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Rate Increase Update

The Postal Rate Commission's (PRC) May 10 deadline to decide on the request to increase postal rates (made last July by the USPS Board of Governors (BOG)) is fast approaching. Once the PRC makes its decision, it will be presented to the BOG.

The BOG's request for rate increases includes a one-cent increase in the price of the First-Class stamp, as well as modest rate adjustments for other types of mail, including increases for Priority Mail, Express Mail, periodicals, and printed circulars.

These increases follow the second longest period of rate stability in the 26-year history of the U.S. Postal Service (USPS). The overall rate increases will average about 4.5 percent across all domestic services. This is less than half the 10 percent increase in the Consumer Price Index for the 41-month tenure of the 32-cent stamp.

If you would like more information about the rate increases, please visit the USPS website at http://www.usps.gov/dtf/presskit.html.

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Administrative Services

DOG BITE PREVENTION

National Dog Bite Prevention Week, June 1-6, 1998

Dog bites are a serious problem not only to our postal family, but also to the public. Last year, more than 2,700 postal employees were among the estimated 4.7 million Americans who were bitten by dogs. Sadly, more than two million of these victims were children.

Beyond the needless pain and suffering dog bites inflict upon our delivery personnel, unrestrained dogs also impact our ability to provide efficient and economical service to our customers. Medical expenses, workers' compensation costs, legal costs, delivery curtailment costs, carrier replacement costs, and other costs associated with dog bite incidents are estimated to exceed \$25 million annually to the U.S. Postal Service.

This year the U.S. Postal Service will again partner with the Humane Society of the United States to promote responsible pet ownership by declaring National Dog Bite Prevention Week as Monday, June 1 through Saturday, June 6, 1998.

Following is the text from this year's Postmaster's Dog Bite Prevention Kit that is scheduled for delivery to CAGs A–L, Classified Stations and Branches, and Community Post Offices by mid-May.

Sharing the Vision of Responsible Pet Ownership

Letter carriers represent a small percentage of dog bite victims. What group represents the majority?

Dogs have caused problems for letter carriers for so long that the situation has become a cliché. More than 7,000 letter carriers were bitten by dogs in 1983. Through increased training and public awareness programs, that record number was cut by more than half by the mid-1990s. Still, one bite is one bite too many, and all are preventable through responsible pet ownership.

The United States Postal Service (USPS) and the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) know that the problem is real, and it's no laughing matter. They've teamed up to call attention to the problem of dog bites and to offer simple, common sense ways to control it.

Letter carriers represent less than one half of one percent of all reported dog bite victims. For each letter carrier bitten, hundreds of children needlessly suffer the trauma of a bite, in many instances from an animal that, according to its owner, "wouldn't hurt a fly."
And of those hundreds of children,
most are toddlers or infants. An average of 10 to
20 children die each year from

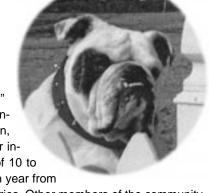
dog bite-related injuries. Other members of the community, including senior citizens and delivery service people, also are at risk.

Are dogs the source of the problem? Not really. Dogs do what comes naturally, which may include biting. The real problem is dog owners who don't control their pets. Fortunately, we can educate these owners. The materials in this kit include sample newspaper columns, public service announcements, and projects aimed at teaching carriers how to cope with dogs.

When owners act responsibly everyone benefits. The mail gets delivered and letter carriers can serve their customers safely. There's one less hazard for children, and the pain and expense of bites are avoided. Just as important, dogs are allowed to be the loving pets that everyone wants them to be.

Media Attention — Setting Up a "Chorus Line"

Give newspaper and television assignment editors a call between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. a couple of days before the event. Editors are typically making assignments at this time and will be busy in the afternoon. Ask the editor if he/she would be interested in covering a "photo op" of letter carriers lining up "chorus-line style" to display their dog bite scars. You can create more interest if you describe dog bites as a community issue and not a postal problem. Tell the editor that small children represent the majority of victims and are estimated to be 900 times more likely to be victimized by dog attacks than letter carriers. Be sure to add that this is a good opportunity for the public to learn how to avoid dog bites, and an opportunity for dog owners to learn how to reduce the risk of their dog attacking someone. The editor will probably ask you for more information, so have the following media advisory available.



Media Advisory

Sample media advisories are to be sent at least one day before your event during National Dog Bite Prevention Week. Be sure to call the media before sending the advisory and follow up the afternoon before and the morning of the event.

Attn: Assignment Editors

What: Letter carriers of the (name) Post Office will line

up chorus-line style to display dog bite scars to promote National Dog Bite Prevention Week. Postmaster (name) and (name) of the local Humane Society will speak about the problem of dog bites in the Postal Service as well as in the community. Media also can obtain tips on how to avoid dog bites and learn what dog owners can

do to reduce aggressive pet behavior.

When: Date and time (preferably no earlier than 10:00

a.m., or just before carriers depart for their

routes)

Where: Post office (or local animal shelter)

Background: While 2,708 letter carriers were bitten by dogs

last year, this number pales in comparison with the more than 2 million children who were needlessly victimized by dogs who, according to their owners, "wouldn't hurt a fly." This year, the U.S. Postal Service and the Humane Society of the United States together have declared June 1–6, 1998, as National Dog Bite Prevention Week. The goal of this initiative is to promote

responsible pet ownership.

Contact: Postmaster and/or local Humane Society at

(phone).

Providing a local animal shelter representative to speak to the community about animal behavior and dog bites gives the "third party endorsement" reporters use to validate news stories. The appearance of a well-trained dog owned by one of your letter carriers will help dispel the myth that postal employees don't like dogs.

Orchestrating the Event

Stage the 30-minute event on the back dock of the post office just before carriers depart for their routes.

Designate an area in the parking lot for camera crews and have an alternative location in case it rains. Just before your letter carriers are ready to leave for their routes, ask them to stand shoulder to shoulder near the end of the dock. Use the following script for brief remarks about the impact of dog bites on the Postal Service. Next, introduce the local animal shelter representative, who will speak about dog behavior and about dog bites in the community. Following that, you can ask your carriers to hold out their legs and/or arms to display dog bite scars. At this point you'll probably see camera crews and photographers move closer to the dock for close-up shots. After a couple of minutes, when the activity starts to

die down, inform the media that the letter carriers are available to talk about dog bites and how to avoid them. But remind them they have only a few minutes, as the carriers must deliver the mail.

