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NJ Merged Branch 38, NALC*



# THE SENTINEL

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## *Installation of Officers*



Seated: NBA Larry Cirelli, National Director of H.B.P. Tim O'Malley, Branch President Pete Maglio, Executive Vice President Jim Stasse, Third V.P. and NJ State Association President Tony Massa  
Standing: Don Millman, Pat Flannery, Bill Trudell, Keith Hemmings, Ralph Silvestri, Charlie Connell, Mike O'Neill, Dominic Walton, Paul Biggs, Rich Mitchell, Richie O'Connell Jr., Pete Bednarz, John Sheridan

**At the Branch Meeting on January 6, 2010, I had the honor** of being installed as the President of NJ Merged Branch 38. Words cannot express the gratitude I hold for the membership of this Branch. The confidence and support I have received over the years from our members has been truly humbling, and I can assure you I will work hard every day to justify that confidence.

**The entire executive board was also sworn in at that meeting,** and I know they too would like to express their thanks to the membership. My executive board and staff are without equal, and I would like to thank them for their tireless efforts on behalf of our members and for their support of my presidency.

**Tim O'Malley, NALC Director of Health Benefits presided** over the installation, and he was assisted by NBA Larry Cirelli. I would like to thank them for that honor, and for their very kind words. I would also especially like to thank RAA and former Branch 38 President Bruce Didriksen, who was also in attendance and offered some very gracious and encouraging words to our officers and staff.

**There is no question that the next three years will be as** challenging as any throughout the history of the Postal Service. I am confident that we have the people in place to meet those challenges, and, with your support, we will prevail together.

*Pete Maglio*

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Tony Massa	Third Vice President
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John Sheridan	Corresponding Secretary
Pat Flannery	Recording Secretary
Charlie Connell	Director of Retirees/HBR
Peter Bednarz	Sergeant-At-Arms

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### BRANCH MEETINGS

March 3, 2010  
 April 7, 2010  
 May 5, 2010  
 June 2, 2010

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Retiree Luncheon  
 April 18, 2010

Food Drive  
 May 8, 2010

Memorial Day  
 May 31, 2010

Scholarship Night  
 June 2, 2010

Night at the Races  
 June 5, 2010

**NJ Merged Branch 38  
Web Site**

<http://www.branch38nalc.com/>

# *NJ Merged Branch 38* *Holiday Party*



Pete Maglio & Keith Hemmings

The annual Branch 38 Holiday Party was held at the Chandelier Restaurant in Belleville, NJ on December 19, 2009. Despite a major snow storm, over 150 members and guests of Branch 38 were able to attend. The event included dinner, drinks, dancing, and prizes. A good time was had by all, and everyone arrived home safely.

NALC Director of Safety and Health, Brian Hellman, NBA Larry Cirelli, and Branch Attorney Don Millman were all present and extended their best wishes to the membership of Branch 38 for a happy holiday season and a healthy and prosperous New Year. Special thanks go out to the chairman of the Holiday Party, Ralph Silvestri and the DJ for the night, Dominic Walton. Here is a small selection of photos taken from the Branch 38 web site. As you can see, high holiday spirits were on display in spite of the weather.



Director of Safety & Health  
Brian Hellman



Jason Rogers & Shahidi Outen



Eddie & Maria Fitz



Joe & Lynne Rutkoski



# The 40th Anniversary of

## *Paul Biggs*

I began working for the Post Office on Saint Patrick's Day in 1969. Living in town, I was lucky enough to know many of the employees of the office. As the "new kid" in the office I was treated better than most new employees. I was making about \$3 an hour and I was amazed how dedicated and conscientious these men were even though most had to work a second or even a third job to support their families.

**A year later was the Postal Strike** on March 18, 1970. I had the privilege to walk a picket line with these men in an effort to improve wages and working conditions. I had little to lose. My fellow workers, however, even under the threat of going to jail, were risking their careers and ability to support their families by standing up and being heard. Like today, many had mortgages, car payments, college loans, etc. Their sincerity and willingness to support this job action was inspirational.

