BRANCH MEETING

BRANCH 343, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
OCTOBER 8, 2025

Summary of Branch Action

MSC To pay the branch bills.

MSC That the branch sponsor a hole for $100 at Branch 127 (Jefferson City) MDA Golf Tournament.

MSC That Branch 343 hosts a dinner for the Mound City Carrier committee along with our printers: Larry, Pam and Jason Kratz for their work in preparing the publication every month on behalf of the members of Branch 343.

MSC That Branch 343 assists in providing warm meals for the homebound elderly during the holidays by donating $200 to Meals on Wheels.

MSC That Branch 343 say thank you by making a $500 donation to the United Way for their assistance during the Food Drive for 2026.

MSC That the branch send an additional officer with the branch president to the Committee of Presidents' meeting in November of 2026 and pay expenses

New Members

Lorenzo Bernard	Normandy	9/19/2026
Ines Flenoy	Arnold	9/26/2026
Janel McNeal	Des Peres	9/26/2026
Christian Oelke	Rolla	10/3/2026
RonSanto Powell	South County	9/26/2026
Thomas Schnur	Affton	10/3/2026
Melodie Wild	Sikeston	9/17/2026

Recently Retired Member

David Gerik	Fenton	9/30/2026

Branch Meeting Attendance Prizes

1.	Blues vs. Columbus Blue Jackets	Oct.10	Andre Hayes, Retired
2.	Blues vs. Montreal Canadiens	Oct. 27	Mike Weir, Retired
3.	SLU Billikens vs. Lehigh	Nov. 2	Deon Littlejohn, Gravois
4.	SLU Billikens vs. N. Kentucky	Nov. 10	Lucille Snow, Retired
	50/50 RAFFLE 317268	$54	Mustafa Alshalabi, Gaffney

Highlights

The meeting was called to order at 7:39 p.m. The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Chet Drain and the minutes were read and accepted.

Retirees Report, *Tom Schulte:* The retiree picnic was held on Wednesday, October 7 at Creve Coeur Park. There were 48 in attendance. Tom thanked the NBA office for picking up the tab. He also thanked his wife, Linda; Gino Iberg and his wife; and Art Buck for helping and providing drinks and snacks at the picnic.

Labor Council Report, *Pam Stepney:* Vote for the candidates supporting middle-class workers and labor. Vote NO on Prop A and Amendment 3. Vote yes on Amendment 6. You can view information on the candidates on the Labor Council website. Get out and vote.

Health Benefit Report, *Barry Linan:* The 2027 rates are out. Under NALC High Option, rates are going down for self-only and self+1. Self and family increased by $2.95. If the coverage is for just you and one other, choose self and family instead of self+1, it's cheaper. Blue Cross (self and family) is $490.62 biweekly compared to NALC $270.37.

OWCP Report, *Barry Linan:* PTFs get injured and management fails to give them proper documentation (CA-1, CA-16).

Mound City Carrier Report, *Tom Schulte:* If you received your ballot for national officers, it must be in their PO box by October 19. This weekend we have Shop Steward Banquet on October 10, MDA Golf Tournament on October 11. Brian is still looking for volunteers and hole sponsors. Locally, most officer seats were won by acclimation. This is listed in the MCC. There will be an election for the remaining position(s).

Haake Scholarship Report, *Pam Stepney:* Displayed scholarship applications in the MCC and explained how to apply and who is eligible. Each is worth $1,500. We have received two applications so far. One award will be for vocational school.

Trustees Report, *La'Tecse Litteken:* The books were audited and are in good standing.

Political Action Committee Report, *Mike Weir:* Read the names of the contributors. The COLA is currently 3.5% and could rise.

Legislative Report, *Mike Weir:* Early in person voting begins October 20 (city & county), eight different libraries in the county are available. Don't be intimidated by ICE and DOJ agents who may show up at polling places. Avoid the situation by voting early. We have a strong chance of winning the House and may get the Senate also. Contribute to PAC and LCPF.

Executive Vice President/Treasurer Report, *Brian Litteken:* M-41 Handbook will be updated regarding Arrow Keys. Carriers have to sign for keys again. Starting October 4 – November 3, post office may extend retail hours to postmark ballots. Also starting October 24 till election, you must check every delivery point to check for outgoing mail, even if you have no mail for them. New Amazon package process; you may be required to go back for packages between 2-8 for same day delivery.

Vice President/Financial Secretary Report, *Marvin Booker:* Read his report for September. Watch your mail, some national ballots are being returned to people. Call the hall if you are unsure what to do.

President's Comments, *John McLaughlin:* Sent email regarding Shop Steward Banquet. We will have NALC Director of Health Benefits Stephanie Stewart in attendance. We have one position contested in our branch election (recording secretary). John spoke to PM about the inspections at Des Peres and Kirkwood. He advised if senior routes are taken, 41.3.O will be invoked. PM advised she would speak to the RCI team and have them contact her prior to any decisions. Postal management claims the mass rebidding cost them $1 million. People called John concerned about the branch's finances after the motion made at September meeting. He clarified our financial state, and we are not in dire straits. He did agree that a motion should have been made and Brian was right to make a motion. He hopes we send people to the RAP session in February 2027.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard Brown, Recording Secretary