News Release

Sample news release to be issued for publication on the Monday of National Dog Bite Prevention Week. Be sure to coordinate the release with your local animal shelter or Humane Society.

For Immediate Release: For More Information:

(Insert date here) (Insert Postal Service and local ani-

mal shelter/Humane Society contact names and phone numbers here) (Name of local post office) and (local animal shelter/Humane Society) deliver dog bite prevention tips.

Children Estimated to Suffer 900 Times as Many Dog Bites as Letter Carriers

(*City, State*) — If you think that 2,708 letter carriers bitten by dogs last year is appalling, what about the more than 2 million children who represent the majority of dog bite victims?

If you're a dog owner or one of the 4.7 million Americans who fell victim to dog attacks last year, the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) and the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) have good news for you: Dog bites are a nationwide problem we all can solve through responsible pet ownership.

The USPS and HSUS have joined together in sponsoring National Dog Bite Prevention Week, June 1–6, 1998.

"This clearly is a nationwide problem and not just a postal issue," said (*local postmaster name*), "and our partnership with the Humane Society of the United States helps us convey this message."

The Humane Society reports that small children, the elderly, and letter carriers, in that order, are the most frequent victims.

"Dog attacks are the most commonly reported childhood public health problem in the United States," said (*Humane Society/shelter spokesperson*). The HSUS reports that the number of dog attacks exceeds the reported instances of measles, whooping cough, and mumps, combined. Dog bite victims account for up to 5 percent of emergency room visits.

Many of the bites reported by 2,708 letter carriers last year came from dogs that, according to their owners, "wouldn't hurt a flv."

USPS and HSUS are offering advice for dog owners on how to restrain their pets and, for nonowners, tips on how to avoid dog bites.

How To Avoid Being Bitten:

- Don't run past a dog. The dog's natural instinct is to chase and catch prey.
- If a dog threatens you, don't scream. Avoid eye contact, try to remain motionless until the dog leaves, then back away slowly until the dog is out of sight.
- Don't approach a strange dog, especially one that's tethered or confined.
- Always let a dog see and sniff you before you pet the animal.

How To Be a Responsible Dog Owner:

- Obedience training can teach your dog proper behavior and help you control your dog in any situation.
- When your letter carrier comes to your home, keep your dog inside, away from the door, in another room, or on a leash.
- Don't let your child take mail from the letter carrier in the presence of your dog. Your dog's instinct is to protect the family.
- Spay or neuter your dog unneutered dogs are more likely to bite.

HSUS statistics reflect that dogs that have not been spayed or neutered are up to three times more likely to be involved in a biting incident than neutered or spayed dogs. In fact, while particular breeds are considered "biters," a dog's breed is less likely to influence biting behavior.

(*Name*) said that the USPS and HSUS agree that, in most cases, dog bites are caused more often by irresponsible dog owners than by bad dogs. Dogs that haven't been properly socialized, that receive little attention or handling, or that are left tied up for long periods of time, frequently turn into biters.

The following columns are directed at dog owners and those interested in preventing dog attacks in your community. They will help you spread the word about USPS and HSUS efforts to protect letter carriers and children in the community. The underlying message is that dog bites are a serious matter and by helping protect letter carriers the public is protecting everyone.

These columns should be retyped on your letterhead and sent to your local newspapers. It's a good idea to localize the articles with experiences from your own post office or community. Contact local newspaper editors to propose running the column weekly for four weeks. You should also post copies of these columns in your lobby and employee break room.

Although the following material is designed specifically for use during spring, you also can use it to build community awareness throughout the summer months.

"Children Suffer Most Dog Bites"

By (name), Postmaster (city)

For every letter carrier bitten, hundreds of children needlessly suffer the pain and trauma of dog bites. Whatever the reasons for them, dog bites are a serious problem for the entire community, not just our letter carriers trying to deliver your mail. Nationwide, Postal Service carriers suffered 2,708 dog bites last year (an average of nine dog attacks every delivery day), and that figure does not include the number of threatening incidents that did not result in injury.

These numbers pale in comparison with the more than 2 million children who fall victim each year.

In (*city*) last year we had (*number*) dog bites, and (*a significant number of or estimate a number if you can*) instances where dogs interfered with the delivery of mail. Fortunately, most dog bites can be prevented through responsible pet ownership.

(If you did have dog bites last year, use the previous paragraph and insert a paragraph or two here giving a few details, such as the seriousness of the incidents and the amount of lost time. Omit the following paragraph.)

(If you had no dog bites or no cases of dogs interfering with mail delivery last year, omit the previous paragraph and use the two following paragraphs instead.)

If a letter carrier or other neighborhood worker needs to deliver a certified letter or a package to you, put your dog into a separate room before opening your front door. Dogs have been known to burst through screen doors or plate-glass windows to get at delivery persons.

Just ask Dover, Delaware, Postmaster Jack Bailey. One of his veteran letter carriers, who had survived eight vicious attacks during his 20-year career, felt secure in his ability to avoid dog bites. He owns four dogs himself.

But, on Thursday, February 25, 1993, that carrier would be scarred for life — both physically and emotionally.

While delivering to a mailbox at the entrance to a customer's home, the carrier watched in horror as a 100-pound dog charged the front door. Instinctively, he braced his foot against the door as the dog backed up to charge again. This time, the animal crashed through the plexiglass-plated door and tore into the flesh of his arm.

"It happened so quickly that he didn't have time to react," explains Bailey. The carrier, whom Bailey prefers not to identify, is still undergoing treatment.

"The animal's bite so severely shredded his left arm that he has undergone several restorative surgeries and may never have full use of his arm," says Bailey. Nationally, the number of carriers bitten by dogs has dropped from more than 7,000 in 1983 to 2,708 by 1997. This is because of greater cooperation from dog owners, stricter leash laws, and stepped-up efforts to educate letter carriers and the public about dealing with the problem. Unfortunately, our employees still face dangerous incidents.

Our carriers are vigilant, and we may choose to stop mail delivery at an address if they are threatened by a vicious dog. In some instances, Postal Service employees have sued and collected damages for dog bite injuries. We can't control people's dogs; only dog owners can do that.