**Needless to say, our jobs have changed** tremendously since those days. Collective bargaining, salaries, and the other benefits we now enjoy are the direct result of this strike. Who knows what it would be like now if those men hadn't walked off the job!

**Although most of these individuals have** since retired, I would hope that all current employees would remember these individuals who risked everything forty years ago and thank them personally should they have an opportunity to do so. Their sacrifices changed for the better the wages, working conditions, and benefits we all take for granted today.

**In 1970, the last year of the Post Office Department, the starting salary for letter carriers was \$7,072. Eight years after the strike and the first NALC-USPS National Agreement, the starting salary had more than doubled to \$14,416. The starting salary today is \$42,610, more than six times the 1970 rate.**

## The Strike of 1970

**On March 17, 1970, the letter carriers** in New York City put in motion a wild cat strike against the US Post Office which changed forever the lives of all letter carriers. Under the leadership of Vincent R. Sombrotto, the strike spread throughout the nation and brought a halt to all mail delivery. As a result of that strike, the NALC gained the right to collective bargaining. There is no doubt that all of the benefits and wages we enjoy today can be directly credited to the actions of those brave men.

**In recognition of the 40th Anniversary** of the Strike, we wanted to share some of the thoughts of the Branch 38 officers who were on the job at that time and who were a part of that historic movement. It is important that we remember and never take for granted the sacrifice and courage of the men who risked everything so that we may enjoy the fruits of their actions.

### Excerpt from Carriers in a Common Cause

"Still, only with the strike could carriers have achieved substantial economic and legislative gains. The long struggle of letter carriers for dignity and justice had taken a great step forward. The strike - what news magazines at the time termed the "Revolt of the Good Guys" - was an uncoordinated, spontaneous uprising of aggrieved workers, longing not only for economic justice but also for a voice and a recognition of their dignity and humanity. Letter carriers and other postal workers had, at long last, achieved full collective bargaining with their employer."

## *Pete Maglio*

**I was hired as a PTF carrier at the** Orange, NJ Post Office in January 1969. I had just finished my military service in the Army and needed a job. Back then PTF's had no rights at all and the older guys kind of looked out for you.

**I recall early in 1970 when the rumors** started to spread about a possible job action starting from the New York area. Back then we were not making much money and had very few benefits. Any increase in pay had to come from Congress, and trying to get anything from them was like putting your hand in an alligator's mouth. It was so bad financially for the older carriers with families that many of them actually met the criteria for welfare and food stamps.

**I felt the restless mood in the office as** each day passed. Then one morning in March I walked through the back doors of the Orange Post Office and everybody in the building began walking out. I heard from the other carriers that Branch 36 in New York City had walked out. The "Wildcat Strike" had begun. It was amazing. Back then there were no cell phones, e-mails or text messaging, yet somehow the word spread like wildfire.

**The illegal strike was set in motion and** started to spread quickly to surrounding areas. It gradually went nationwide to Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit and San Francisco. This was the first national postal strike and the largest walkout against the Federal Government in U.S. history.

**Looking back I realized that the older** guys with families were taking a huge risk when we walked out in 1970. Many had homes and small children. Letter Carriers throughout the country made a decision that could have cost them their jobs. I am very proud and honored to have walked the picket line with those courageous carriers. The benefits we enjoy today are a direct result of the work stoppage of 1970. Let us never forget those who walked that line!

# ***The Strike of 1970***

## ***Charlie Connell***

**On March 17, 1970, letter carriers from NALC Branch 36, New York voted to go on strike in what became the Wildcat Postal Strike of 1970. On March 18th pickets were set up and the work stoppage began, spreading quickly across New Jersey and throughout the country.**

**Many local carriers in the northeast were aware of the possibility of a strike and a contingency plan had been established. There were no cell phones or email in 1970. A telephone network was put in place in Middlesex County where I worked at the Port Reading Post Office and served as the President of Branch 5907.**

