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Business Agent's Report

NALC

**2019 Region 5 Rap Session** – The 2019 Rap Session is in the books. I'd like to thank President Rolando for attending and sharing information with the attendees on Sunday morning. As always, the Rap Session doesn't just happen. I'd like to thank the leaders of all the branches that attended and participated in the classes and breakouts. I need to thank all those that helped with registration and door prizes. Special shout out to Mark Fallis and Joe Miller for their work on the raffles, Katie Buettner and Mark Godbee for taking care of our A/V needs and Mark for also transforming into Marky Mark and DJ'ing the reception on Saturday evening. As demonstrated at the Rap Session, this Region is blessed with hundreds of members who do the bulk of the hard work, and for that I'm truly grateful. The 2020 Region 5 Rap Session will be held again at the Doubletree in Overland Park, KS. The dates are February 22-23, 2020.

**OWCP** – OWCP violations are one the most under grieved violations. When OWCP issues arise, the service is violating not only the ELM and EL 505, but the LAW. Delays in processing can affect wage loss compensation, COP and delay claim approval.

An issue that has been happening frequently around the region is improper handling of CA-16. When you report a traumatic injury, the supervisor should be advising you of your choice of physicians and providing you with a CA-16. This document is an authorization to treat you, it is valid for 60 days and covers treatment. It should be filled out with the Physician you choose and be issued within 4 hours. The Postal Service should not be forcing you to see the "company" doctor and providing the CA-16 with their information. This is a violation. If they refuse to give you a CA-16 with the doctor of your choice or fail to advise you of the choice, you must grieve this violation.

**2019 Food Drive** – The registration deadline for the NALC 2019 Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive was March 8, 2019. If your branch did not register and wishes to do so, please contact us at the NBA office. The NALC food drive helps countless food banks fill their otherwise bare cupboards with much needed food. 11.8% of all U.S households suffer from food insecurity and nearly 6% suffer from severe food insecurity, meaning they oftentimes go hungry. What the NALC has been able to achieve since the food drive began in 1993 is nothing short of miraculous. Your efforts have collected over a billion pounds of food for the hungry from coast to coast, children, the elderly and the impoverished have been able to eat directly due to letter carriers' efforts over the last 25 plus years. Thanks, is not nearly enough for what some of you have done for over a quarter century but know that your efforts are appreciated by those silent people that you help each and every year. What you do and what you have done makes a difference in people's lives every day. Thanks, and let's keep up the great work!!

**2019 National Rap Session** – The NALC will be holding this year's National Rap Session August 9 – 11, 2019, in Denver at the Hyatt Regency Colorado Convention Center. The meeting will begin with registration and a reception on Friday afternoon, workshops and training sessions will be held on Saturday and President Rolando will hold the "Rap Session" on Sunday morning. The Rap Session, per the constitution, is open for State and Branch Presidents or their designees. For reservations, go to: [hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/DENCC/G-NALC](http://hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/DENCC/G-NALC) or call 1.800.233.1234. More information can be found at the NALC website.

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