While some attribute attacks on letter carriers to dogs' inbred aversion to uniforms, experts say the psychology actually runs much deeper. Every day that a letter carrier comes into a dog's territory, the dog barks and the letter carrier leaves. Day after day the dog sees this action repeated. After a week or two, the dog appears to feel invincible against intruders. Once it gets loose, there's a good chance it will attack.

When school lets out, dog owners should remind their children about the need to keep the family dog secured. We also recommend that parents ask their children not to take mail directly from letter carriers. A dog may see handing mail to a child as a threatening gesture.

These simple reminders and helpful tips can reduce the hazard of dog bite attacks. Help us to help you this spring and summer.

This is the first in a series of three columns by (city)
Postmaster (name) addressing the problem of dog attacks,
both in the Postal Service and in the community. Next
week: "Why Do Some Dogs Bite?"

"Why Do Some Dogs Bite?"

By (name), Postmaster (city)

Would your dog bite? The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) estimates that more than 4 million dog bites are reported to local authorities each year. Countless more go unreported.

Dog bites range from painless nips to fatal maulings. Children are most often the victims. Dog attacks are the most commonly reported childhood public health problem in the United States. Dog bite victims account for up to 5 percent of all hospital emergency room visits.

You may feel confident that your dog won't add to these statistics, and it is probably true that your trusty companion will never seriously harm anyone.

However, if your dog does attack or bite someone, you could be liable for the victim's pain, suffering and medical costs. Potential victims include your letter carrier. There are several ways you can avoid liability. Reducing the likelihood

that your dog will ever bite someone helps protect you, your canine companion and everyone else in the community.

Why some dogs bite:

Although dogs may bite for a variety of reasons, spaying or neutering has been shown to reduce aggressiveness. Bite statistics show that unsterilized dogs are up to three times more likely to be involved in a biting incident than sterilized dogs.

Lack of socialization, improper training, excitement, and fear can all contribute to a dog attack. Even a nip on the leg is unacceptable behavior for a family dog.

Here are three suggestions to help take the bite out of your dog:

- Teach your dog appropriate behavior. Don't play aggressive games with your dog such as wrestling, tug of war or siccing your dog on another person. It's essential that your dog recognizes members of your family as dominant figures not to be challenged.
- Be a responsible pet owner. For everyone's safety, don't allow your dog to roam. Make your pet a member of your family. Dogs that spend too much time in the dog house or tied in the back yard have a much greater chance of developing aggressive behavioral problems.
- Err on the safe side. If you don't know how your dog will react to a new situation, be cautious. If you think your dog could panic in a crowd, leave him/her at home. If your dog may overreact to visitors or delivery persons, keep him/her in another room. Help your dog become accustomed to a variety of situations.

This is the second in a series of three columns by (city)
Postmaster (name) addressing the problem of dog attacks,
both in the Postal Service and in the community. Next
week: "Protecting the Community."

"Protecting the Community"

By (name), Postmaster (city)

Last year, dog attacks resulted in 2,708 reported injuries to letter carriers nationwide, about nine dog bites every delivery day. But as high as that number is, it pales in comparison to the 4.7 million U.S. citizens bitten yearly. Half are left scarred, a tenth require stitches, and a third suffer lost school or work time.

Even more chilling were the 11 deaths recorded last year as a result of dog attacks.

A study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention identified 310 dog bite-related fatalities that occurred in the United States from 1979 through 1997.

Those people who confidently say, "My dog never bites," will be surprised to learn that nearly 70 percent of the fatal attacks involved a family pet. Twelve deaths involved three to 22 dogs running in packs.

One of the most disturbing statistics revealed that the vast majority of deaths occurred among children under 10 years of age, and the death rate was highest for children under one month.

Among older children, most cases involved a victim who gained unauthorized access to a fenced yard where a dog was kept, or who wandered too close to a chained dog.

Clearly, parents must never leave a defenseless infant with a dog and must make sure that older children know the potential danger of dog bites.

The study recommends strong animal control laws, public education regarding dog bites, and more responsible dog ownership.

Studies also have shown that dogs are three times more likely to be involved in a biting incident if they have not been spayed or neutered.

Dog owners could prevent serious injuries by realizing that a chain may not be a sufficient restraint. A securely enclosed and locked pen or structure, one that is able to prevent the entry of young children, may also be necessary. In particular, the study said that parents should be aware that very small infants left alone with a dog may be at risk of death.

This concludes a series of three columns by (city)
Postmaster (name) addressing the problem of dog attacks,
both in the Postal Service and in the community.

Public Service Announcements (PSAs)

Postmasters who want the following public service announcements (PSAs) broadcast for a specific date should personally visit the television or radio station 10 days in advance. If possible, coordinate this opportunity with your local Humane Society or animal shelter.

PSA #1

Well, it's that time of year again, and the Postal Service and the Humane Society of the United States need your help. Last year, nationwide, 2,708 letter carriers were attacked and injured by dogs or other pets — pets that "wouldn't hurt a fly." You can help protect your letter carrier, meter reader, or newspaper delivery boy or girl by making sure your pet is properly restrained or confined. Don't think your fence is the only answer — especially if a letter carrier or delivery person has to enter your yard. Please make sure your pet is properly restrained so we can safely deliver your mail. This message is a public service of your local post office and local animal shelter.

PSA #2

Here's a switch. Instead of dog bites man, it's man bites dog. Pet owners, did you know that if your dog attacks a letter carrier, you can be held liable for all medical expenses and other costs, which can run into thousands of dollars?

Don't think your fence is your only insurance policy — especially if a letter carrier or delivery person must enter your yard. The Postal Service is not anti-dog, but pro-responsibility. Responsible pet ownership includes making sure your pet is properly restrained. Dog bites can be hard on the wallet. Last year, nationally, 2,708 letter carriers were attacked while delivering the mail. Help our carriers deliver safely for you. This message is a public service of your local post office and local animal shelter.

Community Projects

Most people think that children and dogs go together naturally, and they often do. But shockingly often, children are the victims of dog bites. You can use the following talk and the enclosed handout to alert schoolchildren to two important points in preventing dog bites: responsible pet ownership and safe behavior around dogs.