**On the day of the strike, I received a phone call from Charlie De Bockler of the Woodbridge Post Office. The carriers in Perth Amboy, Fords, and Woodbridge were supporting the strike, and my office in Port Reading would join them. I attempted to contact the Carteret carriers but they were already on their routes. I found Fran Hagen, the president of the Carteret Letter Carriers, on his route and we proceeded to get the carriers off their routes. This group of towns formed a Middlesex County Coalition and meetings were held at a local hall.**

**In 1970 the starting rate for carriers was \$2.57 per hour, and it took 23 years to reach top pay. Carriers with small children, including myself, were struggling financially and many qualified for food stamps. I held two jobs, and my wife made money by taking in baby sitting for the State. The turnover rate of postal employees was approximately 25% annually. The courage of the carriers in 1970 should not be underestimated. Many carriers had years in the Postal Pension Plan and risked it all by striking. Their complaints were legitimate and most of the public came to their defense.**

**The wildcat strike lasted about one week and spread through the country. Within a few days 200,000 people were involved and over 30 major cities. The strike resulted in an 8% raise and top pay could be attained in 8 years. Perhaps more important, Postal Unions received the right to negotiate wages and working conditions. This led to great strides in the NALC and eventually the election of Vincent R. Sombrotto of Branch 36 as President of our great union.**

**I am proud of the fact that I was able to be a small part of that historic event. I can't imagine where we would be today without the strike of 1970. All letter carriers should be aware of their history and proud of the men and women who sacrificed so much in order to make our lives so much better. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to have played a role in that history.**

## ***Tony Massa***

**In March of 1970, I held a parcel post route out of the Belleville Annex of the Newark Post Office. This was before I became President of Branch 38. I was the shop steward for the sixty two parcel post routes in Newark.**

**We had gotten a call that the carriers in New York had voted to go on strike at their meeting on the night of March 17. Word had spread throughout New Jersey, and we decided in Newark that we were also going to walk out. We quickly set up picket lines during all tours around the clock. Most of our guys, regardless of seniority, joined in on the lines.**

**In my station, not only did 100% of all the letter carriers walk out, but most of the clerks refused to cross the picket lines. Throughout all thirteen stations of the Newark Post Office, only four carriers, all senior guys close to retirement, reported for work. Those four were all sent home by management.**

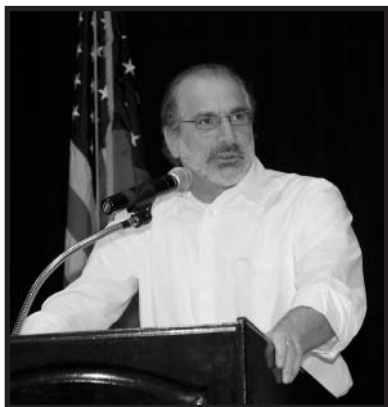
**Most of the managers supported the carriers on strike. They knew how tough it was to make ends meet on the meager salary we were earning since they weren't making much more than we were. Late one night during the overnight shift, some of the guys needed to use the bathroom. One of the supervisors refused to let them in the building. When the station manager found out, he blew his top. From then on, anyone on the picket line was allowed inside to use the men's room.**

**I remember all of the rumors that were going around while we were out. There were stories about carriers getting fired and arrested, and reports that some of strike leaders in New York who supported Vince Sombrotto had been locked up. It was a scary time for most of the guys. We all had families, and we were all working two or three jobs just to get by. We couldn't afford to lose our jobs at the Post Office, even though the pay was as low as it was. We still had the benefits, and none of us could afford to lose them. When I think back, it's amazing how courageous those guys were. On the day before the strike was resolved and we went back to work, I received a letter in the mail from the Postmaster General saying that if I didn't report to work within twenty four hours I would lose my job and be in violation of Federal Law.**

**Those really were scary times, but we all did what had to be done. I'm proud of all of those guys who stuck their necks out and stayed together. We should all take a few minutes on March 18 this year and think about what it would have been like if not for the brave actions of the letter carriers in forty years ago. We are all forever indebted to them and their families.**

