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As the year winds down, I would like to wish all Mail Handlers and their families a safe and happy holiday season, and a healthy and prosperous new year. I especially want to recognize all of the Officers

and Shop Stewards around the country, who have the unenviable job of being a Union Representative during some of the toughest times that we have ever gone through. You are on the front lines day in and day out, and for that you deserve our thanks and appreciation for your work throughout the year. Looking back on 2011, and looking forward to 2012, we must continue to stand up for what's right, not just for Mail Handlers, but for all working people. I for one am looking forward to the challenge.

John F. Hegarty  
National President

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