The next NAPS meeting will be held on September 11th at 5:30 PM in Room 3001C at the General Mail Facility 25 Dorchester Ave. The Executive Board will meet at 4:15 p.m. in the NAPS Office Room B-15

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the following months; January, March 13th, September 11th, and November 13th, in addition, a brunch is scheduled during the month of November.

Here’s wishing that you are all enjoying your summer.

Annual Scholarship Award: NAPS Branch 43 will again be awarding ten (10) $500 scholarships. See the attached flyer for details. Applications must be received by August 31, 2018. Awards will be presented at the Annual Scholarship and Retirement Brunch which will be held on November 04, 2018 at Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St, Dorchester. There is a change this year as the Branch 43 member that submitted the application must be present at the Brunch.

New England Area Convention and Training Seminar: Was held on May 17-20, 2017 at the Red Jacket Inn and Conference Center in North Conway, NH. The guest speaker was NAPS President Brian Wagner. All the New England branches meet with the upper executive staffs covering the Postal Districts of New England. The convention consisted of one on one discussion with these postal leaders and training seminars.

NAPS National Convention The National Convention will be held at Mohegan Sun in Uncasville, CT on August 6-10. At this convention the delegates you send vote on resolutions that if passed will be submitted to Headquarters for pay consultations. The Postmaster General usually attends this convention and is available for Q & A’s.

Change of Address: If you have moved in the last six months, please send us your new address.

Tell it to NAPS: This is one way to make your voice heard. If you have any feedback or issues you wish to make your NAPS officers aware of, please use the Tell it to NAPS webpage. Remember, if we are not aware of a problem, we can't do anything about it.

On one of the following pages there is a reprint of an email that was sent to Branch 43 from the NAPS Legislative Liaison Bruce Moyer. Please read this and act as it deals with attempts to privatize the Postal Service.

See you at the Next Meeting September 11th – Room 3001C in the GMF
A bipartisan group of lawmakers introduced House Resolution 993 on Monday that would put the House of Representatives on record as opposed to privatizing the United States Postal Service. The resolution proclaims that “congress should take all appropriate measures to ensure that the United States Postal Service remains an independent establishment of the Federal Government and not subject to privatization.”

The non-binding measure was introduced by longtime postal ally Rep. Stephen Lynch (D-MA), along with nine Republican and Democratic lawmakers. The resolution counters the controversial stance of the Trump Administration toward privatizing the Postal Service. On June 21, the Office of Management and Budget proposed that the Postal Service be privatized as part of a wide-ranging plan to reorganize the federal government. A task force created by President Trump to review the operations of the Postal Service, is expected to provide further privatization details when it releases its report on August 9th.

In the meantime the House resolution serves as resistance to the drumbeat for privatization and calls for the House to take all measures to preserve the Postal Service’s status as an “independent establishment of the Federal Government.” The resolution recognizes the significant role the Postal Service plays in the nation’s economy and the harmful impact that privatization would bear upon consumers and the larger economy. “Privatization of the United States Postal Service would result in higher prices and reduced services…especially in rural communities,” the resolution notes, “[it] would jeopardize the booming e-commerce sector and cripple a major part of the Nation’s critical infrastructure.

NAPS vice President Ivan Butts encouraged all NAPS members to immediately contact their House member to urge them to become a cosponsor of the resolution, H. Res. 993. “We need to educate our lawmakers on the negative impacts privatization would create,” Butts said.

You can contact your representative through the Capitol switchboard, 202-224-3121. If you need help identifying your elected official, please visit www.house.gov