# Branch 38 - 2010

## Shop Steward Seminar



NALC President Fred Rolando



Shop Stewards Rich Castore, Kevin Moran, Bob Ketch, and Pat Acconzo



Shop Stewards Valerie Hooper and Cheryl Smith

**This year's Shop Steward Training Seminar was again held at Caesar's Hotel in Atlantic City from January 10-12.** A record number of Branch 38 shop stewards and alternate shop stewards (185) were able to attend. Also in attendance as guests were officers and shop stewards from many other branches from throughout Regions 12 & 15. As has become tradition, NALC President Fred Rolando was the featured speaker at the general session on Monday morning. Fred provided an update on the financial condition of the Postal Service, and NALC's strategy for the upcoming year and beyond. As President Rolando made clear, the challenges before us are many and daunting. If we remain strong and united, those challenges will be overcome just as we have prevailed in the past. During Monday's afternoon session, RAA Bruce Didriksen presented training on the Postal Service's National Reassessment Program, and NBA Larry Cirelli gave a class on Article 12 and excessing. On Tuesday morning, the Branch 38 shop stewards met in small groups with their area representatives, while guests from other Branches attended a class on the Dispute Resolution Process given by DRT Members Jeff Fox and Bob Paccioretti. We want to thank all of the shop stewards who took the time to attend this very important training session, and we would especially like to thank our special guests who provided that training.

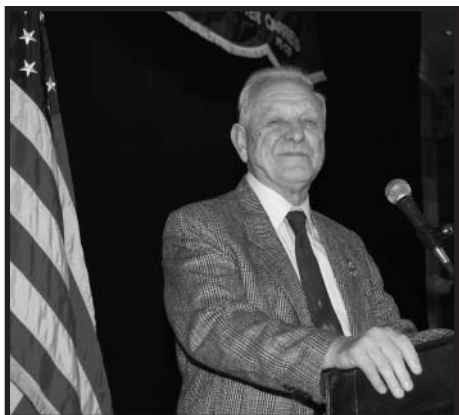


Joe Rutkoski, Danny Szucs, Pete Bednarz, and Mark McGrady



Shop Stewards Tony Hussey, Dan Geroni, and Joe Otero

# Shop Stewards Awards Dinner



Jim Eagen



Bill Young & Jim Eagen



Bill Young & Pete Maglio

**One of the highlights of the Training Seminar is the Shop Stewards Awards Dinner on Monday night.** Awards are presented for perfect attendance at Branch Meetings and for years of service as shop stewards. Stewards with five years of service receive a light weight jacket, those with ten years of service receive a Branch 38 watch, and those with twenty years of service receive a winter jacket. Special guests at this year's dinner included NALC President Fred Rolando, Region 15 NBA Larry Cirelli, Region 12 NBA Bill Lucini, Region 12 RAA Dave Napadano, Region 15 RAA Tom Mathews, Region 15 RAA and former Branch 38 President Bruce Didriksen, and former Branch 38 Presidents Al Ferranto and Bob Borgognoni.

Recently retired Branch 38 Director of Retirees/HBR and retired NALC President Bill Young were also both honored. Jim spoke of how much he has enjoyed his many years of service to the members of Branch 38 and the many friends he has made during those years. Bill Young was presented with a plaque commemorating his honorary membership in Branch 38, which had been unanimously approved by the membership at a recent Branch Meeting. The dinner was again a most enjoyable event, and a good time was had by all.



Pete Maglio, Al Ferranto, Fred Rolando, Bill Young, Jim Eagen, Bill Lucini, & Larry Cirelli



Al Ferranto, Jim Eagen, Bruce Didriksen, & Pete Maglio

# NALC Food Drive

## May 8, 2010

**The nation's largest hunger-relief** organization, Feeding America, recently reported that 37 million Americans, one in every eight, sought emergency food assistance in 2009. That number represented a 46% increase over 2005. Children have been the biggest and most tragic victims of this increase. One in every five Children, 14 million, have been forced to rely upon soup kitchens, food pantries and food stamps to avoid starvation. These numbers represent the daily reality of life for many folks who, up until a few short years ago, had never had to rely upon the charity of others.

