



# MAIL HANDLER UPDATE

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## IN MEMORY OF SAM D'AMBROSIO

It is with great sadness that the National Postal Mail Handlers Union honors the passing of the beloved Sam D'Ambrosio, former Eastern Region Vice President and National Shop Steward Trainer for the NPMHU. Sam retired in 2013, and subsequently moved with his wife Dee from Pittsburgh, PA to Phoenix, AZ so they could be near his son, his daughter-in-law, and his two grandchildren.

Sammy started his career as a Mail Handler in Pittsburgh, PA, working at the Bulk Mail Center and Network Distribution Center. He served three terms as President of Local 322, and was first elected Eastern Region Vice President of the National Union in 1992, a position that he maintained for six terms or 24 years. During those years, Sam served as Chair of the Union's Constitution Committee and Chair of the Union's Field Negotiating Committee on too many occasions to count, and also served as part of the Union's National Negotiations Team in negotiations and arbitration leading to the 2011 National Agreement. Also during those years, Sam worked on National grievances, served as Shop Steward Trainer,

conducted training on casuals, FMLA, OSHA, arbitration advocacy, jurisdictional issues, and a host of other matters, and helped draft the first few versions of the Contract Interpretation Manual. His accomplishments were routinely recognized by the membership, as he was re-elected without opposition and by acclamation of the delegates on many occasions.

Only a small part of Sam could be explained by his resume and his Union achievements. Sam also possessed a unique personality that filled every room he entered, enjoyed every restaurant he visited, and made him a friend to thousands of Mail Handlers across the country. Our heartfelt sympathies and condolences go out to Sam's wife Dee and the rest of the D'Ambrosio family.



## CORONAVIRUS TAKES A TOLL ON MAIL HANDLERS REMEMBERING THOSE TAKEN BY COVID-19



### LOCAL 307 MAIL HANDLER, ANTHONY SMITH

Local 307 mail handler Anthony Smith was the first known mail handler death attributed to the COVID-19/coronavirus epidemic. Brother Smith worked in the Detroit NDC and was an employee of the Postal Service for thirty years. He was a proud mail handler.

Anthony was a veteran, having served honorably in the Army for 12 years. He was married and loved kids; he helped raise fifteen children. Anthony loved music, a good barbeque, and singing karaoke. He was a funny man who enjoyed telling jokes and spending time with family and friends. Anthony Smith will be deeply missed by family, friends, and all that knew him. Please keep Brother Smith's family and loved ones in your thoughts and prayers.



### LOCAL 316 SEATTLE P&DC MAIL HANDLER, QUERUBIN "SONNY" QUITLONG

Seattle Mail Handler Querubin "Sonny" Quitlong passed as a result of complications from the coronavirus. Sonny began working at the USPS as a part-time regular on April 6, 1994. For decades, Sonny also worked full-time at Safeway before becoming full time at the USPS. Sonny continued to work the two jobs until he fell ill in March.

Sonny was very active in his community, including service as Vice President and President of the Filipino American Association of Certified Public Accountants. He loved attending cultural festivals and was devoted to his church where he served as lector. Sonny is survived by his loving wife Zenaida and many devoted nieces and nephews. Sonny will be remembered as being a hard worker, career-long union member, and a pleasure to work with. Sonny will be sorely missed. Please keep the family in your prayers.



### RETIRED LOCAL 301 MAIL HANDLER, ROY DEPALMA

A retired mail handler from Local 301, Roy DePalma, passed due to COVID-19 on May 1, 2020. Brother DePalma retired in 2019 after 34 years of service to the Postal Service as a member of Branch 18 in Providence, RI. Roy was affectionately referred to by his Brothers & Sisters with the nickname "Boy Roy." Please keep Brother DePalma's family and loved ones in your thoughts and prayers.



### LOCAL 308 MAIL HANDLER, DAVID SMITHLIN

Local 308 Mail Handler David Smithlin succumbed to the coronavirus on Tuesday, April 28, 2020. Dave was a very humble man, who came to work, did his job, and went home to his family.

Dave was 72 years old, and was married for 41 years to his wife, Carol. He was a great employee who gave the Postal Service 100% every day he clocked in and reported to work. He never had a bad word to say about anyone, and always treated his co-workers with dignity and respect. We ask that you keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers, along with all the other members who have been affected by this pandemic.



### LOCAL 300, FORMER BRANCH PRESIDENT, ALEX FRAZIER

Alex was Branch President of Greater Newark P&DC from 2012 until his retirement from the USPS in 2018. Alex also has held various positions and performed numerous functions in the Union during his career, including Steward and Chief Steward in Greater Newark and the Newark Main Post Office. Alex also represented NPMHU Local 300 as a convention delegate at both the NPMHU and LiUNA conventions.

Alex served this country in the Vietnam War. He also worked for the Postal Service for decades. He always used his heart and soul at work and with his beautiful family. He also represented Local 300 quite well during any spontaneous Karaoke competitions. Those that knew Alex will miss the sound of his voice and his laugh. He represented the membership with his heart and soul every day. Please take a moment to pray for Alex and his family.



### LOCAL 300 MAIL HANDLER, NADIR TILIOUINE

Local 300 mail handler, Nadir Tiliouine passed on April 29, 2020 as a result of complications from the coronavirus. Brother Tiliouine began his career with the USPS in 2005; he worked in the NJI-NDC. He was a kind man, known for being a hard worker. Nadir was 62 years old. Please keep Brother Tiliouine's family and loved ones in your thoughts and prayers.



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