THANKFUL FOR YOU!

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o much has happened since the pandemic began. Believe it or not, because many people are getting the COVID 19 vaccine, the numbers are improving. Hospitalizations are decreasing and so are deaths. We can only hope that things will continue to get better.

The atmosphere in our workplaces continues to be unstable. Many Mail Handlers and other employees are concerned about the probability of catching COVID. Maybe we are not worried as much as last year, but the reality is, it is still possible to get infected. Don't let your guard down. Continue to maintain social distancing, frequent hand washings, wipe down work areas, and wear gloves. You are not only protecting yourself, but others too. And of most importance, wear your face masks and get vaccinated.

NPMHU representatives are at work daily, putting themselves in the line of fire. We are protecting the vaccinated, as well as those who made a decision not to take the shot . This is a personal decision. But our Union representatives are still working to ensure that our members' rights are not being violated. They face constant scrutiny by both management and our members, but they stay in the fight. Those who have been in the trenches the longest are really seeing the changes in the atmosphere. They are getting battle wounds, but they continue their commitment to protect our membership.

There are new rules constantly being enacted by the government and the Postal Service. Some good and others, not so good, but they affect our ability to carry out our daily lives. The implementation of these rule changes continuously create problems and at times cause mass confusion. Yet, the men and women of our Union maintain their positions. It would be so easy to take the easy way out, but they remain steadfast. They have pledged to uphold our contract and they do!

So, in this article, I honor my fellow representatives. You are great



Fathers, Mothers, Sisters, and Brothers. Throughout the years and through other natural disasters, you have taken a stand. You have remained true to your mission. I wish you all better and greater days ahead. Better days for your families, in both their health and anything else that you're hoping for. If you are contemplating retirement, great for you! If you're just starting your postal career and are feeling uneasy, that's okay too. Think about it and make the decision that makes you and your family happy. Know that the National Postal Mail Handlers Union and its hundreds of officers and representatives appreciate you. Brighter days are ahead and we look forward to sharing them with you.

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