Sponsoring a poster contest gets children involved in spreading the word about preventing dog bites. And the colorful posters that result are a great way to get the word out to the public.

As a postmaster, you're one of the key leaders in your community. You should be able to win support from other key leaders for your campaign to reduce dog bites. The suggestions in this section are intended to get you started toward some cooperative campaigning for dog bite awareness.

Speech for Schoolchildren

Make the presentation light and fun, and remember to smile a lot.

Good morning boys and girls.

My name is (name) and I'm your postmaster.

How many of you have dogs at home or have friends who own a dog? (*Listen to responses*.) Have you or any of your friends ever been bitten by a dog? (*Listen to responses*.) Well, I'll bet you didn't like it, did you?

At the post office where I work, the people who deliver your mail get bitten, too. Sometimes they have to go to the hospital and can't do their work for a long time. The dog's owner may have to pay a big hospital bill. And the mail may not be delivered to that house until the owners promise to keep the dog fenced in.

I don't want anybody at work to be bitten, and I don't want any of you to get bitten, either. That's why I'm here today, because I need your help.

There are several things you can do to help out. The most important thing is to stop your dog from getting outside and running loose. When you go outside, make sure to close the door tight, and when you are playing with your dog in the yard, make sure you close the gate so he doesn't get out.

When you see the letter carrier coming down your street, look around and make sure your dog is either inside or securely fenced away from the mailbox.

When the letter carrier gets to your house, let him or her put the mail in your mailbox. Never reach out to take the mail yourself, because your dog might think the letter carrier is trying to hurt you, even though we know that isn't true.

Even after the letter carrier has delivered the mail and gone, you still need to watch out for loose dogs. Never go close to a strange dog — even if he looks friendly, he might still bite.

I am going to give each of you a list of things you can do to help keep dogs from biting your letter carrier, your friends, and yourself. I want you to take this list home and talk to your parents about it. See if they will help you keep your dog from getting outside.

If you do that, your letter carrier won't have to worry about going to the hospital for a dog bite, and I won't ever be forced to stop the mail delivery to anyone's house.

Handout for Schoolchildren

The following prevention tips can be reproduced and handed out to schoolchildren after they've listened to a dog bite prevention talk or after they have taken a post office tour.

You Can Help Prevent Dog Bites

To help make your neighborhood safe for the letter carrier, yourself, and other people, just remember these simple rules:

- Find out what time the letter carrier brings your mail.
- When the carrier is due, check to be sure your dog is inside. Keep the dog inside until the letter carrier is gone.
- If someone needs to open the door to sign for a letter, first put the dog in another room.
- If you have a mail slot, keep your dog away from the slot so the carrier's fingers don't get bitten.
- If your mailbox is inside your fenced yard, and so is your dog, keep the dog on a leash away from the mailbox during the time your carrier delivers the mail.

- When your dog is outside, never walk up to the letter carrier and ask for your mail. This may upset your dog.
- If you see a dog running loose in your neighborhood, tell your parents. Never approach a strange dog.

Thank you.

Postmaster (name)

Poster Contest

If you plan to run a poster contest for schoolchildren, you will need to furnish some slogans and a set of rules. It's also standard procedure to appoint judges and offer some kind of reward or prize for the winners.

Where young children are involved, it's a good idea to make everybody feel like a winner. In addition to the usual three main prizes (we recommend Commemorative Stamp Kits), try to offer something for participation. Perhaps you could obtain a number of special pictorial cancellations of local interest.

Be sure to furnish the media with information about when the contest will start, what schools are participating, who will judge the contest, and where the entries will be displayed.

Suggested slogans:

- Good neighbors keep good control of their dogs.
- Good fences make good dogs better.
- Mail time is time to take your pooch inside.
- Letter carriers love dogs on a leash.
- A dog on the loose is bad news.

Have the posters judged on originality, clarity of the dogbite message, and quality of the artwork. Judges might include a panel consisting of an art teacher, a letter carrier, an animal control officer, and a member of the PTA. State that the decision of the judges will be final and list the prizes. If possible, have the grand prize-winning poster reproduced and sent to the schools. Try to display all the entries in the post office lobby. Children and parents will be looking for them.

Suggested contest rules:

- The Dog Bite Poster Contest is open to students grades 1 through 5 from now until (*month*, *day*, *year*).
- The theme is (*choose theme*).
- Only one entry per student will be accepted.
- Students must design and complete posters without help.
- Entries must be 11" x 17", either horizontal or vertical, black and white or color, in any two-dimensional medium (charcoal, water-color, marker, paint, etc.).

- Posters will not be returned. By entering, a student agrees to give the Postal Service full ownership of the artwork and reproduction rights should it be selected the grand prize winner.
- Each entry must have an entry form attached to the back. Posters with incomplete forms will not be considered.
- Entries must be submitted by (date) to be considered for judging.
- Winners will be notified by mail.

Working With Community Leaders

- Seek ideas from other postmasters. When attending various management meetings, seminars, training or conventions, take time to discuss dog bite and other safety programs with your peers. Many postmasters have developed excellent dog bite awareness campaigns. They also have come up with some innovative ideas.
- Ask your local grocers or retail merchants associations to encourage members to use our customer awareness posters at point-of-sale centers for pet supplies.
- Visit area schools to discuss dog bite prevention with students. Many local animal control officials and veterinarians will participate, particularly when they can stage a pet licensing and rabies vaccination effort at the same time.
- Holding a dog bite awareness poster contest for local elementary school students is another way to involve the schools. Arrange to display the entries at the post office for a day and invite parents and the media. Give a short talk or provide handout information on dog bite awareness.
- Locate a local dog obedience club and allow it to stage a one-day free dog training session at your office. (An excellent time is after the office closes on Saturday.) Publicize the event and invite the media. (Note: If employees are involved, be aware of FLSA requirements.)
- Locate a Scout troop or similar youth organization and encourage it to make a project of creating public awareness of dog bite dangers. Help them publicize their efforts through the local media.
- Contact your local utility companies. They are attuned to public service, and they have their own dog bite problems.

Postal Service Action

This section offers suggestions you can implement to help your letter carriers do their jobs safely. It includes a talk you can give to alert letter carriers to the threat of dog bites and to explain how the Postal Service reacts to owners who let their dogs run loose.

