

Marilyn's January 2020 Blog

Happy New Year looking forward to a successful NAPS year!

Postmaster General Agrees to Delay Retirement Jan. 6, 2020

WASHINGTON – The Governors of the United States Postal Service are conducting a thorough, nationwide search for a successor to Postmaster General Megan J. Brennan, who announced her intent to retire effective Jan. 31, 2020. To facilitate the search and transition process, the Postmaster General has agreed to delay her retirement date. The Chairman of the Board of Governors, Robert M. "Mike" Duncan said, "We are grateful to the Postmaster General for her continued commitment to the Postal Service, and share her confidence in the Postal Service's strong leadership team members who will ensure that we continue to deliver for the American people."

Vacation signup time! I suggest once you pick that preferred vacation slot, plan and pre-pay for your vacation travel, get a signed 3971 covering that leave time. There is a lot of management movement, so secure your requested time off with signed documentation just in case there is a change of management in your unit!

NPA/PFP - In December, NAPS met with USPS to review the EAS pay package this action to review the package was due to NAPS having consultative rights as outline in Title 39. *A memo with attached letter was shared with members December 16, 2019, regarding letter to USPS Officers updating and clarification of modifications to Pay Policies for career Non-Bargaining employees; In which NAPS agreed to participate in the USPS/NAPS Work Group for the respective FY2019 and FY2020 NPA/PFP. Furthermore, NAPS did not waive its rights and claims to its pending lawsuit against the USPS which is ongoing. For further clarification go to naps.org for more information.*

USPS Privatization - A December 27, 2019 article in Fortune magazine predicted USPS could be privatized as soon as 2020. **NO** that is not true however it is important to stay woke and request your representatives support on postal Reform legislation. Each year a new Postal Reform Bill is proposed and because of the Political Shenanigans in DC it looks like Congress is tied up in Partisan debates. There are over 300 + Bills passed by the House that are currently lingering in the Senate with no action. NAPS members need to cultivate our friends in Congress and reach out to ask for Political Bi Partisan support to keep the Postal Service viable. The US Postal Service is in the Constitution and would have to have major changes to the Federal Laws to privatized. However, keep in mind just like with Health *Care USPS could be dismantle piece by piece if we don't **STAY WOKE!**

Mark your calendar:

California Postal Legislative Coalition 22nd Annual Evet – Sunday February 9, 2020 at the Operating Engineers Local 3, 3920 Lennane Drive Suite 110, Sacramento CA 95833. All NAPS members are invited to attend and join with our brothers and sisters in Unions, NARFE and other Labor organizations for a day of information sharing on legislation that impacts Postal/Federal employees and Retirees. The fee is 12:0i0 perp person and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. We also host a Saturday reception at the Residence Inn Natomas on Saturday evening for those staying overnight. Contact Marilyn Walton at marilynwalton@comcast.net or call 916-230-4810, **The 2020 Legislative Training Seminar** will take place at the Marriott Crystal Gateway in Arlington, VA from March 8-11, 2020. In 2019 more than 500 NAPS members engaged with their Congressional representatives to advocate on behalf of EAS level postal employees and the Postal Service. Now, our goal is to communicate with our elected officials on "our" home-turf -- back in the states and congressional

California State Convention San Francisco April. 23-25, 2020 at the -Embassy Suites by Hilton So Francisco Airport 250 Gate Way Boulevard, South San Francisco CA 94080. The Convention Call will be sent soon with more information. San Francisco Branch 88 is the host branch this year.

NAPS National 2020 Convention is scheduled for **August 17-21, 2020 Grapevine Texas (Dallas)**. Self-nomination for committee assignments can be requested **now until March 30th**. You don't have to wait on a branch officer to nominate you do it yourself! Check the January Postal Supervisor magazine for a form or go online at naps.org for more info.

A New SPAC Year a new commitment! This is an election year and SPAC contributions help NAPS gain access to are friends on Capitol Hill and also make new friends by educating representatives about the importance of continuing to keep the US Postal Service a strong viable Public Service! We need your support!

marilynwalton@comcast.net