



# REGION 5 NBA REPORT

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## **Region 5 Rap Session**

This year's event has come and gone but overall, it was a success in most people's mind that participated in the event survey. My staff and I have already discussed what went right and what went wrong, reviewed your feedback and started planning for next year's event. As always, we will do our best to make next year's event even better than this year's by instituting some of the feedback suggestions we've received. Many of you have commented on breaks between classes, more interactive training, a meet and greet on Thursday evening and better distribution of class times and places. We will address these issues next year and hopefully make changes for the better.

The past two years we have utilized the QR code to sign up for classes. When you use the QR code the class times and what classroom it is tentatively being held in are on the sign-up page. I also distribute the registration times and locations to the branch presidents via email and I will continue to do that in addition to making some of the suggested changes we received in the feedback concerning times, classrooms and registration. We also intend to increase the size and number of signs to better direct participants during our event.

Our hope is to have two full days of training that will enable us to better serve the members of Region 5. This will allow us to extend lunches to one and a half hours each day and end our main session by approximately 4:30pm on Friday and Saturday evenings. In addition this will give participants time to move between classes, take a small break and class instructors plenty of time to teach their respective classes. Thanks to all of you that have given us feedback so we can continue to make this event better.

## **Region 5 Solidarity Award**

This year's winner of the Region 5 Frank Ferro Solidarity Award is Jon Vance from Lincoln, Nebraska. Jon was given the award posthumously. It will be my pleasure to present the award to Jon's family at the Lincoln Retiree luncheon this spring. Jon was a steward, Vice-President and President of Branch 8 in Lincoln, Nebraska for many years. Jon's larger than life personality, physical stature and booming voice made him a force to reckon with. Jon's love of his union extended not only to the NALC but to the Nebraska AFL-CIO and Lincoln Central Labor Union as well. His leadership and desire to help others is reflected in those he mentored and in Branch 8's leadership going back more than two decades. Congratulations on a well-deserved award.

## **Hero of the Year**

Region 5 is proud of Topeka Branch 10 member Jerry Loney who is the Western Region NALC Hero of the Year recipient. Jerry Loney was returning to his vehicle when a man covered in blood approached him asking for help. Jerry immediately called 911 and began to apply first aid care to the man, applying tourniquets to both wrists with the assistance of the 911 operator. Without the quick thinking and action by Jerry the man would certainly have perished. Emergency responders thanked him for saving the man's life. Jerry thanks for being there and being the person you are. Region 5 is proud that you have been selected as a Hero of the Year. You represent the very best of all Letter Carriers!

Until next time stay safe out there,

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