

Marilyn's September Blog 2017

Though Hurricane Harvey has passed, the aftermath of its destruction has not. Many NAPS and postal family members continue to need your help as they rebuild their homes and put their lives back together. Unfortunately, hurricane season is not over. On the heels of Harvey, Hurricane Irma has now passed the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico and did considerable damage to Florida.

NAPS continue to send its thoughts and prayers to those in Texas and Louisiana, Florida and the Virgin Islands, as they begin the process of rebuilding. However, we want to remind everyone in the path of Hurricane Irma to be safe. In addition, we ask NAPS members to keep those in the path of Irma in their thoughts and prayers as well. I know our NAPS and postal family members who have been or will be impacted by these natural disasters appreciate our thoughts and prayers, but many will need financial assistance, too. You can help!

The NAPS Executive Board has donated to the Postal Employees Relief Fund (PERF). Individuals can donate through Postrelief.Com. Postal Employees impacted by the disasters can apply for funds on the PERF Hotline 202-408-1869. There is also additional resources through the Disaster Relief Grants from the Federal Employees Education and Assistance Fund (FEEA). Check naps.org home page for additional information.

Legislation:

President Trump on Friday signed legislation staving off a government shutdown and default until early December and appropriating \$15.25 billion for hurricane relief efforts.

The House passed the bill earlier Friday, September 8th. The plan, formulated by congressional Democrats as a counterproposal to GOP efforts to keep agencies open until December and extend the debt limit until after the 2018 midterm elections, will extend the government's borrowing authority and funding at current levels until Dec. 8.

Regarding Postal Reform it appears to be on hold. NAPS as well as other postal/federal organizations are looking closely at various Budget proposal that could negatively impact Postal/Federal workers!

Western Area Meeting Denver CO:

Updated notes from the Western Area Managers meeting. NAPS attendees representing the Western Region team were Myrna Pashinski, Rocky Mtn. Area VP, Cindy McCracken, Northwest Area VP and Bart Green, MINK Area VP. This meeting was hosted by Greg Graves Western Area VP, Operations and his staff. Special guest attending was Megan Brennan, Postmaster General. Our NAPS reps shared some topics discussed: Improving maximization of transportation efficiencies to eliminate extra trips. Testing Sunday Priority Delivery which has helped to shift workload and reduce Monday OT. This test will be expanded to 30 additional sites. There is a focus on Function 1 scheduler (Plant operations), the goal to match people to workload. There will be schedule adjustments. PMG Brennan shared that Postal Reform "might" be attached to a budget proposal at the end of the legislative year! Stay tune and informed on all legislative updates. I want to thank, Myrna, Cindy and Bart for representing NAPS at this important meeting. They will be sending a full report later this month.

Exceptions to the 120 Day Rule - Most EAS understand that they are limited to a 120-day detail to a vacant position if they intend to apply for that same position. NAPS member often calls to find out if there are any exceptions our research found the following listed below!! The 120-day time limit does not apply if the assignment is:

- To a position at the same or lower level.
- During the temporary absence of an employee.
- To an officer-in-charge assignment.
- To an initial level supervisor position.
- To a headquarters position.

NAPS Calendar of upcoming events: LTS March 2-3, 2018, DC; NAPS California State Convention, April 22-25, 2018 Embassy Suites by Hilton San Rafael, Marin County CA

National NAPS Convention August 6-10, 2018, Mohegan Sun Hotel.

2018 All Congressional seats are up for election now is the time to give to SPAC, we need to support our legislative friends in Congress!

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