

## Marilyn's June Blog 2021

June has arrived summer is here the country is getting back to a new normal let's make plans to get out and about but use common sense when planning social gatherings be safe, enjoy the summer!

**Restructure RIF Avoidance, RIF** - During the current USPS Restructure an EAS receives a letter notifying them they are potentially impacted due to the Restructure. It is important to update ones HERO profile and update the individuals ECareer to relate to available job postings. Restructures occur due to reduction/changes to staffing in targeted units. Each impacted EAS must compete for the remaining positions in a unit or within your commute area if possible.

Veterans and Gold Star EAS should ensure their Form 50 list that status, don't assume, check it out that is your responsibility and could provide a preference if a full RIF occurs. It is important that all impacted EAS pay attention, follow instructions and aggressively work to find a landing spot and a form 50 cut for a new position if you are impacted!

**NAPS is it changing? NO.** The Postal Service is restructuring, NAPS is not. However, many members positions are being stove pipe under USPS HQ which will result in a new finance number. If you remain domiciled in your current District, then be sure to fill out a request for branch affiliation to ensure you remain in your local NAPS branch. Finance numbers determine which branch is assigned. Branch officers receive a Change Report each month along with other membership reports. Carefully review the Change Report to see if you have lost or gained a member because their finance number changed.

**National NAPS Convention Update** - Convention Dates. August 30 - September 3, 2021. Gaylord Texan Resort. Most delegates plan their travel to arrive on Saturday August 28th and Depart the following Saturday September 4th. Western Region delegates recommend flying into Dallas (DWF closes airport) or Love Field (30 mins away) There are no free shuttles from either airport! There are transportation venues from each airport it is recommended that you call ahead to inquire.

If driving, there is free self-parking at the hotel.

Be sure to submit your branch delegates reservations for the Western Region Luncheon the fee is \$30.00 per person and scheduled for Thursday September 2nd. The deadline is August 15th.

The Auxiliary is taking reservations for their Luncheon it is \$45.00 per person their cutoff date is August 15<sup>th</sup> Both of these events are not included in your convention registration

**NAPS Legislation** - S.1720 Postal Service Reform Act 2021

This Legislation was introduced by Senators Gary Peters (D-MI) and Rob Portman (R-OH). The measure is the Senate companion to H.R. 3076. The core provisions of the legislation would repeal the **requirement** that the U S Postal Service prefund its retiree health Benefits and would better integrate Medicare with the Federal Employees Benefits Program for future retirees. For more information log onto naps.org select Legislative Center.

**SPAC National Convention Fundraiser** This year National NAPS is hosting a **"Mid Summer's Night SPAC Raffle"**. **Beginning July 19<sup>th</sup>**. NAPS is challenging NAPS members, branches representing City, States, Region with submitting a basket of items unique to your area. Once your basket is completed, we are asking that you post a picture on the NAPS Web page. Please **submit entries by July 12, 2021**. The virtual bidding will take place for five weeks during July and early August! Once the successful bidder is named the basket is sent to the winner! These donated items will be considered **INKIND donations**, and **each submission will be credited with the amount listed as the value!**

**Special recognition-** As of June 1st, 2021, San Bernardino Branch 466 has Officially changed their branch name to the Hayes Cherry NAPS Branch 466 in honor of Hayes many years committed to NAPS. Hayes served in Local, State and several National NAPS positions. While Hayes started his Postal and NAPS career in Los Angeles, he spent his last 21 years in San Bernardino CA (San Diego District). Hayes passed January 6, 2021. Hayes Cherry had 50 Years of Postal Service and was employed at the time of his death.

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