**The staggering increase in hunger in** America is directly related to the loss of jobs over the past few years. As our population has continued to grow, and the number of people in the workforce has grown accordingly, the number of jobs since 2006 has remained the same. We have had no growth in jobs since 2006. During each decade prior the 2006, jobs have grown in this country by twenty percent. People are hurting, and they need help in order to feed their families.

**This is why the annual Letter Carrier** Food Drive is perhaps the most important and gratifying event of the NALC year. Letter Carriers throughout the country, often with the help of managers and other crafts, pull together and orchestrate the largest single day food drive in the world. Churches and community food banks everywhere rely upon the help of the nation's Letter Carriers, and the generosity of the American people, to serve the ever growing number of people who need their services. This year there is a crisis of hunger in America, and the Letter Carriers must again step up to the plate.

**A weakened economy such as the one we** are now experiencing impacts the phenomenon of hunger in this country in two ways. There are more people in need of assistance. The people who are affected the most by an economic crisis are the poor and the working people, especially the elderly and the children. For these people the economic crisis is more than a piece on the evening news or a slightly smaller retirement account. For these people the crisis is real and life threatening. The

second result of a weakened economy is that the numbers of those who are normally able to give become fewer. It is often more difficult for many to contribute food when their incomes are less and their budgets are strained.

**It is up to us, the nation's Letter** Carriers, to make this year's Food Drive the most successful of all. We here at Branch 38 are once again committed to making an even greater effort to insure the success of the Food Drive. We are asking each and every office, and each and every member to participate. Those of us who are lucky enough to still be working and able to support our families must make an extra effort to help those who are not. It is the right thing to do. Programs such as the NALC Food Drive make the Letter Carrier an integral and indispensable part of each and every community.

**We need each and every member to** join together in this most important event. If we won't help each other, who will?



Area Representative Mark McGrady, Shop Steward Gary Starling, Teresa Crenshaw, and Branch President Pete Maglio

## Garfield Carrier Saves Child

Letter Carrier Teresa Crenshaw of the Garfield Post Office was recently recognized by both Branch 38 and the USPS for her keen sense of awareness and quick reaction. Teresa was on her way to work one recent morning when she noticed a toddler left alone in a parked car. After waiting a few minutes to see if the owner of the car would return, Teresa contacted the Garfield police department who quickly arrived at the scene and retrieved the baby from the locked car. The child was taken by ambulance to the local hospital for treatment and observation. Thanks to Teresa's vigilance and concern for the people in her community, the child may have avoided serious injury or worse.

Teresa's response to this critical situation is only one of the many acts of bravery and community service provided by letter carriers throughout America each and every day. Thanks go out to Teresa and all of the other carriers who have gone the extra mile in service to their fellow man.

# ***THE NALC IN 2010***

## ***Mike O'Neill***

**Those of us attending the Shop Steward Training Seminar** had the opportunity to hear NALC President Fred Rolando give a detailed presentation on the status of the Postal Service and the NALC's strategy as we meet the challenges of 2010. I'd like to offer a summary of that presentation here so that we can all be aware of what we have to look forward to.

**As we all know, the economic crisis in America** is far from over as millions continue to be out of work and the middle class continues to struggle. The Postal Service has not been immune to the economic crisis. Volume has dropped at alarming rates causing billions of dollars in losses. The USPS lost \$3.8 billion in 2009, and revenue is expected to decline further in 2010.

**The Postal Service will present to Congress** five different options as to how the business should change in order to deal with our financial crisis. All of them are unacceptable to the NALC and translate into lost jobs, wages, and benefits for letter carriers. None of the options, however, can be implemented without Congressional approval. This is one reason why we must continue to have a strong legislative program, and why our participation in the COLCPE fund is crucial.

**Regarding legislation, the single most important goal for the NALC this year** is to obtain relief from the Postal Service's obligation to prefund retiree health benefits and recoup the \$75 billion that OPM shortchanged the USPS in the 2007 miscalculation of the Postal CSRS surplus. If we are unable to get Congress to correct this enormous mistake, the future of the Postal Service may be in jeopardy.

