

# BRANCH MEETING

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

**JUNE 11, 2026**

## Summary of Branch Action

- MSC To pay the branch bills.
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- MSC That the branch pays CMIT to decommission our server and set up Intune at one-time cost of \$2,960
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- MSC That the branch write a check for \$300 to Dr. Barbara Anderson for selecting the John H. Haake Scholarship winners.
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- MSC That Branch 343 takes Dr. Barbara Anderson, her husband and the John H. Haake Committee to dinner and pay the expenses.
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- MSC That Branch 343 sponsors a hole at the VFW 3944 Golf Tournament, at a cost of \$100.

## New Members

- Lautha Harvey .....Gaffney .....6/4/2026  
 Monique Jackson .....North County .....5/15/2026  
 Dontel Jenkins .....Gravois .....5/15/2026  
 Jerris Kirkwood .....Normandy .....5/29/2026  
 Jeremy Lang .....O'Fallon.....5/22/2026  
 Kristopher Morgan .....Normandy .....5/15/2026  
 Amanda Park .....Mackenzie Pointe .....5/15/2026  
 Marshallonus Perkins..Affton .....5/29/2026  
 Tiron Saddler .....Creve Coeur .....5/29/2026  
 Falaka Wiley.....North County.....5/15/2026

## Recently Retired Members

- Phillip Brown.....Maplewood .....5/31/2026  
 Vickie Hughes .....West County .....2/28/2026

## Deceased Member

- Douglas Wessels .....Sappington .....5/31/2026  
 Linette Cayetano .....Creve Coeur .....5/29/2026



Did you know that you can track the "heat index" in real time on your cellphone by downloading the OSHA-NIOSH Heat Safety Tool.

It's free and easy to download from your App Store.

## St. Louis Cardinal Baseball Tickets Still Available

The Union Hall still has an excellent selection of unsold St. Louis Cardinal Baseball Tickets for purchase.



Great Seats (Behind Home Plate)  
 Section 249  
 Row 6  
 Seats 5 and 6  
 \$135 for the pair



Contact Executive Vice President Brian Litteken at 314-241-4297 [ext. 2]

## Branch Meeting Attendance Prizes

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| 1. Cardinals vs San Diego Padres  | June 16 | Michael Goheen, Creve Coeur   |
| 2. Cardinals vs AZ. Diamondbacks  | June 23 | Shonna Randle, Carrier Square |
| 3. Cardinals vs Milwaukee Brewers | July 8  | Pamela Stepney, Retired       |
| 4. Munny: Shrek the Musical       | June 30 | Hannah Lockette, Kirkwood     |
| 5. Munny: South Pacific           | July 7  | Barry Linan, Retired          |
|                                   | \$63    | Hannah Lockette, Kirkwood     |



## Highlights

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

**Retirees Report, Tom Schulte:** There were 37 in attendance at the June retiree luncheon. The August meeting will be moved to August 12 due to the National Convention.

**Labor Council Report, Frank Enlow:** The Labor Council has been without a president for a while. They are supposed to have a whole new team come in and take over St. Louis Labor Council. The vice president is filling in until then. July 8 is the deadline to register to vote.

**Health Benefit Report, Barry Linan:** The NALC health benefits brochure contains about a dozen plans you can enroll in for free, such as the "Transform Care" which is a diabetes care management program that allows you to get many items at no cost.

**OWCP Report, Barry Linan:** Keep an eye out for those new employees that may get injured, to ensure they get the proper forms for medical treatment. Make certain that all forms are filled out correctly, especially for their continuation of pay (COP).

**Mound City Carrier Report, Tom Schulte:** The cover of the MCC is from Ole Timers Day, where we honor those with 40 years or more. Coverage of the Food Drive is in the back of the paper. If you have any new photos from the Food Drive, please send them to Tom. There is a retirement seminar on July 12 at the Union Hall, hosted by Mike Weir. The branch website, ([branch343.org](http://branch343.org)) has lots of information so please check it out.

**Haake Scholarship Report, Pam Stepney:** The John H. Haake Scholarship winners will be presented at the July regular branch meeting. Marian Harris had two family members win the Haake scholarship, in 1993 and 2022.

**Safety and Health Report, Richard Thurman:** He asked if everyone received heat safety training this year? The post office stated in several litigation cases that they provide water and access to those supplies, to letter carriers. You should have had 32 safety talks regarding heat safety, and they are to be listed on 7300 form and/or Smith Tool. There has been another fatality in a postal facility in Atlanta. This is the third person.

**Trustees Report, Shonna Randle:** Books were not audited due to lack of number of trustees available. May and June will be audited in July.

**Political Action Committee Report, Mike Weir:** Mike read the names of contributors. The 2027 COLA projection is 3.6% for CSRS and 2.6% for FERS.

**Legislative Report, Mike Weir:** There are several pieces of legislation that may work out in our favor. The Absentee and Mail Voter Protection Act is very important, they are trying to stop vote by mail, so please contact your senators and representatives asking for their support. Recent Supreme Court decision on gerrymandering is significant to vote by mail. In Missouri, vote NO on Amendment 4 (changes procedure for approving citizen initiatives) and Amendment 5 (eliminate state income tax). Contribute to PAC and LCPF.

**Vice President/Financial Secretary Report, Marvin Booker:** Read his report for May. The number of pounds of food from the Food Drive is a little over 115,000.

**President's Comments, John McLaughlin:** NBA office will have steward training in Rolla, we will send someone from Salem, St. Clair and Rolla. The hall will be staffed during the National Convention. Call the hall first during that time for questions. Mac Pointe was robbed twice at gunpoint. If something like this happens at your office, please call the hall. At the Collective Bargaining Conference, NALC President Renfroe said 85% of the negotiations was about wages. If they agree, Renfroe is looking to get \$5 billion for carriers in the way of wage increase and COLA. If we can't get that, we will likely go to interest arbitration. We want to reduce the time between steps, increase top pay, and reduce the cost of training new hires. Renfroe spoke on four-day work week at 10 hours each. T-6 would have two routes (doing each two days in a row). When he presented this to management, they were ecstatic. This would eliminate 7,000 assignments initially. If CCAs make regular and want to get on the ODL list, they must do so within two weeks of making regular.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Richard Brown, Recording Secretary