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# What's Leave Got to Do With It?

-David Norton, President

Like many Americans, letter carriers are now getting widespread access to vaccines against COVID-19. I, myself will be fully vaccinated by the time this newsletter reaches you. All of the other officers are fully vaccinated. Most of my family has received theirs as well. It is starting to look like we will eventually see some relief from the pandemic. Things are opening up, kids are going back to school (kind of) and we are slowly starting to do some of the things we are accustomed to. Going out to dinner, seeing family and friends, and seeing concerts seem like they are just around the corner. Even though things are starting to look up, we are still very much in the throes of the COVID-19 pandemic. Cases are surging in many places, and Oregon and the Postal Service are no different. There has been an uptick in cases around the Portland District, and COVID has touched post offices in every corner of the state and in every craft. Now is not the time to stop washing your hands or get together mask-free with others. We have to keep up the best practices until we get to herd immunity. We are getting close.

The struggles due to COVID have not ceased in the Postal Service. We are still impacted through the number of carriers we have off due to COVID related reasons, and we have staffing shortages in every craft, at every level because of it. The Postal Service is hiring, but they are not keeping up.

Many carriers took advantage of the first round of COVID leave that was authorized through the Family First Coronavirus Response Act. That leave expired, and now we have a new leave that has been authorized for use by federal employees that are impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. That leave is called the Emergency Federal Employee Leave (EFEL). It is actually a fund that was granted under the American Rescue Act. It is there for federal employees, including letter carriers, who are experiencing hardships due to COVID in which they need to use leave from work. Those reasons could include the need to quarantine, isolate, or take care of family. It could also mean taking care of your kids certain days while they are not in school. It also includes paid time to get your vaccine. If you are in one of these categories, then we encourage you to fill out a 3971 stating that you need to use this leave. It is there for us to use. That doesn't mean, however, that management is approving it.

The Postal Service has been waiting around for the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to issue some clear instructions on how the agencies are supposed to administer this leave to employees. OPM is basically the Human Resources department for the federal government. That is where we as well as other federal agencies get directions on a multitude of issues including healthcare and retirement, among others. OPM hasn't yet made up their mind

on how the new COVID leave is to be administered, and so the Postal Service has taken a very conservative stance on who gets the leave and who doesn't. This is even contrary to the Postal Service's own memos regarding the EFEL leave. Carriers must be aware that in order to use this leave, they may be asked to jump through some hoops from management. They will ask you for documentation in order to support your use of the leave. Branch 82 doesn't agree with this, but it may be in your best interest to go ahead and get the evidence needed. We will need it if we have to file a grievance if management refuses to pay the leave. And there is a very, very strong possibility that we are going to have to file a grievance to get the leave paid. We have already done so on numerous instances, and we are awaiting one of those case's decision at DRT.

This leave is there for employees to use. Yes, we are currently sitting in a place where staffing in many offices is a struggle every day, and the more people we have at work makes it easier to get the mail delivered efficiently and safely and in a reasonable amount of time. Peak season is over. This is usually the time of year where the mail drops off, packages drop off and in the past, there isn't any overtime to be had even if you wanted some. Nobody should be out delivering mail until late in the evening this time of the year. But the fact remains, there are many carriers out there who are dealing with the issues surrounding the pandemic. People are getting COVID, people need to quarantine because of COVID, and everyone's lives are still turned upside down because of COVID. This is what the leave is for. As I write this article I just received a notification that there was a positive COVID case at my daughter's school. Everyone in her cohort (the kids attending hybrid at her school are separated into two groups or "cohorts", and they attend school in person two days a week depending on what their cohort is) has been told they will not be able to be in person at her school and will have to go back to online school. In my case, my daughter is old enough to be at home by herself and do her school work by herself, but if she was too young to be home alone, I would need to figure out what to do. Many carriers are in that same position.

When COVID impacts carrier's lives we have a leave to use, and we should be able to use it. We as letter carriers, and as front line workers have been asked to do many things during this pandemic that other employees have not. We are out on the streets everyday doing this job in the face of tough conditions and long hours. The work of letter carriers have kept the Postal Service afloat and the future of the Postal Service depends on us above anyone else. We keep this organization running. When we need to rearrange our schedules or take a day off or pick our kids up from school due to COVID, we should be able to do so, and use the EFEL leave when doing so.



