

# BRANCH MEETING

**BRANCH 343, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI**

**APRIL 9, 2026**

## Summary of Branch Action

- MSC To pay the branch bills.
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- MSC That the branch donate up to \$100 to each office in Branch 343 (not to exceed in total \$2,600) towards the purchase of food and non-alcoholic beverages for the workers at each site accompanied by a valid purchase receipt (not from Sam's or Walmart)

## Recently Retired Member

Derek Gray .....Piedmont ..... 2/28/2026

## Deceased Member

Curtis "Curt" Hill.....60-Year..... 3/11/2026  
 Joseph W. Barnes.....Retired ..... 4/3/2026

## New Members

Demetrio Barlow .....Southwest..... 3/7/2026  
 Brandy Basile .....Washington..... 3/7/2026  
 Gavin Bodell .....Affton..... 3/7/2026  
 Thanjira Carnes .....Town & Country..... 2/28/2026  
 Patricia Doods.....Sikeston..... 3/7/2026  
 Tito Fairlee.....Weathers ..... 3/14/2026  
 Sede Grady.....Carrier Square ..... 3/7/2026  
 Andre Gray .....Olivette..... 3/20/2026  
 Daysia Hibbler .....Town & Country..... 3/20/2026  
 Floyd Hill Jr.....St. Clair..... 3/7/2026  
 Mark Linde .....Rolla ..... 2/28/2026  
 Brittney Mauldin.....Normandy ..... 3/20/2026  
 Destinee McCollum....Maryville Gardens ... 2/28/2026  
 Michael McCutcheon .Clayton..... 3/20/2026  
 Alexandria McGillis....Sappington ..... 3/7/2026  
 Jarrett McGirt.....Chouteau..... 3/14/2026  
 Ryan McNees.....Park Hills ..... 3/16/2026  
 Joshua McWhorter.....Rolla ..... 3/7/2026  
 Demonte Smith .....Mackenzie Pointe ..... 3/7/2026  
 Nickie Stricklin .....Sikeston..... 2/7/2026

# Branch Meeting Attendance Prizes

Cardinals vs Boston Red Sox	April 12	Dallas Mitchell, West County
Cardinals vs Cleveland Guardians	April 13	Barry Linan, Retired
Cardinals vs Cleveland Guardians	April 14	Mike Weir, Retired
Cardinals vs Milwaukee Brewers	May 4	Tom Schulte, Retired
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## Highlights

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Chet Drain and the minutes were read and accepted.

**NBA's Report, Pat Baker:** The Postal Service has paused its contribution portion to FERS, this gives purpose to contributing to LCPF. The service's threat of going broke is real and we need to fight their attempts

to attack our wages. More route inspection training is occurring throughout the region. The service ignores historical data and uses electronic data on days they don't go with you. They are proposing route inspection grievances be prioritized like removal cases at Step B and arbitration. Pat thanked Bill Lister for serving as advocate on LMOU interest arbitration.

**Retirees Report, Tom Schulte:** There were 32 in attendance. They are finalizing the menu for Ole Timers Day which is May 2. We are one of the few branches that celebrate retirees' long-term membership. Tom read the letter sent from President Renfroe, given to 70-year plaque recipient Rogers King.

**Labor Council Report, Pam Stepney:** Asked us to vote for candidates who support unions. Labor Council is still looking for volunteers for the parade. No date for parade has been set.

**Health Benefit Report, Barry Linan:** Cost of health plans have gone up. There are free programs for NALC health benefit members as part of the Wellness Rewards Program, (i.e.; \$20 will be loaded on your TASC card for taking health assessment), Cigna+ savings discount to be used toward dental coverage, (30%-40% off).

**OWCP Report, Barry Linan:** He is now representing 72 people with ECOMP cases. COP payments are still a problem. PTFs get the average hours worked, prior to injury occurring, as compensation during the COP period.

**Mound City Carrier Report, Tom Schulte:** Food Drive is May 9, order forms for T-shirts (due April 27) are in April issue. Read NALC legislative update toward the back of MCC. "Are you skipping lunch and breaks," see monetary loss to you.

**Haake Scholarship Report, Pam Stepney:** The five packets submitted have been given to Barb Anderson, we are expecting three scholarships to be awarded in June.

**Safety and Health Report, Richard Thurman:** Perform the extended vehicle check on your vehicle. When your vehicle returns from service, management is supposed to validate correction to deficiency. If not corrected, do not accept vehicle. Once you are exposed to heat related injury, you are easily susceptible to heat stroke or heat exhaustion. Heat Illness Prevention Program (HIPPP) training is not a stand-up talk. If you have animal issues on your route, be sure to write it up.

**Trustees Report, La'Tecse Litteken:** Books were not audited due to the National Convention delegates meeting. March's books will be audited next month.

**Political Action Committee Report, Mike Weir:**

Mike read the names of contributors. The 2027 COLA projection is 0.7% but believes it will increase.

**Legislative Report, Mike Weir:** Postal Service is pausing its matching contribution toward retirement. Postal Service is asking Congress to raise our borrowing limit to \$34 billion, it's currently \$15 billion which it has been for decades. They are considering scaling back delivery from six to five days to save money, but the law currently doesn't allow it. Promotions for women and blacks in the military are being stopped by Hegseth.

**Executive Vice President/Treasurer Report, Brian Litteken:** Some updates to contract proposals: increased number of days used for bereavement leave and additions to the list of family members, paid parental leave for birth of child or adoption, reducing the length of time discipline stays in file, more rest breaks for overtime. PS will continue to deduct your contribution to FERs, and they are still matching TSP contributions. Southwest inspections stopped on last day due to curtailed mail. JWIP is still proceeding at Maplewood, parties trying to decide on recommendations.

**Vice President/Financial Secretary Report, Marvin Booker:** Read report for March. Food Drive cards are now in St. Louis and will be delivered to offices by the Food Bank. Make sure cards are delivered, failure can be considered obstruction of mail. The Food Drive T-shirt order form is in the April MCC. Deadline for submitting orders is April 27.

**President's Comments, John McLaughlin:** Postal Service is suspending their portion of FERS contribution to OPM. You can still contribute to TSP and they still match it. The USPS is suspending FERs contributions because they are trying to conserve money, this happened in 2011 too. The union is aware of delayed mail. You should contact your senators and representatives to inform them of the same. We are hopeful that Wesley Bell gets to visit stations that he has been advised to be delaying mail. John thanked Bill Lister for his help handling the arbitration case on the LMOU. Management inspected Southwest then pulled out of the process on the last day, without completion.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Richard Brown, Recording Secretary