



# THE BRANCH 324 BUZZ

October 2019



## **If I am signed up on the calendar for 4 hours, am I required to take 4 hours if my plans have changed and I only need 2 hours?**

You should only be on the calendar for the hours that you signed up for and those hours should be used for that day. The Greeley LMOU clearly states that there is a 15 minute variance on the hours listed on the annual leave calendar but can't use less/more than that variance. A recent grievance settlement also has changed carriers listing "**case and go**" on the annual leave calendar. Effective immediately, carriers **MUST** enter a time on the annual leave calendar and no longer use "**case and go**" at the Greeley Installation. Carriers should also **only** be on the annual leave calendar for the hours they have in their balance. Please take the time to review the hours you have requested on the annual leave calendar for the remainder of the year. If you have hours on the calendar that exceed what's in your balance, please cancel some hours to meet your balance.

## **2019 Letter Carrier Resource Guide**

The new 2019 Letter Carrier Resource Guide is available and can be downloaded from [www.nalc.org](http://www.nalc.org). It takes a carrier from being a CCA all the way through preparing for retirement. You can download it and save it on your computer or request a hard copy from the '**members only**' portal on the website.

### **Next union meeting:**

October 3rd, 2019

## **If I am a CCA, can I still sign up for the FEDVIP (Federal Employee Dental and Vision Insurance Program)?**

Yes. CCAs are eligible to enroll in FEDVIP when they have completed an initial appointment for a 360-day term and are eligible to enroll in the Federal Employees Health Benefit Program (FEHBP). You do not have to be enrolled in FEHBP to be eligible for FEDVIP, however you must meet the eligibility requirements to enroll in FEHBP.

The Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP) is another benefit available to career letter carriers and CCAs when they are eligible to enroll in FEHBP.

## **What happens if I get bit by a dog on the route?**

You should call 911 first if you need medical attention. Notify your supervisor next about the situation. Each office should have a '**Dog Report**' to complete explaining the situation. The supervisor can access the Colorado/Wyoming page on the intranet. Once there, all the information the supervisor needs is located on the **NALC District Safety Taskforce** tab. There are letter formats that can be used to send the homeowner a letter along with the proper steps for the supervisor to follow.

Your safety is of the utmost importance and don't put yourself in a dangerous situation. If you feel the situation is unsafe, hold the mail until the next day. If the situation persists, notify the supervisor and place the mail on a 10-day hold or until the situation is resolved.