# It's May Already

- Jim Baxter, Vice President

So by mid-May 1981, I was about half way through my probation. It's hard to believe that it was 40 years ago. My wife can still remember the stress I was under to pass probation. It was a really good job back then, and I really needed a good job. I remember that my brother-in-law was a journeyman checker at Fred Meyer at the time. He was making \$10.25, and I started at \$10.40. With the new contract, starting pay for a CCA is somewhere in the neighborhood of \$19.00. That's about what a journeyman checker makes at Fred Meyer today. You could make more money going to work for TriMet, but I think someone would have to be crazy to choose driving a bus in traffic over delivering mail.

I was assigned to Creston but had my OJI training at Lents. They didn't have enough trainers at Creston for all the new people. Well that hasn't changed. There are never enough OJIs. While in probation I was sent to Lents Station. That day I delivered the route that my mom and dad lived on and got a great lunch. Before I made regular, I think I worked at 10 or so different stations. Of course I went, but I never liked that much. I don't think that has changed. No one likes to be sent to different stations. It's just part of the job, and I went. I was the help. I have always wanted to change the job for the better for the new people, but there are things that as much as I want to, I just can't change.

One day while still in probation I was assigned an hour section on a route. I don't remember which route, and I don't remember the carrier's name. I do clearly remember the day. It was a Tuesday. Back in the day we delivered a newspaper called "This Week" on Tuesdays. Every house got one, and they weighed up to a pound each. The section the guy gave me had 125 This Weeks. That's 125 park and loop deliveries in one hour. Ok, I'm new; I thought that was right. So I'm out delivering, and the guy pulls up and gives me another 75 papers and says he miscounted. It took about 2 hours. Oh well. I'm new, I must not be as fast as the regular. Another day I got the same section from the guy. And I am out delivering. Still in probation. The guy pulls up and hands me a bundle of little pamphlets that he said was a full coverage that he had forgotten to give me. He said I was to deliver one to each house. Ok, I did it. They didn't have addresses on them but hey, I'm new. Turns out they were religious tracts that he had gotten from his church and he was having me deliver them on his route without paying postage. I could have been fired. The guy didn't care. Later, I had to do his route on a day he called in sick. I discovered he had been giving me more than half his route for an hour while I was in probation. There is a word for that guy. It starts with an A and ends with a hole. Suzanne won't let me use it. But you all know what it is. Later the guy put in for a special test under 271-G of the M-39.



Vice President Jim Baxter in his PTF days having a nice stationary event at his parents' house.

They did the 5 day test. He 7:01ed everyday and ended up with an hour add. What do they call that? Karma.

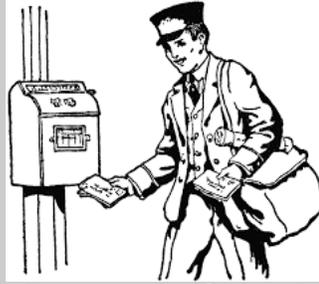
I worked with another carrier named Tim. Tim was a great guy. Forty years ago Tim taught me how to carry mail the right way. He gave me a bunch of tips on how to do the job smarter. I see Tim every once in a while and always thank him. His son works at the post office. Every time I see the son I remind him that his dad is a great guy.

There is a lesson here for all of us to learn. We need to watch out for the new people. We need to treat them right. Professional letter carriers do not screw over their brothers and sisters. We need to be doing the best we can everyday for our brothers and sisters and for the American public, not for the supervisor. Don't be that carrier that gives the new people the hardest or longest part of your route or leaves a mess for your T-6. Take care of them all. We don't want the new people to quit. We want them to be around forty years from now. The Post Office will be here, so will our jobs, our pensions and hopefully so will you. Maybe not still working but still around collecting your pension.

I learned a long time ago that there is no upside when trying to get even with a bad supervisor by taking it out on the Post Office. Once a supervisor said something to me that made me mad so I put in for a special test. They did the test and cut my route. I was on the ODL and needed the money. That was one of the dumbest things I did in my whole career. I let the supervisor make me mad, and it ended up hurting me, not him. Calling in sick or slowing down doesn't hurt the boss. It only hurts you or if you aren't there, it hurts your brothers and sisters. I haven't let one of them make me mad about anything that they have done to me since. I don't like it, but there have been times when they have made me mad because of what they've done to other people, but not me. So hang in there. Do the best you can for you and your brothers and sisters. The others will be gone soon and you will still be there.

Good Luck,  
Jim





# *Last Punch Bunch*

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# Hello Again From The Office Of Your Secretary-Treasurer.

