

## ***Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers***



### *President's Report*

December 2010

Well Brothers and Sisters

The Election season has come and gone. What does all of this mean to Postal Service employees? My first reaction is not good but only time will tell. As I've always said how you vote is your personal decision but having seen what took place here in Iowa and around the country all I can say is "You got to be kidding ME" I see the Tea Baggers railing about "Let's get the Government out of our Lives" but if you look closely at the Tea Baggers most fall into the age group of 50 to 70 yrs of age. Now call me silly 'But the vast majority of these individuals are on Social Security" and oh by the way receive Medicare as their primary health care provider. My question now is, they want the government out of their lives "But don't mess with my benefits" Well folks you can't have it both ways! Where were these so called deficit hawks when we were funding two (2) ill-advised and unpopular wars costing us \$3 BILLION a month? The Republican administration gutted government oversight commissions let corporate America run free and wild that lead us to the brink of a depression, then gave them a free pass bailout. Now the top level wage earners those making over 250 thousand need a tax cut when the rest of us pay the freight. When this going to add Billions if not trillions to the National debt. But oh that's called trickledown economics we learned that from Ronny Reagan how did that work out for us? It's all about jobs they say, huh then quit sending them overseas DUH! The only jobs were creating are as I call them Mc-Jobs, you know the ones at Mc Donald's!

In the grand scheme what does this all mean to the Postal Service? Folks to put it bluntly were in this battle for the very existent of our lives! Your job your benefits your standard of living! I've been told by some folks that the Union has no business in politics. Well if you believe that then brothers and sisters you need to wake up because if the NALC sets on its hands do you really want Postal Management to represent you when it comes to your future? Really do YOU?

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I didn't think so. The NALC is fighting tooth and nail to convince Congress to do the right thing and return the monies that hard working Postal Employees have overpaid into the Federal Government's coffers. Do you really want the NALC to set on the sidelines and leave it up to Postal Management to get us back the 142 BILLIONS over payments? It's almost funny now that a Senate committee had the OIG investigate postal management. Low and behold found all sorts of misspent funds and fraud! Hell we could have told them that. Until we see a drastic drop in management numbers "Like that's going to happen" the target is and always be on the backs of the craft employees! Cut here cut their, pretty soon or customers won't care anymore. This is for you management "I know you read this "WAKE UP YOU CUTTING YOUR OWN THROATS" Later starting times are not the answer. " All your doing is KILLING CUSTOMER SERVICE" Stations going in 9 routes down every day now how stupid IS THAT! **YOU JUST DON'T GET IT DO YOU!**

In closing I hate to end the year on a negative note but folks sometimes it's just tough "Love"

I hope everyone had a Great Thanksgiving and are looking forward to a Happy Holiday Season and let's hope for a better New Year!

Yours in Unionism,

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