**We must also rededicate our efforts to rebuild America's middle class.** We are supporting real and equitable health care reform, the Employee Free Choice Act, and the jobs bill which recently passed through the Senate with bi-partisan support. If the middle class continues to decline, maintaining letter carrier wages and benefits will become more and more difficult. The NALC is determined to prevent that from happening.

**Another Postal Reform Act will be developed in Congress this year,** and it is important that our interests are protected. We must defend six day delivery and fight any other proposal by the USPS or anti-union forces that will turn back the clock on letter carrier jobs, wages and benefits. This will not be an easy battle, and the combined support of every letter carrier is crucial to our success. We must stand together with our votes and our money to succeed.

**President Rolando also assured us that we have begun preparations to negotiate a new national agreement for 2011.** Given the economic status of the nation and the Postal Service, these negotiations will certainly be difficult. Without going into detail for obvious reasons, Fred made it known that all options are being considered. The NALC is working closely with the APWU and the Rural Carriers whose contracts are both up in 2010. This round of negotiations will without doubt be the most difficult in NALC history. Again, we will only be successful if we stand together in unified support of our leadership.

**Fred also reported that there are task teams assigned to meet with USPS on issues such as Article 12, FSS, Transitional Employees, MIARAP, Article 8, New Deliveries, the Dispute Resolution Process, and the National Reassessment Program.** He reminded us that, although each of these issues is very important, we must keep our eyes on the big picture.

**The future of the Postal Service has never been in question as it is today.** Our jobs and the economic future of our families hang in the balance. We will survive only if we engage in this battle as a unified force. We all need to do our fair share, and together we will prevail.

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## **Branch 38- MDA**

### **Night at the Races**

On Saturday, June 5, 2010 from 6:00 to 11:00 PM, Branch 38 will be holding our annual "Night at the Races for MDA" at the Meadowlands Race Track. This is a very popular event on the Branch calendar, and tickets are limited.

**Tickets are \$40.00 per person and include complimentary parking, admission, an official racing program, and an unlimited buffet.** Included on the buffet is hamburgers, cheeseburgers, frankfurters, grilled chicken, Italian sausage, corn on the cob, tossed salad, baked beans, potato salad, pickle spears, cole slaw, pretzels, potato chips, cookies, watermelon, coffee, tea, assorted soft drinks, and draft beer.

**We suggest you reserve your tickets early to avoid the disappointment of missing out.** Tickets must be paid for on or before May 15, 2010. Make your checks payable to NJ Merged Branch 38/MDA. To reserve tickets, or for further information, contact either Paul Biggs or John Sheridan at the Branch office (973-564-7244).

**All proceeds will be donated to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.** Join your fellow letter carriers for an enjoyable summer night out and help out Jerry's Kids.

## **Branch 38**

### **Retiree Luncheon**

On Sunday, April 18, 2010 at noon, Branch 38 will be holding our annual Retiree Luncheon in honor of all members of Branch 38 who retired during the 2009 calendar year. We will also be honoring a number of 50 year Gold Card Members. This has become one of the most enjoyable events on the Branch calendar.

**All honored guests will have received an invitation in the mail and have been asked to respond.** Anyone who would like to join us and our recent retirees to celebrate their retirement, please contact Charlie Connell at 973-564-7244 (Ext. 21) to purchase tickets. The tickets are \$50.00 per person and include a hot & cold appetizer buffet, steak dinner, desert, and open bar.

**Director of Retirees Charlie Connell will preside over the festivities, and special guest speakers will include National Business Agent Larry Cirelli and a Resident National Officer.** All of the Branch 38 officers will be in attendance as well. All Branch 38 members are welcome to attend and join us in honoring our retirees and thanking them for their service and brotherhood.