-Matt Pierce, Secretary-Treasurer

Being a career federal employee comes with a lot of benefits that don't necessarily show up on your paycheck. Unfortunately, for many of them you and/or your family have to know that you qualify. Did you know that your dependent child may be entitled to an annuity for life? One of the most important benefits to the children of deceased federal employees and retirees is a survivor annuity, which is payable to your dependent children even if you didn't elect a survivor annuity when you retired.

To be eligible, your child must be an unmarried dependent under 18 years of age or between age 18 and 22 and a student regularly pursuing a full-time course of study or training. The term dependent includes 1) an adopted child, 2) a stepchild (but only if the stepchild lived with you in a regular parent-child relationship), 3) a recognized natural child, and 4) a child who lived with and for whom a petition for adoption was filed by you and who is adopted by your surviving spouse after your death.

There is one situation in which those benefits can continue beyond these ages. That's when the child is both incapable of self-support because of a physical or mental disability incurred before age 18 and unmarried. In that case, benefits continue as long as they continue to meet those standards, which may mean for life.

In order to qualify your disabled child for such a benefit, you have to provide OPM with some information. If the Social Security Administration has already awarded benefits to your child based on its findings that they are incapable of self-support because of a physical or mental disability incurred before age 18, OPM will only need a copy of that letter.

If not, you'll need to provide OPM with information about the child's education, employment (if any), and residence. In addition, your child's doctor must provide information about the child's medical condition. You'll find an outline of the information needed in OPM Form RI 25-43, which is available at [www.opm.gov](http://www.opm.gov), click on Forms.

The amount of a child's survivor benefit is the same under CSRS or FERS and the same for either standard or disability-based benefits. If the child has a living parent who was married to the employee or retiree, the benefit payable in 2019 is \$537 per month per child or a maximum of \$1,611, divided by the number of children. If there is no living parent, the benefit is \$644 per month per child or a maximum of \$1,932, divided by the number of children. Those numbers are increased annually by cost of living adjustments.

The rules governing the annuity payments to children are the same for CSRS and FERS employees and retirees. How-

ever, the annuity payments to a child of a CSRS-Offset or FERS employee/retiree will be reduced by the amount of the Social Security benefit payable based on the employee/retiree's Social Security-covered federal service.

The survivor annuity to each qualified child begins the day after the employee/retiree's death and ends on the last day of the month before the one in which the child no longer meets an eligibility standard as described above.

In the unfortunate event that any of us passes away, we want to know that our families will be taken care of. Being aware of the rules and letting your family know about them is important for making sure they get all the benefits entitled to them.

Until next time,  
Matt

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# BRANCH & MDA RAFFLE !!!!



**NEW  
PRIZES**



MIFO o5 PLUS GEN 2 EAR BUDS!!!



Raffle start date= Monday March 22nd

Raffle end date = Friday June 11th

Drawing Date = Wednesday June 16th

\$5 a ticket or  
\$20 for 5 tickets (1 free ticket!!!)

Branch office, steward or designee has  
tickets for sale



# MDA Report

-Abe RedCloud, MDA Rep

May is here, flowers have bloomed, roses are growing, sunshine is shining, birds are chirping, and we are raising much needed funds for MDA!!! That's right folks, our MDA raffle is only one month away from being over!!! In the latest Postal Record, the fundraising numbers for all branches nationally were reported, and for the first time in years of us being in Category 2 we were beaten! Let's get back on top of Category 2 this year and help MDA!!!!

As I mentioned a few months ago, MDA needs your help! As COVID-19 hasn't been contained yet, MDA hasn't been able to run events to fundraise. So it's up to the organizations that usually fundraise for them to step up. I ask you all to PLEASE buy some tickets for the raffle if you haven't already. Did you usually go to the Labor Bowl? Instead of spending your \$60 for that, how about buying \$20 worth of raffle tickets? If you are retired or unable to buy tickets from a steward, Branch 82 will have tickets available at the office. You can either stop by in person, or send a check made out to Branch 82 and mail it to:

5265 NE 42nd Ave  
Portland, OR, 97218

Include a note that you would like to purchase raffle tickets, how many, and a return address. We can then mail you back the stubs for the tickets you purchased. Last year, we were able to raise \$1,000 with our raffle. I have challenged all members of this branch to double that this year! Can we raise \$2,000 with this raffle??? I think so, but I need your help! Can't afford tickets? Try to get friends or family to buy some tickets. That's right, our raffle is open to ANYONE!! So please help our branch raise money for MDA and make a difference! Let's do this!! Here's the info:

## UPDATED INFO:

Last day to buy tickets: **Friday June 11th**

Drawing: **Wednesday, June 16th at Stewards Council**

Prices: **\$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20 (gets you a free ticket!!)**

## Prizes:

- 1 = Vizio V21 sound bar
- 2 = Apple Watch series 3
- 3 = Mifo 05 Plus Gen 2 earbuds
- 4 = Echo 4th Gen
- 5 = VR Empire VR headset with controller

## Drawing Winners:

Instead of drawing out a person's name and they win that prize, here is how the drawing will work. The first person drawn will get to pick any of the 5 prizes. Then the next person drawn will get to pick out of the remaining 4 prizes and so on. This way, we hope that all winners will get something they want and don't already own. Of course, some of the winners most likely won't be at the stewards meeting, so I will be writing down the winners in order. I will contact the winners in the order drawn so they may pick their prizes.

I really hope that we can make a difference for MDA this year and blow the other branches in Category 2 out of the water at the same time! Let's get back on top and show the NALC that Branch 82 isn't a branch to be trifled with! WE ARE BRANCH 82!!!! HEAR OUR ROAR!!!!

In Solidarity,  
Abe RedCloud



**B-Mike**

# Judith Hyde Scholarship Application

THE PURPOSE OF THE JUDITH HYDE SCHOLARSHIP is to reward the child of a Branch 82 letter carrier for community service as exemplified by Judith Hyde.

Judith Hyde came to know and love a little girl born HIV positive who had been adopted by a friend of hers. After the child died, Judith became concerned about the lack of knowledge among young people concerning AIDS/HIV. She was determined to walk across the United States from Portland to Washington, D.C. to raise awareness about this problem. Although her journey ended in Ohio due to her contracting liver cancer, her goal of community service lives on with this scholarship.

This scholarship consists of \$2000.00 per year up to four years to pay for education expenses at an accredited post-secondary school or technical institute.

## SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING TO APPLY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP:

1. What problem in the community has been of concern to you, and what have you done about it?  
Please answer in detail up to two typed pages.
2. A short statement of post-secondary education plans/goals,
3. A short letter of recommendation from a friend or family,
4. A short letter of recommendation concerning your community service,
5. Grade point average on the most recent report card.

Each submission will be judged by a group of letter carriers including one parent of a past Judith Hyde Scholarship winner.

**DEADLINE** - All information must be submitted by June 1st, 2021.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I am the child of active/retired/deceased letter carrier \_\_\_\_\_  
of Branch 82, Portland, OR. I am a high school senior in the 2020-2021 school year.

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the foregoing information is correct to the best of my knowledge and that I have included all required items with this application.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Branch 82 Scholarship Committee, 5265 NE 42nd Avenue, Portland, OR 97218



# From the Desk of the Chief Steward

-John Kunz, Chief Steward

As I am writing this article, vaccinations for COVID-19 are happening at a rapid pace. In most places vaccinations are available to all people over 16. Schools and businesses are starting to partially reopen. Most schools are going to some kind of hybrid model of in person learning. In most places COVID-19 infections are down, which means hospitalizations and deaths are down too. All of this is great news, but until we are given the green light I encourage everyone to wear your mask, wash your hands, use hand sanitizer, and socially distance when in public and at work.

In March 2021 President Joe Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act into law. This law gave leave for COVID-19 related issues. Unfortunately, the Postal Service along with the other federal agencies are waiting for OPM to issue guidance on this law. Until this happens management has taken a hard stance on the use of this leave. We at the branch have been dealing with quite a few requests that have been denied. We currently have one case at DRT and probably more on the way. If you request this leave type and are denied use by management, 1) make your leave request on a PS Form 3971 (see specific codes), 2) let your shop steward know or call the hall so we can grieve it. While you are waiting for resolution on your grievance you may want to take sick leave or annual leave for the time you took off because if you don't, you may not get paid for the hours. Unfortunately, the grievance procedure can take time to settle, so be prepared for the long haul.

## Get Stuck!

-Suzanne Miller, Editor

People across the world are getting vaccinated from COVID-19. Letter carriers are no different, and that means me too. This pandemic has been fraught with anxiety and fear. Getting vaccinated also has its share of dread... Where do I go? How do I get the time off? What if I have a reaction? Is this safe?

