



THE BRANCH 324 BUZZ

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What if I lost my PIN number for Liteblue?

It is very important for all carriers to keep their information updated on Liteblue. If you don't remember your PIN number and need to request a new one, it will take time. There have been several route vacancies in many of the offices our branch represents and there will be more in the future.

If you need to get a new PIN number, you will need to call USPS Human Resources at 877-477-3273 option 5. That will take up to 7-10 days to be mailed to your address on file with the USPS. That delay will only take more time and possibly not be received in time to get to bid on the route. Always keep your information updated on Liteblue.

Memorandums extended until Dec. 31st:

By joint agreement ([M-01929](#)), several COVID related memorandums of understanding have been further extended through December 31, 2020. These memoranda include: temporary expanded sick leave for dependent care ([M-01910](#)); temporary additional paid leave for CCAs ([M-01911](#)); temporary use of the 7:01 rule ([M-01913](#)); temporary workplace changes to promote social distancing ([M-01915](#)); and temporary use of TCAs ([M-01916](#)).

More information can be obtained at www.nalc.org on the COVID-19 page.

What if my supervisor doesn't want to approve the temporary use of the 7:01 rule?

The 7:01 rule only applies to full-time letter carriers. A supervisor doesn't have to approve the 7:01 rule if there is available work to be done in the same wage level. The memo is clear. Full-time regular carriers are guaranteed eight hours of work each day. If there is work to be done then your supervisor can assign you to that work in the same wage level as listed in the memo. Many carriers use their own annual leave or LWOP to leave early. That is your choice if management approves it but only deducts time from your balance and adds up over time. Using your annual leave to go home early might cost you a few days of leave later in the year. Be wise with your time.

YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE

Are you registered to vote?

If you are unsure of your status for the upcoming election, please go to:

www.GoVoteColorado.gov

You will be able to verify you are registered and make sure your information is correct.

Ready for cold weather?

We had a little dose of the cold winter weather a few weeks ago. Now is the time to prepare. Find your gloves or possibly order new ones. Pull out that cold weather gear and get it washed. We have many items in the uniform closet at the union office. Contact your steward if you need to meet at the office to see what is in stock. If you are in one of the associate offices, reach out to Rick for more information. You can get all contact information at www.nalcbranch324.com.



What is the status on negotiations?

President Rolando was hoping to bring a new agreement to letter carriers for ratification but that doesn't appear to be the direction the USPS is going. We will be entering into interest arbitration that begins on September 23rd. There was information in the last newsletter from President Rolando giving more details and there are two future dates for the meetings to continue. We aren't anticipating any decisions until early next year since the last session will be held in November.

What if I'm out of annual leave already?

The calendar committee in each office will be doing audits in the next month to verify those on the annual leave calendar have enough leave to cover. As listed in the locals for various installations, if you don't have enough leave to cover those dates you will have to remove your name. You will be allowed to cancel dates based off what is a priority for you to keep on the calendar. If that doesn't happen in a timely manner, the committee will be forced to cancel leave starting at the end of the year until your balance is equal to the hours listed on the annual leave calendar. Again, the calendar is an annual leave calendar and not a LWOP calendar.