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Welcome to National Harbor

Convention Chair C. Michele Randall and her fellow Branch 531 committee members welcome NAPS delegates to the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center—a wonderful venue for the NAPS 65th National Convention.

Branch 531 has planned this convention with you, the delegates, in mind. On Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m. will be the Non-Denominational Church Service, Azalea 1 & 2. Also on Sunday afternoon are orientations for NAPS and National Auxiliary first-time delegates: 2-4 p.m. for NAPS in National Harbor 12/13 and 3:30 p.m. for the National Auxiliary in Azalea 3. Sunday's activities conclude with a welcome reception, hosted by Branch 531, at 8 p.m. in Potomac ABCD.

The general sessions will be in Potomac AB. Area photos will be taken in Chesapeake 1, 2 & 3; refer to the *One Book* for each day's photo schedule.

Support SPAC

During the convention week, NAPS staff will be available to answer any questions about SPAC—the means by which NAPS is a political player in Washington, DC, and effectively promotes legislation important to its members and the Postal Service. SPAC Manager Katie Maddocks will be on hand to host the SPAC Cafe, explain how NAPS members can attend local fund-raising events and how to contribute to SPAC.

Delegates can contribute to SPAC via credit cards, checks and cash. But the easiest way to give is through the Drive for Five Campaign. NAPS members can donate through either payroll deductions or

withholding a portion of their retirement annuity. By giving as little as \$5 a pay period, SPAC will be better equipped to budget its giving plan and efficiently use its funds.

National Auxiliary President Sharon Mathews and her team will help with raffles and give-aways for those who contribute. Also, Ann Strickland, Miami Branch 146 and Branch 911 Legislative chair, again will host the SPAC Walkathon, scheduled for 6:30 a.m. Thursday, to raise funds for SPAC. The registration fee is \$20, which includes a T-shirt. Those participating should meet Thursday morning at the entrance of the hotel in the front lobby.

NAPS thanks everyone who already generously gives to SPAC. Politics is not a spectator sport; because of NAPS members' support, postal supervisors remain a player on Capitol Hill.

Committee Meetings

Following is the schedule of convention committee meetings on Sunday, Aug. 14:

Audit: 9 a.m., Chesapeake 6

Postmaster: 9:30, Chesapeake 5

Resolutions: 9:45 a.m., Chesapeake 8

Constitution & Bylaws: 10 a.m.,
Chesapeake 9

Rules: 11 a.m., Chesapeake 7

Thanks, NAPS Family

Western Region Vice President Marilyn Walton wanted to express her gratitude for the outpouring of sympathy she received after the death of her son, Stephen L. Walton. "On behalf of my family, I want to thank my NAPS family for the

many expressions of sympathy, thoughts, prayers, resolutions, flowers, online virtual hugs and other tributes honoring my son Stephen. Without your support, I could not have made it through this incredibly difficult time."

Missing Stanley

Longtime member and legislative advocate Stanley Gold, Branch 146, underwent heart surgery on Thursday, Aug. 10, and will be unable to attend the convention. He will be recuperating at his daughter's house; he plans to be swimming again by the end of September. We wish Stanley a speedy recovery.

In Memoriam

Following are NAPS members who have died since the 2014 National Convention in San Diego, as reported to NAPS Headquarters (where provided, branch numbers are included):

California

Judy Abe, 88

Jean Armon, 127

Catherine Atterberry, 77

Nancy Boisvert, 159

John Bryant, 127/239

Clarence Callum, 127

Richard Cook, 77

Diana Flotte, 127

Ken Foster, 210

Jack Futado, 94

Lupe Gonzales, 94

Howard Hasik, 127

Gail Hoskins, 373

Parker Jones, 239

Byron Lewis, 127

Richard Martinez, 373

Christine May, 127
Mario Medina, 197
Gwendolyn Roberts, 127
Charles Slater, 127
Rolando Soto, 159
Howard Thomas, 39
Gerald White, 127