Like you, I have felt all of those emotions. The best advice I can give is to take the time, schedule an appointment and get vaccinated. Management has to give you the time. That's what I did. After the year that we have had as letter carriers, you owe it to yourself, your co-workers, your customers, and your family.

Be safe, be healthy, and let's all move on from this collective nightmare. Get vaccinated!

It seems like we are starting to see light at the end of the tunnel, at least I hope and pray. Now I'm not saying anything is over, or take your mask off and burn it. All I'm saying is it feels good to know vaccinations are happening and things seem to be heading in the right direction. I, like all of you, can't wait until this pandemic is all over, and the world, country, state, county, and city can go back to normal.

Until next month...

JKunz

### EFEL Codes

086-01 - Pandemic Isolation Order

086-02 - Pandemic Quarantine Self

086-03 - Pandemic Quarantine Other

086-04 - Pandemic Seeking Care

086-05 - Pandemic Child Care

086-07 - Pandemic Adult Care

086-08 - Pandemic Vaccine



Dr. Walgreens vaccinating your B-Mike Editor.



# Remembering and Supporting Veterans

-Bruce Hall, Veterans Representative

This year I write this article with not just concern for veterans, but each and every one of you! We are experiencing very confusing and concerning times. We are still in the COVID-19 pandemic. This has affected all our lives. There is insecurity and instability everywhere. We all need to stick together and look out for one another. Last month I intended to include a message offering some Food Boxes to veterans in need. However, that message did not make it into the final printing. But I still have some boxes of food available for vets in need. The boxes contain non-perishable items and are worth about \$75.00. If you need some extra food, give me a call at 503-285-8468. Also, if you or someone you know needs some assistance, let me know.

Now I will share my annual message about Memorial Day including dates of some events that normally take place. However, due to the dealings with the pandemic and our efforts to overcome it, these events might be canceled. We will have to play it by ear! With these thoughts in mind, read my article with the listed dates for normal Memorial Day events.

The month of May has several days which encourage us to remember and support Veterans. May 8th is V.E. Day and marks the Victory in Europe in WWII; May 15 is Armed Forces Day and honors all our armed forces; and May 31 is Memorial Day. Take advantage of these special days.

Memorial Day will be celebrated on May 31. It is a sacred day to all veterans. The actual designated date is May 30, but it was changed to the last Monday in May, creating a three-day weekend. This change actually undermines the meaning of the day in some ways, but we can put meaning back into Memorial Day by celebrating it as a Day of Remembrance. Veterans Day, which is observed on November 11 each year, honors and thanks all veterans who have served or are now serving.

Freedom is costly. Many veterans gave the ultimate sacrifice to give Americans freedom, which most people take for granted. **Sacrifice is meaningless without remembrance.** On Memorial Day we can honor the nation's dead veterans by remembering their service and their sacrifice.

There are many ways that we can pay tribute to those veterans who have sacrificed so much for us. These include:

- \*Pausing for a few moments of personal silence (All Americans are asked to pause for a moment of Respect and Remembrance at 3pm.)

- \*Attending commemorative ceremonies

- \*Placing flags on grave sites

- \*Wearing "Buddy" Poppies

- \*Flying your flag (Remember that on Memorial Day, the flag is flown at half-staff until noon, then raised to the top of the flag pole.)

## Memorial Day events in the Portland area: (If not canceled)

- \*Ceremony at Willamette National Cemetery at 10am

- \*Services at Oregon Vietnam Veterans Living Memorial in Washington Park at 11am

Personal as well as public acts of remembering should be part of our Memorial Day observances. Whether done collectively or individually, it is the thought that counts. Let's make this a true Memorial Day, not just another day off work. Honor those who have sacrificed so much to provide freedom as we build memories on this Memorial Day.

Here are a few facts about Memorial Day.

**HISTORY:** Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. Memorial Day was borne out of the Civil War and a desire to honor its dead. It was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868, by General John Logan. In the proclamation, it stated that "May 30, 1868, would be designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country." The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle. It became Memorial Day in 1873. The South refused to acknowledge the day and honored their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War, to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war).

It is now observed on the last Monday in May with the Congressional passage of the National Holiday Act of 1971, which ensured a three-day weekend for Federal Holidays.