## **In Memoriam**

### **Karen Benanti**

Karen Benanti passed away at the age of 46 on Christmas morning, December 25, 2009. Karen was a letter carrier in the Union, NJ Post Office since 1987. Karen was a dedicated worker, but was best known for her outgoing personality and the joy she brought to the work floor and her fellow carriers. Karen's life was centered around her beloved son, Nicholas, whose care and best interests were always at the top of Karen's priorities. Karen will be sadly missed by her family and her fellow carriers, but she will never be forgotten.

### **James A. Calabrese**

James A. Calabrese passed away at the age of 61 on January 26, 2010. James worked as a letter carrier in the Belleville Post Office for 29 years. James served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War, and was a member of the VFW of Nutley. James is survived by his wife, Kathleen (Chyamski) Calabrese.

### **Hugh Henry**

Hugh Henry passed away at the age of 69 on January 26, 2010. Hugh was a letter carrier at the East Brunswick Post Office for 37 years before retiring. He was an avid horse racing fan and a member of the Central Jersey Track Club.

### **Victor L. Varanay**

Victor L. Varanay passed away at the age of 89 on December 9, 2009. Victor was the first letter carrier at the Iselin Post Office when home delivery started in 1949. He worked as a letter carrier in Iselin for 31 years before retiring in 1980. Victor served as treasurer of the Iselin Branch before eventually merging with Branch 38. He was recently awarded his 60 year pin commemorating 60 years as a member of the NALC. Victor was a well decorated veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Marine Corps in the Pacific Theater. Victor is survived by his wife of 61 years, Dorothy (Blanchard) Varanay.

# ***Branch 38 Scholarships***

## **26th ANNUAL NJ MERGED BRANCH 38 SCHOLARSHIPS**

NJ Merged Branch 38 is proud to announce that we are now accepting applications for our 26th Annual Scholarships in honor of Michael J. McTigue, former Executive Board member of NJ Merged Branch 38, former Branch Chaplin, Gil Hampton, and former National Secretary Treasurer, Richard O’Connell.

All three scholarships are in the amount of \$1,500 and will be awarded to three dependents of Branch 38 members in their final year of high school. The scholarships will be presented to the winners at the June 2nd Branch Meeting at the Woodbridge Elk’s Lodge #2116, 665 Rahway Avenue, Woodbridge, NJ. Details for entering are as follows:

To be eligible, the applicant must be the son or daughter of an active or retired member of Branch 38, and must be graduating from an accredited secondary school this year and planning entry into an accredited college or university this September. Other applicants will be considered where a member of Branch 38 is shown to be the student’s primary source of dependency.

Interested applicants should fill in the accompanying form on this page, or provide the requested information in a legible manner and send along with their High School transcript to: NJ Merged Branch 38 Scholarship, 374 Morris Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081-1106.

The transcript must include S.A.T. scores, scholastic records and any extra-curricular activities participated in. Recommendations of faculty or guidance personnel may also be included.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED  
NO LATER THAN  
MAY 7, 2010**

## **2010 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Branch 38 Member (Parent):**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Social Security Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Office Employed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If Other Than Father or Mother:**  
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**Name and Address of High School:**  
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**List of Colleges or Universities Applied To:**  
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**Signature of Applicant:**  
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**Signature of Member:**  
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## **Branch Meeting Information & Directions**

Meetings are held at 7:30 PM on the first Wednesday of each month.

The Branch Meetings are held at:

**ELKS BPO LODGE #2116**  
**665 RAHWAY AVENUE**  
**WOODBIDGE, NJ 07095**  
**732-634-2116**

**Directions:**

**SOUTH** on Garden State Parkway. Take Exit #129 to Route 9 North to Woodbridge Exit (Just after the Forge Restaurant on your right). At the end of the Exit Ramp, turn right onto Main Street (Route 514) and proceed until you reach a monument at City Hall. Bear left onto Rahway Avenue. The Elks is @ 1/2 mile down the road on your left.

**NORTH** on Garden State Parkway. Take Exit #127 to Route 9 North and follow directions above.

**NJ Turnpike.** Take Exit 12 (Carteret). Bear right after toll booth and turn left at light after overpass. Proceed through industrial park to Rahway Avenue and turn left. The Elks is 1 mile ahead on your right.