum of 5% if he/she had not previously been contributing the maximum of 5% to the TSP. Due to the nature of the position, President of NALC Branch 599, "it shall be a requirement of the job that he/she, if maintaining health insurance, must be a member of the NALC Health Benefit Plan if the Branch is to pay his/her Health Benefits premiums, self or family option, whichever option was in force at the time of his/her election into office of President. The Branch as the employer and the President as the employee shall each pay their respective portions of all other requirements of applicable state and federal laws.

#### Section 1: Proposed to Read:

(D) The President of AR "Tony" Huerta, Branch 599, N.A.L.C., shall serve on a full -time basis and shall receive yearly salary currently of \$67,198.66 equivalent to top letter carrier pay of CC 2 Step O plus additional 208 hours (8 hours per pay period) and he/she shall receive all other benefits equal to letter carriers. The Branch shall pay his/her Civil Service Retirement if he/she is a CSRS employee or his/her Federal Employees Retirement if he/she is a FERS employee. If he/she is a FERS employee and he/she makes contributions to the Thrift Saving Plan, the Branch shall match up to 5% of his/her contributions, not to exceed the percentage he/she has consistently and continuously contributed in the past three years as a TSP participant prior to his/her initial election to office. If re-elected to subsequent terms, the President may then elect to increase his/her percentage at that time, to the maximum of 5% if he/she had not previously been contributing the maximum of 5% to the TSP. Due to the nature of the position, President of NALC Branch 599, "it shall be a requirement of the job that he/she, if maintaining health insurance, must be a member of the NALC Health Benefit Plan if the Branch is to pay his/her Health Benefits premiums, self or family option, whichever option was in force at the time of his/her election into office of President. The Branch as the employer and the President as the employee shall each pay their respective portions of all other requirements of applicable state and federal laws.

**Signed by:** Alan W. Peacock, Jose R. Oliva, Warren Sumlin, and John J. Gebo

# House appropriations subcommittee advances bill with six-day mail provision

On May 25, the House Committee on Appropriations' Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government (FSGG) passed an appropriations measure for Fiscal Year 2017.

- Of particular note to letter carriers is the committee's decision to uphold the long-standing tradition of recognizing the importance of continuing six-day mail delivery by including language in the bill stating that 6-day and rural delivery of mail shall continue at not less than the 1983 level, and that none of the funds provided in this Act shall be used to consolidate or close small rural and other small postal offices.
- Last year, when the full Appropriations Committee considered similar budget legislation, lawmakers also included amendments to restore service standards to pre-July 2012 levels. It's unclear whether the same efforts will take place when the full committee considers the measure in the coming weeks.
- Just two years ago, we were fighting tooth and nail to get this language included in an appropriations bill, NALC President Fredric Rolando

said. *This legislation reflects a shifting Congress that is no longer dedicated to slashing service standards.*

- *It's increasingly clear that, with new leadership in Congress and at the Postal Service, there is no longer a 'shrink to survive' philosophy, Rolando said. Letter carriers must harness this momentum to promote our coalition's consensus proposals in any comprehensive postal reform legislation currently being considered in the House.*
- The FSGG appropriations package also includes an increased salary budget for the Postal Regulatory Commission—\$16.2 million—to cover the costs of PRC's staff increase ahead of its rate-setting review next year. This reflects a \$1 million increase over FY 2016 levels and \$1.5 million under President Obama's request of \$17.7 million.
- Besides the Postal Service, FSGG has jurisdiction over agencies such as the Internal Revenue Service, the Treasury Department, the Office of Management and Budget, the General Services Administration,

the Judiciary, the Small Businesses Administration, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the District of Columbia. This broad jurisdiction can often fuel partisan funding battles.

- Traditionally, the appropriations process is kicked off with a guiding budget resolution that serves as a blueprint for the 12 individual appropriations measures considered each fiscal year. This year, however, House Republicans were unable to pass such a guiding resolution, opting instead to move forward without providing each subcommittee with individualized spending caps that would allow the subcommittees to determine their spending priorities. This strategy has created difficulties and tension as the appropriations process advances.
- FSGG's legislation calls for \$21.7 billion in funding, reflecting a \$1.5 billion decrease below the FY 2016 funding level and \$2.7 billion below the President Obama's budget request.

—Legislative Updates, NALC.org



Happy 4th of July!

Enjoy your holiday  
and stay safe!

# A Blunderful Blizzard of Boz

In 1971, when television no longer ran cigarette ads, many of us wondered which products would fill the void created by their absence. Now, more than four decades later, much to our consternation, we see that our favorite entertainments are sponsored by various medications, elixirs, remedies, balms and treatments, many with interesting medicinal names. The following are some of my favorites:

**Mileycyricin:** Preserves modesty in cases of chronic exhibitionism.

**Fredrolandopril:** Relieves traumatic postmaster stress disorder.

**Dontrumpitol:** Restores hair and stimulates the inclination towards illusions of grandeur.

**Donahoedium:** Alleviates the tendency for self-destruction.

**Tootalltakata:** While designed to be a lifesaving prophylactic, it often results in producing a well meaning but pompous windbag.

**Mattkockitchisone:** Masculine hygiene product.

**T-Diazinon:** Suppresses the urge to run 10Ks before breakfast.

**Davejordanemyl:** Originally formulated to temper wasteful business practices, it was later found to induce Machiavellian leadership and villainous treachery.

**Mikandersonicol:** Moderates sporadic occurrences of *Doctor Ken Syndrome*.

**HeadRAAP:** A regimen of mental activity formulated to relieve route adjustment stress by exposing one's mind to musical urban poetry.

**Gilbertcabanapam:** Supports accuracy in financial reasoning, but with only minimal success in the treatment of basketball players, giraffes, Goliath, behemoths and leviathans.