You can use the progressive warning letters in this section to alert dog owners to the possible loss of mail delivery if they do not restrain their pets. And don't forget to send a letter of thanks when they do!

The sample fact sheet offers a way to track the impact of dog bites on your service. You can use the statistics collected on this fact sheet to back up your policies and procedures. You also can draw on these facts for future public awareness campaigns.

The quiz "Are You an Unwary Visitor?" can educate letter carriers on proper behavior around dogs. A carrier who knows the answers to the quiz is less likely to be a dog bite victim. Post the quiz, print it in a newsletter, or distribute it as a handout to your letter carriers and supervisors.

The Postal Service offers a dog repellent spray for letter carriers. Publication 174, excerpted at the end of this section, describes the spray and its use.

Tips From a Delaware Postmaster

Advice on what you, as postmaster, can do to promote dog bite awareness in your community.

Not wanting to endure the trauma of having history repeat itself, Dover, Delaware, Postmaster Jack Bailey looked at all aspects of preventing dog bites, including local city ordinances.

"I was amazed to learn how weak city dog laws are," he explained. "Some dog-related laws are more punitive for dogs relieving themselves on neighbors' lawns than for dog bites." Bailey offers the following tips:

- Contact your district safety officer for guidance. Local safety officers have been down this road before and can save you the trouble of "reinventing the wheel."
- Contact your local police department or animal shelter for a copy of local dog ordinances to ensure that they are strong enough. Dangerous dog ordinances should hold owners accountable for their dogs' behavior. Mandatory sterilization of dangerous dogs is an important facet of any dog law.
- Get involved with local authorities. Attend town meetings and promote dog bite awareness. Make arrangements with the state police to present a demonstration by their dog trainer concerning dog behavior awareness.

- Use the media. Provide community awareness through local TV and radio stations by providing interview opportunities with dog bite victims. Better still, coordinate these opportunities with the local animal shelter, local utility companies, and newspaper delivery firms.
- Intensify your dog bite prevention program to identify the locations of aggressive dogs, ensuring that all employees are aware of and prepared to deal with situations as they develop.
- Develop procedures to follow in your post office when there are two incidents involving the same dog (e.g., withdraw delivery as appropriate).
- Review possible use of cluster boxes for all delivery areas where there have been dog-related problems.
- Work with local animal shelters and provide postal dog bite victims to offer safety talks concerning their experience with dogs.

Humane Society of the United States Regional Offices

The following is a list of regional HSUS contacts. These individuals can help you obtain local Humane Society support and find animal behavior experts for local events.

Central States Regional Office (630-357-7015)

Serves: TN, KY, NC, IL, MN, WI

PHIL SNYDER
DIRECTOR
800 W FIFTH AVENUE

STE 110

NAPERVILLE IL 60563-8965

Great Lakes Regional Office (419-352-5141)

Serves: OH, IN, MI, WV

SANDY ROWLAND DIRECTOR 745 HASKINS STREET

BOWLING GREEN OH 43402-1696

Mid-Atlantic Regional Office (973-927-5611)

Serves: DE, NJ, NY, PA
NINA AUSTENBERG
DIRECTOR

BARTLEY SQ 270 US HIGHWAY 206 FLANDERS NJ 07836-9097

Midwest Regional Office (816-474-0888)

Serves: MO, NE, KS, IA

WENDELL MADDOX DIRECTOR 306 E 12TH STREET

STE 625

KANSAS CITY MO 64106-2427

New England Regional Office (802-368-2790) Serves:

CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT

ARNOLD BAER DIRECTOR PO BOX 619

JACKSONVILLE VT 05342-0619

Northern Rockies Regional Office (406-255-7161)

Serves: MT, WY, ID, SD, ND

DAVE PAULI DIRECTOR 490 N 31ST STREET

STF 215

BILLINGS MT 59101-1256

Southeast Regional Office (850-386-3435)

Serves: FL, AL, GA, SC, MS

LAURA BEVAN DIRECTOR

1624 METROPOLITAN CIRCLE

STE B

TALLAHASSEE FL 32308-3789

Southwest Regional Office

Serves: AZ, UT, CO, NM, AR, LA, OK, TX

DENNIS WHITE DIRECTOR 3001 LBJ FREEWAY STF 224

DALLAS TX 75234-2715

West Coast Regional Office (916-344-1710)

Serves: CA, OR, NV, WA

ERICH SAKACH DIRECTOR PO BOX 417220

SACRAMENTO CA 95841-7220

For states not listed above, contact:

Leslie Sinclair, D.V.M. (301-258-3121; Fax: 301-258-3081,

mail: hsusca@ix.netcom.com)

HSUS 2100 L ST NW

WASHINGTON DC 20037-1598

Safety Talk for Letter Carriers

You can give the following talk to your letter carriers. The talk focuses on the seriousness of dog bites, what carriers should do about a problem dog on their route, and what to do if a dog attacks. Let carriers know that you are backing them up by mailing out progressive warning letters (samples included in this kit) to owners whose dogs are unrestrained.

It won't be long until school lets out for the summer and children begin to spend their days outside playing.

We all know that means taking extra care to watch out for children playing around our vehicles, but it also is the time of year to be on the lookout for loose dogs. Many of these pets have been in the house or confined to the back yard all winter and manage to get out when children leave a door or gate open.

Last year, approximately 4.7 million people suffered dog bites in the United States, including 2,708 reported by letter carriers (about nine every delivery day).

Loose dogs are a serious problem for everyone. As letter carriers, you are not only doing yourself a favor, you are helping everyone in the community by getting these animals off the street.

One tool we have in controlling the dog problem is a policy of withholding delivery where dogs are a threat. All incidents should be reported to the postmaster or the carrier supervisor, who will decide what action is to be taken. If a phone call doesn't take care of the situation, we have a series of progressive warning letters that could ultimately lead to the suspension of mail service to the customer's home.

There are several things that you can do to avoid dog bite situations:

- Watch out for dogs along your route and be aware of places a dog can hide.
- Never hand mail to a child or adult while in view of a dog.
- Place one foot at the base of doors that open outward to prevent a dog from rushing out.
- Learn to recognize the warning signs that a dog is about to attack: tail high and stiff, ears up, hair on back standing up, and teeth showing.
- Report all incidents regarding dogs to supervisors.

