The US in USPS—Daleo Freeman

I am the President of the American Postal Workers Union, Cleveland, Ohio Area Local, #72, who represents the Maintenance, Clerk and Motor Vehicle Crafts. I also serve as the Executive Vice-President of the Ohio Postal Workers Union.

I began my career in September, 1994 in the Cleveland P&D, Mail Processor, Tour 1.

I held other positions as Chief Union Steward on Tour 1, Executive Vice-President and President.

On behalf of the A.P.W.U. and its members, I believe we are the heartbeat of the Postal Service, it is through all the hard work and dedication and a great group of diverse people is how we achieve success and have for many years.

The A.P.W.U. and the Postal Service have thrived on a rich community of diverse cultures when we work together for one common good, which is to provide an excellent service to the public.

So, it is a privilege and honor to be President of a great organization, as I enter my third term being elected as the youngest African American President A.P.W.U., Cleveland Area Local #72. Therefore, it is of great importance that we stand in solidarity to assume the same rights and benefits we all enjoy through our career and will be given to all those that will become future employees. Thanks.

Daleo Freeman,
A.P.W.U. Local #72, Cleveland Area Local
My name is Bill Barnes and I am the President of the National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 40, Cleveland Ohio. I began my career as a letter carrier in 1980 in Maple Heights. I proudly carried mail for 36 years. During those years I was a Driver Trainer and worked on the route inspection team for the union.

I held several other positions with NALC starting as union steward then progressing to Administrative Vice President, Executive Vice President and President.

I believe that letter carriers are the true ambassadors of the Postal Service. Letter Carriers are dynamic people who truly care about customer service and the long-term success of the Postal Service.

Both the NALC and the Postal Service benefit from the workforce being a rich diversity of people from different backgrounds and different cultures who work side by side everyday in harmony which is a welcome sight.

When the NALC does new carrier orientation we share with those carriers that being a letter carrier is one of the greatest careers a person could have and one of the last blue collar jobs that still offers a pension at retirement. We also encourage them to take care of the job and the job will take care of you.

Unions exist to protect working conditions and wages, enforce the contract, educate the membership and have fellowship with one another. For a union to be successful we rely on everyone.

It is a great honor to be President of such a great organization as NALC and a true blessing to be elected as the first African American President of Branch 40. Please help the new employees because when you first started someone probably helped you.

Bill Barnes
President Branch 40

Darryl Young President National Postal Mail Handlers Union
Cleveland, Ohio will be featured in an upcoming newsletter.