

Good morning Brothers and Sisters

I'm going to report to you about the attacks the Postal Service is committing against the APWU and how those Attacks are killing jobs in the APWU crafts. We have to remember that the APWU has more than one craft, and we as a union have to work together, to survive the attacks on our jobs. The clerk craft just went through the tour 2 compression with no one being excessed out of the building. We as a union represent the Maintenance craft, Motor Vehicle craft as well as the Clerk craft. We as a whole have been under attack for a number of years now. The Service is constantly taken work away from MVS, maintenance and most recently the Clerks. We as a union should be watching each other's back, trying to protect each other's work. This has not always been the case but it had better be and fast. I see clerks taking late mail in their cars to post offices for a couple of hours of overtime, this takes work away from MVS drivers who are sitting around on standby on their normal hours. So, first we as a Union need to stop doing their work by not taken mail to post offices and tell the Service they have MVS drivers to do that work, so we can protect their work. Secondly, I learn that the extra trips that contractors are sent out on, our MVS drivers can be doing that work. They are just sitting there, the dock expeditors have the authority to use our drivers for these extra trips, and why we don't use our drivers first to protect their jobs is just crazy to me. Local Management has stated that the expeditors take care of the extra trips, so we as a Union should start using our drivers first to protect their jobs because my brothers and sisters it is all about protecting jobs for all of the APWU. The Maintenance craft is growing right now, but they still have problems in their craft, Management always trying to contract out their work. We as a Union need to not only protect the work in the craft you work in, but also for all crafts in the APWU the most important thing we can do is to protect jobs in all crafts.

I had some Step 2 meeting over the last month we settled several article 1.6 grievances for pay to the member who filed the statement reporting the Supervisor doing the work, so keep filing statements to protect craft work. Several grievances have been sent to Step 3 or Arbitration over the several weeks.