

CRICKETS



The official newsletter of Branch 32



Branch 32 at National Convention

Written by Robert Wakefield

In August of 2021, 13 members of Branch 32 attended the 67th NAPS National Convention at the Gaylord Texas Resort in Grapevine, TX. This photo was taken on the last night of the convention just before the Grand Banquet.

From left to right - Vicky Brown, Antoinette Lewis, John Cushenberry, Ruth Cushenberry, (behind Ruth) Denise Brewington, Renita Darwin, Robert Wakefield, Brenda Williams, Geneva London, Luna Hamilton and Theresa Fennell. Not pictured, Kalepo Tilo.

WHY IS THIS NEWSLETTER CALLED CRICKETS?

A few years ago, I surveyed the branch to help design a unique logo for Branch 32...the response? Crickets. Not a single member responded.

A few weeks later, I decided to write a newsletter and asked for suggestions for a name. Again...Crickets. So, guess what? We call it Crickets.

New Website for Branch 32

Members asked to subscribe

A brand-new website has been built for Branch 32!

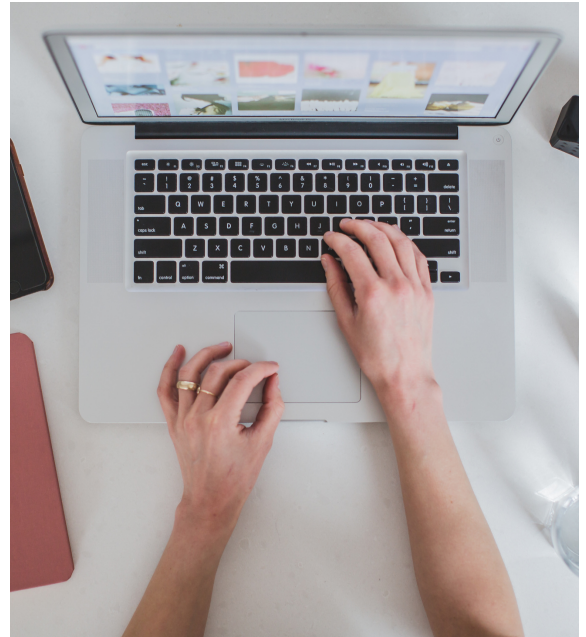
napsbranch32.org will serve as the communication hub for the branch.

"I have asked all members to subscribe to our website", said President Robert Wakefield. "It's my hope that this website will be a place where our members can get information about the branch."

On the site is a listing of Branch Officers with contact button; a blog and newsletter page; a meetings and events page; a page with important documents such as PS Form 1187 to sign up new members; and a gallery of photos and videos.

It's simple to subscribe. At the bottom of the Home page, you will see a place to enter your email. Be sure to use your home email and not your postal email.

Check it out! It's napsbranch32.org



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Branch 32.



Pack your bags! We're off to the State Convention

State Convention to be held in Chattanooga

It's time to pack your bags as we head for the State Convention in Chattanooga, TN! The convention is supposed to take place during odd numbered years, but with Covid, it was decided by the Executive Board to postpone it until 2022. The convention will take place at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Chattanooga on April 8-9. You check in on the 7th and convention takes place all day Friday and a half a day on Saturday. This year's theme is "*Tools for Survival for the EAS Employee*"

Are you a First Timer? Never been to a convention? Well, here is your chance and minimize your cost! The State Branch will pay for one night accommodations! Branch 32 will pay your \$50 registration. This is an excellent opportunity for you to meet other supervisors, managers, postmasters, plant managers etc. from all across TN.

If you are interested in attending the State Convention, attend the next branch meeting or contact Robert Wakefield at napsbranch32@yahoo.com

Stuff and Things

This page will be used for announcements of interest to the branch. Email your announcements to napsbranch32@yahoo.com



- **Retiring soon?** Let us know when you are going to retire! NAPS HQ will provide you with a certificate of appreciation!
- Did you know that NAPS HQ is on the socials?
- Next meetings:
January 25, 2022
February 22, 2022
March 22, 2022
- For details on meetings:
napsbranch32.org/meetings-and-events

Branch Officers

President - Robert Wakefield

Vice President - Kevin Proctor

Secretary - Luna Hamilton

Treasurer - Vicky Brown

Sgt-at-Arms - Renita Darwin

Parliamentarian - Valerie Mabon

Why Not?

by Robert Wakefield

As a history buff, I like looking at the history of things I am involved with...such as Branch 32. Do you realize that Branch 32 has been in existence since 1908? **November 19, 1908**...to be exact. So, for 114 years, we have been *something right!* So, let me ask you...why not make 2022 the year you become involved with the branch in which you already belong too?

One of easiest ways to be involved is by attending a monthly meeting. What are some of the advantages of attending a monthly meeting? Well, the first thing that comes to my mind is that you get to meet with other folks who are experiencing some of the same things you are. You gain insight on legislative issues that affect your job. You can network with other managers to help make your job easier.

And as a bonus, attend 5 meetings during the calendar year, and you qualify to be a delegate at a convention. Come to the meeting for details. The dates of the next three meetings are in this newsletter and you can always find our meeting information on our website, **napsbranch32.org**

It is my hope that Branch 32 will meet the needs of its members. If you need assistance, the website has a listing of officers and a CONTACT page. Feel free to reach out to us.

I hope you have enjoyed this edition of Crickets.

Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Robert