**POPPIES:** In 1915, Moina Michael was inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields," and she wrote her own poem: "We cherish too, the Poppy red, That grows on fields where valor led, It seems to signal to the skies, That blood of heroes never dies." She then conceived of an idea to wear red poppies on Memorial Day in honor of those who died serving during war. She was the first to wear one and sold poppies to her friends and co-workers with the money going to benefit servicemen in need. Later, Madam Guerin from France was visiting the United States and learned of this new custom started by Ms. Michael. When she returned to France, she made artificial red poppies to raise money for war orphaned children and widowed



women. This tradition spread to other countries. In 1921, Franco-American Children's League sold poppies nationally to benefit war orphans of France and Belgium. The League disbanded and Madam Guerin approached the VFW for help shortly before Memorial Day in 1922. So, the VFW became the first veterans' organization to nationally sell poppies. Two years later their "Buddy" Poppy program was selling artificial poppies made by disabled veterans. In 1948, the Post Office issued a red 3 cent postage stamp with Ms. Michael's likeness on it.

The VFW distributes "Buddy" Poppies made by disabled veterans, and the American Legion also has a poppy program. You can **"Help the Living"** and support veterans by giving a donation to these organizations distributing poppies, and you can **"Honor the Dead"** by wearing a poppy.

Hopefully, veterans will support veterans also. It is a contin-

ual fight to maintain or increase benefits for veterans. There are numerous veteran's organizations to join which are working to support and protect veteran's benefits. Veterans should not just passively expect others to support them but must support one another.

As we think of veterans and their needs, let's remember that veterans like to be honored for their service, but not pitied for it. They like the respect of their fellow citizens and appreciate help for the wounded. They do not need special handouts to succeed, but our veterans face many problems such as unemployment, injuries, financial problems, etc. We need to realize that praise for a job well done goes much farther in expediting readjustment than misplaced pity. Do not feel sorry for them, but honor them by helping them. Also, let's help and support one another.

**Have a Memorable Memorial Day!**

## ACTIVE DUTY

- ROBERTO JIMENEZ**, (Creston) Army, Qatar
- CASEY JAMES**, (Waterfront) Army, Jordan
- DARREN CRUZ**, son of Gary Cruz (River District) Army, Ft. Lewis
- BILL QUIGLEY JR**, grandson of Ken Quigley (Gold Card Member) Army, Iraq
- CHRISTOPHER MANIVANH**, son of Simang Manivanh (Hillsboro) Army, Iraq
- GREG GERARD**, son of George Gerard (Beaverton) Navy, Virginia Beach
- ZACHARY PADACA**, son of Eleanor Padaca (River District)) Navy
- DEAN SCHUCHARDT**, son of Patricia Schuchardt (Multnomah) Army
- TOM TOTTON**, son in law of Lee Travis (retired) Army, S. Korea DMZ
- CONNOR SHEEHAN**, son of Pat Sheehan (retired) Army, Ft. Houston
- MATTHEW UNDERWOOD**, son of Rick Underwood (River District) Marines, Camp Pendleton



Tom Badrick gets set for his 3999 with his new 204b.



# 2021 NALC FOOD DONOR DRIVE

Brothers and Sisters, thank you for your attention. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the 2021 NALC Food Drive has been postponed. At this time no one knows if it is a postponement or a cancellation like last year. Unfortunately, because of the pandemic, more people are suffering from food insecurity issues than ever before.

While we are not having a food drive right now, we are continuing to help by having a Donor Drive. It's super easy to participate. Please donate what you can. All collections stay in the local community.

1. Go to [nalc.org/food](http://nalc.org/food)
2. Select your state
3. Choose a food bank in your area
4. Make a contribution
5. Tell all your friends, customers, and family

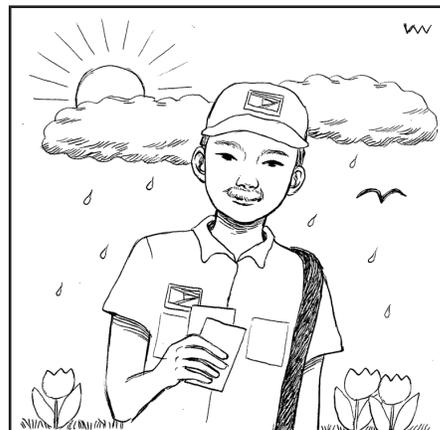
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# Hey kids, it's time to play the all new **BEAT THE SCANNER!**



Yes, our overlords have upgraded this fun-filled zany game to be even better! New for 2021: Loading must be completed within ten minutes! You are allowed the choice of a blindfold or one arm tied behind your back! Extra points for wearing your underwear on the outside of your clothes!

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