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We voted to merge with the Damascus Branch on March 5. We will do all in our power to bring dignity and respect to the Letter Carriers of Damascus. Welcome to Branch 3825!

Our branch sent 14 Stewards to the Steward training conducted by our NBA. The training was the best ever. NBA, Tim Dowdy, and RAA, Vada Preston, did an outstanding job! Some of the issues covered were TE's, the new contract changes and memorandums, Shop Steward rights to Union Time and information requests, important arbitration cases, when management disciplines and harasses Letter Carriers on their performance by improperly using DOIS and mail measurement, etc... Hundreds of questions were asked during the two day training and we all were able to learn by these questions and the answers provided by Tim Dowdy and Vada Preston. I heard nothing but positive comments about the training from the nearly 100 Shop Stewards who were in attendance.

Our Branch attended the National Contract Training Conference with over 2000 brothers and sisters from all over the Country. The training was good and very democratic. At every training session any person could go to a microphone and ask any question they wanted. On the last day of training, Bill Young spoke to us for an hour on all the major issues. Then Bill Young took 2 hours of non-stop questions from the thousands in attendance, and answered each one and did a fine job. This was a great example of democracy at work within the NALC.

Please visit our web site set up by Union Brother Chuck Clark at (WWW.NALC3825.COM). We have added important Step B and arbitration decisions and some contentions. You can also see the number of stops on each route and detailed colored maps for every route in the country!

IN THE STRUGGLE,

Kenneth Lerch
President NALC 3825