Dogs are very territorial animals who react aggressively when someone invades their territory or "danger zone." When you find yourself in a dog's danger zone, you should stop immediately and remain still, allowing the dog's anger to subside.

- If confronted, face the dog without making direct eye contact and back away slowly. Be submissive, but don't run. If you run, the dog is going to try to knock you to the ground and you could be seriously hurt.
- Put something between you and the dog, such as a package or pouch. Don't try to make friends with the dog, pet it, or put your hands or face near it. And if the dog does bite, don't pull — it will cause a tear and a worse wound; instead, try to make the dog release its hold. Quickly obtain medical attention and report all injuries.

Progressive Warning Letters

Warning letters, like collection letters, need to be handled tactfully. The first sample letter below tells customers what we want them to do. The second tells them we have taken corrective steps. The third details the customers' options. In using these letters, keep in mind that our purpose is not to police the neighborhood but to obtain a safe environment in which carriers can do their work. Though most customers will respond to your first polite request, be meticulous in following up if they don't. Otherwise your efforts will not be taken seriously.

Sample Letter #1

(Post office letterhead)

Dear Postal Customer:

Your letter carrier takes pride in delivering your mail promptly and efficiently. That means being able to approach your mailbox without interference from your pet.

Although your dog may not be known to bite or otherwise be dangerous to people, your carrier has expressed concern about its behavior. I believe you will agree this concern is understandable since each year thousands of letter carriers receive bites or other physical harm from dogs. Many of these attacks result in serious injury.

This letter is to inform you that we are concerned that your dog may have a propensity to attack and to bite or otherwise injure your letter carrier.

To provide you uninterrupted mail delivery while protecting our letter carriers, the Postal Service is requesting your assistance. Please confine your dog, either in the house or tethered or fenced outdoors, away from the path your carrier uses to deliver your mail.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

(name)

Postmaster

Sample Letter #2

(Post office letterhead)

Dear Postal Customer:

We were unable to deliver your mail recently because your unrestrained dog threatened our letter carrier.

We previously notified you of our concern that your dog might have a propensity to attack and to bite or otherwise injure your letter carrier. That concern was based on prior observations.

We are sorry for any inconvenience non-delivery of mail might have caused. However, I think you can understand that we must protect our employees from potential injury. If your carrier is threatened by your unrestrained dog again, we must take further action. That action will require you to either arrange to obtain your mail at a post office box or install a mail receptacle at the curb in front of your residence for home delivery.

To restore delivery at this time, please pick up your mail at our post office, which is located at (*address*). You will be asked to sign a statement assuring us that you will keep your dog restrained during normal delivery hours.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

(name)

Postmaster

Sample Letter #3

(Post office letterhead)

Dear Postal Customer:

We previously notified you that your dog is considered to be a danger to your letter carrier. Yet, on (*date*), our letter carrier was again threatened by your dog. As a result of this incident, I must ask you to choose within the next (*number*) days one of the following options for receiving your mail:

- Rent a post office box to receive your mail.
- Install a curbside receptacle at your residence.

Until you have informed us of your decision, your mail will be held at (post office and address). It will be available for pickup during normal business hours, which are (Monday through Friday and Saturday hours). If you have not picked up your mail within (number of days), we will return it to the sender.

You will again be given the chance to restore home delivery by signing a statement that you will keep your dog restrained during delivery hours.

If you have any questions concerning this policy, please call (*name*) at (*phone number*).

Sincerely,

(name)

Postmaster

Sample Letter: Thanks for Compliance

(Post office letterhead)

Dear Postal Customer:

Thank you for keeping your dog safely away from the letter carrier's path. Because dog owners like you accept responsibility for their pets, letter carriers and other service people are better able to work in your neighborhood.

May I express appreciation for your cooperation on behalf of both your regular letter carrier, (*name*), and the substitute carriers who deliver your mail in (*his/her*) absence.

Sincerely,

(name)

Postmaster

Basic Rules to Follow

Post this information, publish it in a newsletter, or reproduce it in a handout for supervisors and carriers.

Dogs are self-elected and sometimes highly trained protectors of their masters and their property. To them, you are an intruder. You must prepare yourself for a new challenge each day from every dog you meet as you go about your daily work.

- Observe the area. Take a quick glance at all the places a dog might be — under parked cars, under hedges, on the porch, etc.
- Size up the situation. Is the dog large or small; is it asleep, barking, growling, nonchalant, etc.?
- Don't show fear. A dog is more apt to bite you if it knows you are afraid.
- Don't startle a dog. If it is asleep, make some kind of nonstartling noise, such as soft whistling. Do this before you are close to the dog, while you still have time and space for an "out."
- Never assume a dog won't bite. You may encounter a certain dog for days or weeks without incident; then one day, it might decide to bite you.
- Keep your eyes on the dog. A dog is basically a coward and a sneak and is more apt to bite you when you aren't looking.
- Stand your ground. If a dog comes toward you, turn and face it. If you have a satchel, hold it in front of you and back slowly away, making sure you don't stumble and fall. Never turn and run.

Use of Dog Repellent

Post this information, publish it in a newsletter, or reproduce it as a handout for supervisors and carriers. Tell carriers how to obtain repellent.

Dog repellent is to be used on any dog that attacks, but it does *not* replace the policy of non-delivery of mail where there is a dog menace. Collection and delivery service employees are to report the name and address of the customer where such a menace exists to the postmaster or authorized supervisor, who must immediately telephone the customer and request that the animal be confined during the usual delivery hours in the neighborhood. The postmaster will inform the customer that no deliveries will be made until this is done.

Employees are not to use the repellent where there is a danger of spraying people. Indiscriminate use of the repellent will not be tolerated — employees who do so are subject to disciplinary action.

What is the repellent?

The repellent consists of 0.35 percent oleoresin capsicum (extract of cayenne pepper) and 99.65 percent mineral oil propelled by an inert gas contained in an aerosol spray can.

Has it been adequately tested?

Extensive laboratory and field tests have been made on the repellent. Veterinarians have thoroughly examined it and have stated that not only is it safe and effective, but it is a very humane method of controlling animals. The Postal Service field test showed a high degree of effectiveness in controlling attacking animals; however, its effectiveness against trained attack dogs has not been established.

