



The convention opening invocation was delivered by Local 320 delegate Ace Balderrama.



This year's host, David Jarvis, President of Local 315 in Portland, OR, welcomed the delegates.



The Young Marines and the Presentation of Colors



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Commissioner Amanda Fritz, Portland City Council, welcomes and expresses her support for delegates in their struggle.

Committee discussed arrangements for a number of elected officials who had graciously agreed to address the delegates at this year's Convention. The Committee also worked hard to finalize its proposals for consideration by the delegates.

Finally, the Resolutions Committee, chaired by Central Regional Vice President Jefferson Peppers, made a final review of the resolutions it would propose for discussion and possible adoption by the delegates.

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AUGUST 6, 2012

The much anticipated 2012 National Convention of the NPMHU formally opened on Monday, bringing approximately 280 delegates together from across the nation to "Honor the Past" and "Shape the Future" of the National Postal Mail Handlers Union. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the initial recognition of the NPMHU, and thus the Convention was certain to be a memorable week in the history of the NPMHU.

To kick off the day's events, after the introduction of all Local Presidents and National Officers, a powerful

Invocation was delivered to the delegates by Ace Balderrama of Local 320, after which the delegates enjoyed a riveting bag-pipe performance by Logan Chavez of the Portland Metro Youth Pipe Band. The Presentation of Colors by the Young Marines followed, and Linda Hornbuckle delivered a passionate performance of the National Anthem.

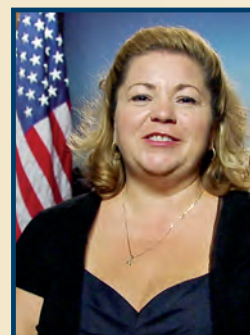
National President John Hegarty expressed the gratitude of the delegates for these inspiring performances, and then delivered some opening remarks to the delegates, urging Mail Handlers to "Fight hard, to never give up, and to never give in" to forces working to dismantle the Postal Service and suppress the labor movement. David Jarvis, President of Local 315 in Portland, OR and this year's host Local, followed President Hegarty with a warm welcome to the delegates. Brother Jarvis encouraged the delegates and their families to enjoy all that Portland has to offer, including a vibrant city culture and surrounding natural beauty.

Delegates had the pleasure of being addressed by several special guests, all of whom shared their thoughts on the Postal Service and their ideas for its success going forward. First,

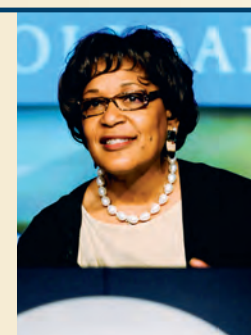
Commissioner Amanda Fritz of the Portland City Council and long time member of the Oregon State Nurses Association gave an enthusiastic welcome from the City of Portland, informing the delegates that the City is behind the Union in its fight to preserve the Postal Service. As a testament to the City's unwavering commitment, the City Council unanimously voted to ratify a proclamation in support of the Union's efforts, and it also sent a letter to the Postmaster General vehemently protesting recent cuts to the Postal Service. These efforts by the City of Portland received an ebullient round of applause from the delegates.

The second special guest for the day was Rep. Linda Sanchez (D-CA), who was unable to attend the Convention in person, but submitted a video statement in support of the Union's efforts, telling delegates that "Mail Handlers didn't cause this economic crisis, so why should they have to pay for it?" Again, a booming round of applause shook the floor of the Convention.

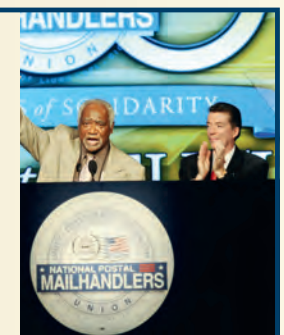
Next up was Arlene Holt-Baker, the Executive Vice-President of the AFL-CIO, who addressed the Convention by giving a spirited speech, pledging solidarity with the NPMHU, chastising the Republican Congressional leadership for threatening to decimate



Rep. Linda Sanchez (D-CA) extends her greetings and best wishes.



Arlene Holt-Baker, Vice President of the AFL-CIO, pledged solidarity with the NPMHU.



Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL) gave a moving and heartfelt speech connecting present worker struggles with those of the past.