

Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers



President's Report October 2020

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

And the winner is.....

Prior to writing my monthly newsletter contribution this morning, I voted. My wife and I sat comfortably at the kitchen table and filled out our absentee ballots. November 3rd is right around the corner, and soon my friends the election will finally be over. While most of America calls it an election, this year I think it resembles a war. Usually elections pit one candidate against another, casting out allegations as they attempt to gain public support. It is different this time around. Something new was added to the agenda. The USPS has been under attack for many months, with the NALC on the front lines as our members protect their health, and jobs, while delivering for America. Not only have we been under attack, but we have been surrounded. You have been threatened by politicians, postal management, and the media.

Your response has been amazing to observe. You have knowledge of your enemy which increases your chances of victory. As in any battle you have done what is required in war. The first of these is showing up to work in spite of the danger to your health. The second is suiting up for the fight. In my opinion "suing up" includes knowing where your enemies are and arming yourself with information in order to defend your position, while observing the Hatch Act. I am quite sure that there are days when putting on your uniform feels like putting on a target. The third thing is to stand firm. Always speak the truth and be proud of the job you do. Remember that over 90% of America think of the USPS favorably. Unfortunately, that 90% is not quoted very often.

General Douglas MacArthur said, "A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. He does not set out to be a leader but becomes one by the equality of his actions and the integrity of his intent."
— **Douglas MacArthur**

In my book this quote says it all. Letter Carriers have shown their leadership to our nation. As Federal employees we will always be working with members of Congress in regard to our jobs, no matter which candidate gets the most votes. When all the votes are received and counted as we promised, I'm sure we will hear apologies. So, this year let me be the first to say the winner is.... Letter Carriers. Stay safe, and God Bless!

In Solidarity,

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