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CRICKETS



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF NAPS BRANCH 32

Higher Education

Robert Wakefield, President Branch 32



Hello Branch 32 members and welcome to the March edition of Crickets! It amazes me that this is the seventh issue of Crickets and it continues to be a popular newsletter among our members.

Perhaps one of the proudest moments I have had as your president is the creation of the **Branch 32 scholarship program**. Your Finance Committee got together to discuss the possibilities of creating a way to help member's kids or grandkids with their higher education.

After the committee unanimously approved the idea and it was taken to the Branch for a vote. Again, it passed with flying colors.

Two, **\$500 scholarships** are being offered to our members families as a token of our love and care for our youth. The drawing of qualified applicants will take place at our May monthly meeting and the winners will be announced on our website and in *Crickets*.

But you don't have much longer to apply. Applications **MUST BE RECEIVED** by **March 31, 2025**. No exceptions. More information on the next page of *Crickets*.

Robert Wakefield
President, Branch 32



Branch 32 Scholarship



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2025 Scholarship

APPLICATION at
napsbranch32.org

Application Deadline:
Monday, March 31, 2025

For more information visit:
www.napsbranch32.org/important-documents



2025 TN STATE CONVENTION

Have You Registered?

We are a little over a **month away** for **The 85th TN State Convention** will be held at the ***Drury Plaza Hotel*** in Franklin on **April 24-26, 2025**. **Branch 32 is hosting** so this is a perfect chance for you to come to a State Convention.

So far, Branch 32 has **23 members** registered for the convention. And we are happy to announce **8 First Timers** will be in attendance.

Speaking of **First Timers**, there is a great incentive for you to come to the convention. Branch 32 will **pay your registration**, and you will be **reimbursed** for the Friday night stay. Why would you not take advantage of that?

Click [HERE](#) to get registered and there is a link on the form to **make your hotel reservations**.



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Invitational
DESERT CLASSIC GOLF
Tournament

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Golf Tourney Details

Bob Wakefield Invitational Desert Classic

We're excited to share the details for the **Bob Wakefield Invitational Desert Classic** golf tournament at the renowned **Franklin Bridge Golf Club** in Franklin, TN. We're anticipating a fantastic field of competitors.

Here are some additional details:

- Date: **April 24th**
- Tee Time Start: **Noon (please arrive early if you plan to eat and warm up at the driving range)**

We will have **two closest-to-the-pin contests** as well as a **putting contest**.

Price per player: **\$75.00** (includes greens fee, golf cart, range balls, and a lunch token for a hot dog or hamburger, draft beer or fountain drink, and a bag of chips).

Please confirm your participation no later than April 15th by contacting Kevin via text or call at 615-218-2306.

We're looking forward to a great time! See you there! 🚩



PMG DeJoy Resignation



Search for New PMG Begins

On February 17, 2025, **Postmaster General Louis DeJoy**, informed the Postal Board of Governors that he was stepping down and the search for the next PMG may begin.

DeJoy took office in June of 2020 and had an uphill battle the entire time he was PMG. When DeJoy came to the USPS, he had to deal Covid-19 issues, followed by scrutiny on mail in ballots.

He had to make multiple appearances to Congress to discuss his **Delivering for America** plan. During one of these sessions, the questioning got so heated, the PMG covered his ears.



Besides the DFA, DeJoy had other notable accomplishments including:

- **COVID-19 Response:** Under DeJoy's leadership, the USPS played a crucial role in delivering approximately 930 million COVID-19 test kits to 91 million households
- **Operational Changes:** DeJoy implemented several operational changes, including consolidating mail processing facilities, raising postal rates, and adjusting delivery standards to improve efficiency
- **Modernization Efforts:** DeJoy focused on modernizing the USPS, including introducing new package shipping products that have become popular in the marketplace

While his tenure has been controversial, DeJoy's efforts to transform and modernize the USPS have had a lasting impact on the organization.



Branch 32 Officers



At our February monthly meeting, Branch 32 officers were sworn in for the 2025-2026 term. The officers took the oath from **TN State President Donna Aaron**.

L to R: **Renita Darvin** Sgt-at-Arms; **Kevin Proctor**, Vice President and Legislative Chair; **Luna Hamilton**, Secretary; **Valerie Mabon**, Parliamentarian; **Robert Wakefield**, President; and **Donna Aaron**.

Next meeting: March 25, 2025 at 6PM at the Nashville Post Office Credit Union