

BRANCH MEETING

BRANCH 343, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

MARCH 12, 2026

Summary of Branch Action

MSC To pay the branch bills.

MSC That the branch authorize the purchase and installation of outdoor security cameras for the Union Hall, at the discretion of the president, at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.

New Members

Mariane Backer	Des Peres	2/21/2026
Demarea Ball.....	Gravois	2/21/2026
Kenneth Beverly.....	Chouteau.....	2/7/2026
William Cheek.....	West County	2/21/2026
Brandon Cockrell.....	Normandy	2/21/2026
Kenneth England	Kirkwood.....	2/7/2026
Kenneth Farmer	Southwest.....	2/21/2026
Donald Filer	Chouteau.....	2/7/2026
Matthew Fox.....	Washington.....	2/7/2026
Elijah Glasper.....	Maplewood	2/21/2026
Ramon Harris.....	Clayton.....	2/21/2026
Tony Johnson.....	Normandy	2/21/2026
Jayla Jones.....	Olivette.....	2/21/2026
Shinice Lunceford.....	Mackenzie Pointe	2/21/2026
Terrell McMorris	Normandy	2/7/2026
Jennifer Morris	Kirkwood.....	2/7/2026
Gabriel Nanna.....	Town & Country.....	2/21/2026
Jesse Watson.....	Park Hills	2/21/2026
Shavona Williams.....	Coyle	2/7/2026

Highlights

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Chet Drain and the minutes were read and accepted.

NBA's Report, Dave Teegarden: Two interpretive grievance cases will be held, which involve payments to stewards, the branch and charities. The Postal Service doesn't believe we can grieve Article 8.5.F issues. However, continue to file the grievance if a violation occurs. He suggested splitting up the remedy if the branch is to be paid, so the case doesn't get held. Step B has less than 100 cases pending now. There were about 30 training classes given at the RAP Session and route inspection training was done the week prior. Part 3 of Steward College is coming soon.

Retirees Report, Tom Schulte: There were 32 in attendance. He thanked Richard Thurman and Pam Stepney for providing such good lunch. Like last year, the OIG has gone to more offices and found some of the same deficiencies (delayed, etc.). We need to reach out to Congress to get them to address problems with the Postal Service

Labor Council Report, Pam Stepney: They have not announced a day for the Labor Parade. There is a \$3 billion development project in the city, to include the Armory and a Data Center (creating 1,000 construction jobs). Respect Missouri Campaign has been launched to stop the same issue

Branch Meeting Attendance Prizes

1. Blues vs Winnipeg Jets	April 9	Susan Eaisly, O'Fallon
2. Blues vs San Jose Sharks	March 26	Naomi Paster, S. County
3. Cardinals vs New York Mets	March 30	Andre Hayes, Retired
4. Cardinals vs New York Mets	March 31	Mike Weir, Retired
5. Cardinals vs New York Mets	April 1	Kelly Steinbecker, Des Peres
	\$71	Paul Armbruster, Retired



that has been voted on, from re-appearing on the ballot. It is unknown if the Data Center workers are unionized or not.

MBA Report, Saronda Sutherland: Information on MBA retirement savings plan. You can deposit as little as \$15 monthly, and it is payroll deductible.

Health Benefit Report, Barry Linan: Insurance rates increased this year. Page 179 of the insurance booklet has various wellness plans free to NALC insurance members.

OWCP Report, Barry Linan: People still not receiving COP. If someone in your office gets hurt, be sure they receive the CA-16 and CA-17, completed by management where required.

Mound City Carrier Report, Tom Schulte: May 2 is Ole Timers Day and May 9 is the NALC Food Drive. Cardinal tickets on sale immediately after the meeting. The Day of Action Rally was Feb. 22. If another rally is needed, please be prepared to attend.

Haake Scholarship Report, Pam Stepney: They received 17 applications, and only five completed packets were returned. Former NEA President Barbara Anderson reviews the applications. Winners will be presented at the June regular branch meeting.

Safety and Health Report, Richard Thurman: In visiting and inspecting the S&DC sites, they are finding over 300 deficiencies in the buildings. There are new vehicles in the South Carolina distribution center waiting to be distributed. The minimal office time is designed to get us in one building (S&DC site). If your vehicle is in need of repair, do not drive it. The heat safety training is due April 1, and it is not a stand-up talk.

Trustees Report, La'Tecse Litteken: Books were audited and found in good order.

Political Action Committee Report, Mike Weir: Mike read the names of contributors. The 2027 COLA projection is 2.7%.

Legislative Report, Mike Weir: Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem has been removed from office for lying to Congress about Trump knowing what she was

doing with the \$220 million she used. The Supreme Court ruled that Trump's tariffs were illegal. About seven killed and 140 service members injured in the Iran War. Another retirement seminar will be held in June or July this year. Contribute to Pac and LCPF.

Meeting paused to issue the steward of the year award to **Grant Gordon.**

Executive Vice President/Treasurer Report, Brian Litteken: The major things wanted in the new contract include an all-career work force, higher wages at all steps, shorten time to reach top step, and want management's lack of contract compliance to stop. Rap Session had good classes. The JWIP process is going fairly well. RAA Larissa Pardee recommended one postmaster be removed from an office, amongst other options, to address his behavior. He was removed and put in a position that doesn't supervise any carriers.

Vice President/Financial Secretary Report, Marvin Booker: Read report for February 2026. The NALC Food Drive is May 9; no shirt color has been chosen yet. The order form will be in the April Mound City Carrier. Marvin contacted management about the paycheck issue on Friday; the issue still existed on Wednesday, so he emailed the postmaster and MCSO and copied the district manager. They told him to find out who didn't get paid, and magically, the checks showed up the same day. He recommended everyone to get "direct deposit" to avoid this issue.

President's Comments, John McLaughlin: He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He spoke on the importance of writing a statement if you see something wrong occurring. The classes at the Rap Session were good. Commended Shonna Randle and Nate Markovich for their participation in route inspection training. Commended Mark Godbee and Brian Grunwaldt for helping during The Day of Action. Wesley Bell couldn't make it, but he wants to meet with our officers to hear the branches' concerns about the post office. There may be another protest after Memorial Day. MCSO Howard moved on and is being replaced by Jeff Hughes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard Brown, Recording Secretary