Hawaii

Glen Beppu, 214

Illinois

Dennis Wesley, 493

Kentucky

Don Bierle, 1
Jim Carr, husband of former Pioneer
Area Vice President Jill Carr

Louisiana

Elliott Lamott, 209
George Marcel, 73

Maryland

Thomas B. Walls Jr., 531

Massachusetts

William "Billy" Nelson, 102

Michigan

Marshall N. Teague, 23

New York

Rocco Martello, 336
Kris Michaelson, 110
Bobbie Shanks, 336
Sylvia Steed, 336

New Jersey

George Almoadar
Kathleen Barry
Barry Bell
Doris Bradshaw
Bill Brown
Gumersindo Cabrera Jr.
Michelle Calhoun-Kilpatrick
Guy Callea
Philip Curry Sr.
Ed DeMauex
William H. Epps
Juanita Feaster
Michael Giordano
Glenn Hubner
Lois Kern
Gloria Kunert
Anthony Mantarro

Philip Martinez
James McClam
Peter J. McNamara
Tony Periechia
Francis Riopel
Mark Rizzolo
Angelo Sottile
Raymond South Jr.
Robert Towler
Lenny Williams
Rich Woelpper

Nevada

Bill Thompson, 249

Ohio

Mary Burton, 46

Puerto Rico

Yvette Negron, 216

Rhode Island

Norma Johnson, 105
Steve McGarry, 105

Technically not a NAPS member, but an invaluable member of the NAPS staff and friend to many: Jill Barrett, former assistant to President Louis Atkins.

Restaurants at the Gaylord

The Gaylord National offers a variety of dining options if you prefer not to venture outside:

Old Hickory Steakhouse (reservations required): Enjoy premium beef, artisanal cheeses, handcrafted cocktails and an outdoor cigar terrace that offers the best views of the Potomac River. Open for dinner; shirt/slacks required; 301-965-4000.

Pienza Marketplace: Partnering with regional and local farms. Pienza's ever-changing offerings reflect seasonal changes and the passions of its culinary team. Open for breakfast and lunch; casual; 301-965-4000.

National Pastime Sports Bar and Grill: Watch the 30-foot video wall while drinking and dining on generous portions of comfort food at this cutting-edge sports bar, which blends contemporary design with sports memorabilia. Open for lunch and dinner; casual; first-come, first-served; for parties of 15 or more, call 301-965-2740.

Pose Rooftop Lounge: This unique rooftop lounge offers dramatic vistas of the nation's capital viewed through 18-foot, floor-to-ceiling windows and a wrap-around terrace. Registered hotel guests, ages 21+ only; shirt/slacks required.

Belvedere Lobby Bar: This sophisticated lobby bar offers a spectacular view of our two-acre atrium and magical sunsets over the Potomac River. Enjoy seasonal cocktails, beer, champaign or wine and a lite bite; casual.

The Cocoa Bean Coffee House: Enjoy premium coffee drinks, fresh bakery items and gourmet sandwiches at the signature coffee bar. Serving Starbucks; open for breakfast, lunch and dinner; casual.

There are many restaurants available just down the street. Here are some nearby, quick, easy and budget-friendly options:

Elevation Burger, 108 Waterfront St., 301-567-9010; Sunday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Chipotle Mexican Grill, 158 National Plaza, 301-749-2016; Sunday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Subway, 110 Waterfront St., 301-839-1630; Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Potbelly Sandwich Works, 146 National Plaza, 301-686-1160; Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Crab Cake Cafe, 40 National Plaza, 240-766-2063; Sunday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Wednesday's Activities

If you have not signed up for any of Wednesday's activities, CSI, Inc., the destination management company organizing the events, will be on-site early this week. You will have the opportunity to sign up for one of the great tours being offered; if you already have signed up, CSI staff can help with any logistics or questions. They will be in the Potomac Foyer on Sunday, 9 a.m.-noon; and Monday, 7:30-8:30 a.m., 12:15-1:15 p.m. and 4:30-6 p.m.