

March has roared in like a lion bringing cold rainy weather and lots of snow in the mountains! Can't wait for spring to arrive. March is also Woman's History month. NAPS had a great lady that should be remembered, her name is Margarete A. Grant. The first female NAPS residence officer. She was National Secretary/Treasurer and retired after two terms as National Executive Vice President in 1998.

Acronyms: The Postal Service loves acronyms and there are so many it is good to have a refresher update!

Plant Acronyms:

RPG- Run Plan Generator System for providing volumes in each operation to be processed in automation/mechanization (with throughputs identified) to determine what time we need to start an operation to clear all mail by CT.

IV- Informed Visibility: Provides end-to-end mail tracking information for letters and flat pieces, bundles, handling units, and containers. This tracking is now available at all levels of operations!

SV- Surface Visibility (scanning) – Surface Visibility (SV) is a mobile-scanning application that enables Postal Service personnel at SV-equipped sites to scan trays, flat tubs, and sacks of mail in containers and onto trailers and to track the mail across the surface network. The application uses a handheld intelligent Mail Device (IMD) that has a touch screen and an integral barcode scanner/2D imager.

CT-Clearance Time – Dock clearance time is the latest time that committed mail is planned to complete the operation if the mail is to make proper, planned dispatch or delivery.

DOV- Dispatch of Value- Dispatch discipline ensures that processed volumes are actually moved as planned. Dispatch of Value is the first designated dispatch after clearance time that will make service!

Miss DOV and operations may have to use EXTRAS – a NO NO!

Why the Back to Basic's we have new EAS and Craft employees sometimes we have to use the acronym and what it means so we can all stay on the same page! We will add additional acronyms in future issues, Information submitted by Bridget Evans, President NAPS Branch 159 San Diego, CA.

NAPS REPRESENTS POSTMASTERS

In the February 25, 2019 USPS correspondence sent out in Board Memo 006-19, to clarify, NAPS requested from the USPS that NAPS be recognized and designated as a postmaster's organization for the purpose to represent postmasters pursuant to 39 U.S.C. § 1004 regarding pay and benefits and consultation. Only that specific request was denied.

NAPS may continue to represent all active NAPS members, even postmasters, under ELM 650, debt collection and MSPB. No matter a person's EAS title - whether a postmaster, manager, supervisor, specialist, coordinator, or any other EAS managerial position - USPS continues to recognize that an EAS employee, who is a NAPS member, may be represented by NAPS regarding disciplinary and debt collection actions. NAPS continue to be recognized by the USPS as the designated postal management organization to represent all non-postmaster EAS, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. § 1004 regarding pay, benefits and consultation. There is no reason for any active NAPS member to cancel their membership based on their EAS title. NAPS National President, Brian Wagner.

Western Region Training Seminar is scheduled for August 1-4, 2019, Sunset Casino, Henderson NV (20 minutes from the Las Vegas Airport). Seminar Registration. \$175.00 Hotel rates are \$49.00 Thursday + tax @ resort fee \$89.00 Friday/Saturday night+ tax@ resort fee. Training will include update postal information and representative training.

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