Has it been accepted as safe?

The repellent has been accepted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Pesticides Regulation Branch and has been registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. It has been registered in all states requiring such registration. (The significance of registration is that it identifies the product as effective and safe.)

Were various humane groups aware that the Postal Service experimented with repellent?

Yes. The American Kennel Club, the American Humane Association, the Popular Dogs Publishing Company, and the Humane Society of the United States were advised and indicated no objection to use of the product under conditions indicated.

How is it used?

It is sprayed directly at the eyes, nose and mouth of the attacking dog. Direct application must be made. The effective range is up to 10 feet. The repellent leaves a yellow stain on the dog's hair, which is removable by washing. This stain helps to identify an animal if a check for rabies is necessary.

How does the dog react?

The dog will put his tail between his legs and retreat. Within 10 to 15 minutes, the repellent will wear off and the dog returns to normal.

How does it affect humans?

It produces marked discomfort to the eyes lasting for about 10 minutes, but no damage or harmful effects. It has a faint odor and is mustard yellow. If repellent is inadvertently sprayed into the eye, apply mineral oil. If it is sprayed on clothing, use commercial spot removers or have the clothing dry-cleaned.

Does it offer any advantages to dog owners?

Yes. Many dog owners have indicated that letter carriers' use of repellent lessens their worry that their dog will bite the carrier.

Does repellent lose effectiveness with age?

The repellent is effective indefinitely. In isolated cases after long periods of non-use, dirt may clog the nozzle orifice, reducing the effective range of the repellent. To avoid this type of failure, insert the tip of a pin into the nozzle opening, turn container upside down, and press the nozzle until white mist is discharged.

What if the container leaks after use?

Some residue will remain in the nozzle after use. This can be expelled by turning the container upside down and briefly pressing the nozzle until a white mist is discharged.

How should used repellent containers be discarded?

The inert propellant gas left inside will expand to the point of exploding if the container is compressed or thrown into a trash fire or incinerator. Return containers to the post office for disposal.

How should an inquiry or complaint be handled?

If a customer makes an inquiry or complaint, report it to your postmaster or authorized supervisor.

Quiz: Are You an Unwary Visitor?

Post this information, publish it in a newsletter, or use it as a handout to test the dog bite prevention awareness of supervisors and carriers.

Are you an unwary visitor to what a dog feels is its territory? If so, you might get bitten. Take this quiz on handling some typical situations encountered by delivery service persons. It may help you prevent an injury. Answer True or False.

- If a dog is sleeping in the side yard, you should quietly slip up to the front door and make your delivery so you don't disturb the dog.
- 2. Turning away and retreating quickly from a dog will probably prevent your being bitten.
- 3. Carrying dog biscuits with you will help you make friends with all the dogs on your route.
- Many bites occur because the dog is protective of its home territory.
- 5. To ensure that you have your repellent, it's a good idea to secure it to a mail cart or your vehicle dashboard.
- 6. Dogs only attack if you threaten or challenge them.
- 7. Dogs always make their intentions known by growling or barking before they attack.
- 8. A storm or screen door will keep the dog inside from attacking you at the door.

- One way to protect yourself is to spray repellent on all the large dogs on your route at least once so they are afraid to challenge you.
- Talking softly to a dog while petting it will reassure the dog that you mean no harm and will reduce your chances of being bitten.

Answers

- FALSE. Dogs have keen senses; under these conditions, you would probably startle the dog and increase the possibility of an attack. The right procedure? Make a soft noise, such as a low whistle, so the dog won't be surprised. Keep your eye on the dog, and if you must withdraw, back up slowly and carefully to avoid a fall.
- 2. FALSE. Turning and running often increases the dog's excitement and provides an opportunity for it to bite while your back is turned. The proper procedure? Stand your ground initially; face the dog; use your satchel as a shield; keep your repellent handy; and back away slowly and carefully to avoid a fall.
- 3. FALSE. Too often the dog will readily accept the treat, but still not accept you. A proper procedure? You will be safer by attempting to reassure the dog by talking in a friendly manner and using its name if known. But do this from a safe distance.
- TRUE. Dogs instinctively recognize their owners' premises as territorial boundaries. Before entering a customer's property, quickly assess places a dog may be hiding and be alert.
- FALSE. Most attacks occur away from carts and vehicles. The correct procedure is to keep your spray with you and carry it in a location that allows you to use it quickly if you are attacked.
- FALSE. Dogs attack under various circumstances.
 Properly protect yourself by being aware of the presence of even the friendliest dogs.

- FALSE. Many bites occur without warning. The best way to protect yourself is to stay alert and, if confronted, follow the withdrawal procedures described above.
- 8. FALSE. Dogs have been known to break through screen and storm doors, and to escape when the owner opens the door to get the mail. On outward opening doors, you might wish to place your foot against the bottom of the door. If the dog is in the room, ask the owner to move it before opening the door. In any case, be wary of these situations.
- FALSE. Repellent should be used only to thwart an attack. Spraying animals unnecessarily will serve to enrage them (and their owners), and it is a violation of postal regulations.
- FALSE. Although well-intended, this approach continues to be a source of dog bites. The best safety procedure? Don't pet dogs on your route, even if you know them well.

Resource List

- Publication 129, *Safety Talks*, October 1990. Order from material distribution centers.
- Safety film, Dogs, They Come in All Sizes.
 Contact your Postal Employee Development Center (PEDC) for availability.
- PS Form 1778, Dog Warning Card.
 Order from material distribution centers.
- Publication 174, What You Should Know About Dogs and Dog Repellent to Avoid Dog Bites.
 Order from material distribution centers.
- Dog training video, Understanding Canine Behavior.
 Contact your PEDC for availability.

-Corporate Relations, 5-7-98

Veterans' Preference for Gulf War and Bosnia Veterans

Extension of Veterans' Preference

The Defense Authorization Act, signed into law on November 18, 1997, extended veterans' preference to Gulf War and Bosnia veterans as described below.

Gulf War Veterans

Veterans' preference is accorded to everyone who served on active duty during the period beginning August 2, 1990, and ending January 2, 1992. This means that anyone who served on active duty during the Gulf War for even 1 day, regardless of location, is entitled to preference if the person is otherwise eligible (see revised section 241.3 of Handbook EL-311 on Page 15).