**Johngebotine:** Formerly known as Tortoisine, this product treats hyperactivity, producing instead a precise, composed, deliberate demeanor.

**Leniperezinol:** A mild stimulant that has proven to be very successful in areas such as fundraising. However, a

small number of cases have indicated side effects such as duplicity, deception, skull-duggery, flimflam-mery and bamboozling.

**Weymonamide:** This is actually a placebo, but is nevertheless effective in combating Munchausen's Disease, especially in cases involving excessive use of medical leave.

**Alguiceadril:** A very rare but precious commodity, this product supports congeniality, camaraderie, solidarity, harmony and trust. It supports the use of effective personal catch phrases and aids awareness in planning for the future.

**Bozonix:** A powerful narcotic useful in supporting recovery from chronic punning, nostalgia, awkward social skills and episodic confusion. Most useful for persons having come of age in relative proximity to Woodstock NY.

Carry On! -Boz



**Jim Boczarski**  
Retired Member  
Branch 599

## It's a Fact! 2015

- The United States Postal Service delivers **more mail to more addresses** in a **larger geographical area** than any other post office **in the world**.
- 153.9 million delivery points Nationwide.
- 244,365 total delivery routes.
- 32,000 total facilities.
- 5,600 postal employees were attacked in 62 cities by dogs.
- There are more than 263,000 Mobile Delivery Devices (MDD) deployed.
- 19.4 U S Postage Stamps were printed.
- The Postal Service app was downloaded 1.7 times last year.
- Online customers have increased 33.9% since 2010.
- Online revenue has increased 55.5% since 2010.
- In 1912 the Letters to Santa Program began.
- The USPS would rank 43rd in Fortune 500 if it were a private sector company.
- Postal Inspectors seized more than 42,000 pounds of illegal narcotics.
- Postal Inspectors reported 6,000 arrests, with 5,300 convictions.
- 23 million in drug trafficking proceeds.
- 65 million pounds of mail were delivered to military installations around the world.
- 168 Land-based Post Offices/160 on ships.
- 1,300 military delivery ZIP codes around the world.
- **\$0. - No tax dollars for operating expenses.**
- The lowest ZIP code - 00501, the highest ZIP code - 99950.
- The longest rural delivery route 187.6 miles daily, 240 boxes.
- The shortest rural delivery route 1.2 miles daily, 312 central delivery boxes.
- Most common Post Office names: Clinton (26 locations), Madison (25), Franklin and Washington (24).

—USPS Postal Facts

# NALC Executive Council endorses Hillary Clinton for President of the United States



Fredric Rolando, president of the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC), released the following statement regarding the NALC Executive Council's endorsement of Hillary Clinton for president of the United States:

Following a tremendously hard-fought primary process, NALC is proud to endorse former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to serve as the next president of the United States.

Secretary Clinton has a long history of supporting the issues most important to letter carriers—a strong Postal Service, collective-bargaining rights for postal employees and decent pay and benefits for all American workers. She has been a friend of NALC since her first meeting with us in 1994.

Former Sen. Clinton was among the first in the Senate to support legislation to prohibit the contracting out of letter carrier jobs to low-wage private contractors, a bill that helped us stop the practice in 2006. She has defended six-day delivery, supported federal employees and was an original co-sponsor of the Employee Free Choice Act.

NALC is proud to once again stand with Hillary, just as it did when she ran for president in 2008.

This year, we had the good fortune of seeing two tremendous champions of letter carriers compete for the Democratic Party's nomination for president. In fact, both have been made honorary members of the NALC by delegates to our national conventions. As I informed our members in March, based on the issue surveys we sent to both parties' candidates and the polls we conducted among our 280,000 members and activists, both Secretary Clinton and Sen. Bernie Sanders earned our support. Out of respect for both candidates and the passionate supporters each has in our union, we decided not to endorse either until the primary process produced a nominee. That has now happened.

We commend Sen. Sanders—who also is a long-time friend and a fierce advocate for letter carriers in Congress—for running a fantastic campaign. The energy and passion that he brings to politics have ignited a national conversation and moved the needle in our national debates about inequality, wage stagnation and the power of corporate interests in our democracy. NALC intends to continue fighting alongside Sen. Sanders to strengthen our employer, our political system and our country.

This endorsement was not a difficult one to make, given the two choices before us. Leaving aside his anti-worker record as an employer, his dishonesty and erratic temperament, and the bigotry and sexism he has demonstrated as a candidate, Donald Trump showed blatant disrespect to America's letter carriers. In our endorsement process, he not only failed to answer our candidate questionnaire, he would not even acknowledge receiving it. Hillary Clinton, on the other hand, has demonstrated her commitment to letter carriers and has dedicated her entire life to public service. Few candidates have ever been better prepared for the Oval Office.

There is a lot at stake on Tuesday, November 8—for our country, our jobs and our families. Starting in the key battle ground states of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Florida, Wisconsin and Nevada, NALC and America's letter carriers are ready to unite behind Hillary Clinton to make this great country even greater.

—NALC e-Activist Network



## NALC e-Activist Network

Join together with tens of thousands of other letter carriers to make your voice heard! NALC will send you email alerts when it's time to act on issues affecting active and retired letter carriers and the future of the Postal Service. [www.nalc.org](http://www.nalc.org)

### **Shop Stewards will Meet**

Tuesday 7 PM  
July 12  
August 2

### **Branch 599 Meeting**

Thursday 7:30 PM  
July 7  
August 4

### **Executive Board Meets**

Thursday 6:30 PM  
July 7  
August 4

### **Sunday Work Party**

at our Hall 9-11 AM  
July 10  
August 7

### **Retirees Breakfasts**

Monday July 11 9 AM  
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