

March 30, 2024

Fellow members-

Firstly, job bids are up for automated bid. They will close on April 8th.

It would be in people's best interest to not bid job 71811090 with a 0600 start time, Thursday/Friday off at the Parcel Post/Spider work area. In all likelihood, this job will be abolished next month and you would become an unassigned regular with the possibility of being forced to another tour once a job goes residual.

So, let's get into the reason for the abolishment. The national level of USPS brainiacs and bean-counters have decided that, supposedly in an effort to consolidate containers on a truck, they will mix machinable and non-machinable packages all together. I am surprised by the move because I'd figure that PMG Louie "DeLay the mail and DeStroy the post office" DeJoy would want more containers in the trucks and that way he could contract more trucks out to his XPO company. Anyway, this dumbass move will lead to no mail being brought directly to the spider or parcel post areas, as it will all flow to the APPS and SIPS areas now. This rerouting will lead to mail basically being triple handled because now the NMO's will have to be culled out, then sent to the spider later in the day, and then finally thrown off at parcel post. It makes little sense, which of course we all know, is postal sense. Logic, reason, and common sense have never really played into decisions made at the USPS, but it seems that we are really striving to attain full-on stupidity under this PMG.

Overall, we are looking at the abolishment of 5 of spider positions on Tour 2 since the mail won't flow over to the spider until later in the day. There will also be 2 jobs abolished on Tour 3. We are losing the jobs at the spider/parcel post section, but the job numbers will repurposed into APPS jobs on Tour 3 and parcel post jobs on Tour 1.

Finally, as you have seen, Brother James DeVore was called home by the Lord at 5am on Sunday March 24th, which was Palm Sunday. Knowing his persona and his devout faith, I can picture James triumphantly walking through the gates of Paradise that morning after completing his Earthly mission just as Jesus entered Jerusalem to the excited throng, except James would be hurling dad jokes instead of them throwing palms at him. James was the Chief Shop Steward for Tour 3 and the Outgoing Dispatch/HSTS Group Leader. He was so knowledgeable on all topics and we usually wound up speaking about hockey, politics, college football, religion and anything else under the sun. I can't

say enough nice things about James and it is heartbreaking that he has left this world at the age of 47. James was one of the nicest, easy-going human beings. I can't recall him ever saying an unkind word about anyone, which in itself is quite an accomplishment considering the people that we deal with on a daily basis. He truly was courageous and strong, light-hearted and level-headed, even in the darkest hours. I am thankful to have known James and to have shared the office and the responsibilities of this Union with him. We all should try to emulate James and the attitude that he took towards his job, his coworkers, his faith, and his family. He has left an indelible mark on everyone here, and he will fondly be remembered. James leaves behind a wife and 6 boys; please pray for them, his parents, his siblings, and all who knew him as they try to navigate life without him. Thank you to everyone who contributed to his family over the past few weeks, your generosity is wonderful and appreciated. Rest in peace, James.

James joke: A friend of mine called me and told me that they wanted to change their name to spinal column. I said I can't talk about this right now; I'm just going to call you back.

Stay United, Stay Strong-

Sean