Bosnia Veterans

To be eligible for veterans' preference, service members must be recipients of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM) for service in Bosnia during either of the following:

- 1. Operation Joint Endeavor (covering the period from November 20, 1995, through December 20, 1996).
- Operation Joint Guard (covering the period from December 20, 1996, through a date yet to be determined).

Service members are generally considered eligible for these medals if they meet any of the following criteria:

- They were deployed to Bosnia and Herzegovina (or other areas that the Secretary of Defense considers appropriate) in direct support of one or both of the operations.
- 2. They served on board a ship in the Adriatic in direct support of one or both of the operations.
- They operated in airspace above Bosnia and Herzegovina, or other areas designated by the Secretary of Defense while the operations were in effect.

In addition, recipients of these medals must also meet the basic service requirements as outlined in the revised section 241.31c of Handbook EL-311 on Page 15.

Please be advised that many eligible Bosnia service members have been discharged from active duty without award of the AFEM. A service member who submits DD 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, or other documentation with the qualifying operation dates (Operation Joint Endeavor and/or Operation Joint Guard), but does not show the AFEM award, should be directed to contact the branch of service where active duty was served. Every effort should be made to assist the service member with obtaining the appropriate documentation.

Employing Official Responsibilities

Employing officials must ensure that all personnel responsible for adjudicating veterans' preference claims are made aware of these new provisions. For employment purposes, applicants claiming veterans' preference must provide a photocopy of DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty* (Member Copy 4), or other official documentation issued by a branch of the Armed Forces as proof of active duty service in the Armed Forces and separation under honorable conditions.

In addition, employing officials are reminded that the U.S. Department of Defense, not the U.S. Postal Service or the Office of Personnel Management, establishes the criteria for veterans' preference eligibility. The Postal Service does not have the flexibility to pursue changes to the eligibility criteria. Employing officials are also cautioned not to change or modify the format or delete the text of any officially issued guidelines for determining veterans' preference eligibility unless otherwise instructed by Selection, Evaluation, and Recognition.

Changes to Handbook EL-311

Effective immediately, Handbook EL-311, *Personnel Operations*, 241.3 and Exhibit 241.9, *Wars, Campaigns, and Expeditions of the Armed Forces Since 1937* (pages 11 and 12), are revised to incorporate veterans' preference eligibility for active duty performed during the Gulf War and in Bosnia. Section 241.3 is also reformatted for clarity and understanding. The revised text and exhibit immediately follow.

—Selection, Evaluation, and Recognition, Human Resources, 5-7-98 HANDBOOK EL-311, PERSONNEL OPERATIONS

240 Register Preference Factors

241 Veteran Preference

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241.3 Types of Veterans Preference

241.31 5-Point Preference (TP)

For 5-point preference purposes, an individual must have served on active duty, been separated with an honorable discharge or under honorable conditions (see 251.51) from active duty in the Armed Forces, and performed service that meets *at least one* of the following criteria:

- a. If the person entered active duty on or before October 14, 1976, the service must have been performed during one of the following:
 - (1) A war.
 - (2) A campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge is authorized.
 - (3) The period beginning April 28, 1952, and ending July 1, 1955.
 - (4) A period lasting more than 180 consecutive days, other than for training, any part of which occurred during the period beginning February 1, 1955, and ending October 14, 1976.
- b. If the person entered active duty during the period from October 15, 1976, through September 7, 1980, the service must have been performed during one of the following:
 - (1) A war.
 - (2) A campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge is authorized.
 - (3) The period beginning August 2, 1990, and ending on January 2, 1992.
- c. If the person enlisted in the Armed Forces on or after September 8, 1980, or entered active duty (through means other than enlistment) on or after October 14, 1982, the service must meet *one* of the following criteria:
 - (1) The person must have completed 24 months of continuous service or the full period for which he or she was called or ordered to active duty, and the service must have been performed during one of the following:
 - (a) A war.
 - (b) A campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge is authorized.
 - (c) The period beginning August 2, 1990, and ending on January 2, 1992.

- (2) The person must have been discharged early under 10 U.S.C. 1171 or for hardship under 10 U.S.C. 1173 and the service must have been performed during one of the following:
 - (a) A war.
 - (b) A campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge is authorized.

Note: Effective October 1, 1980, the term *preference eligible* does not include, for employment purposes, retired members of the Armed Forces, unless (1) they are disabled veterans, or (2) they retired below the rank of major or its equivalent. However, these veterans are still *preference eligibles* for adverse action purposes.

241.32 10-Point Preference

241.321 Disabled Veterans

An honorably separated veteran who served on active duty in the Armed Forces at any time may be assigned 10-point preference provided the veteran has a service-connected disability and meets the criteria defining one of the following categories:

- a. Disability preference (XP) a former member of the Armed Forces who separated with an honorable discharge (or under honorable conditions) and (1) was awarded the Purple Heart, (2) receives compensation or pension from the Department of Veterans Affairs or disability retired pay from the Armed Forces, or (3) has a service-connected disability that is not compensable or that is less than 10 percent compensable.
 - **Note:** 10-point (other) preference (XP) is the preference granted to the widow/widower or mother of a deceased veteran or to the spouse or mother of a disabled veteran. It is called *derived preference* because it is derived from the military service of someone else a veteran who is not using it for preference. When the disabled veteran does use the service for preference, then the spouse or mother is no longer entitled to preference (see 241.322, 241.323, and 241.324).
- b. Compensable disability preference (CP) a former member of the Armed Forces who was separated with an honorable discharge (or under honorable conditions) and has a service-connected disability that is at least 10 percent but less than 30 percent compensable.
- c. Compensable/30 percent preference (CPS) a former member of the Armed Forces who was separated with an honorable discharge (or under honorable conditions) and has a service-connected disability that is 30 percent or more compensable.

See 252, for arrangement of registers.

241.322 Spouses of Disabled Veterans (XP — 10-Point Other)

The spouse of a veteran of the Armed Forces on whose service a claim is based may be assigned 10-point veterans' preference provided both of the following criteria are met:

- a. The veteran was separated under honorable conditions from active duty performed at any time.
- b. The veteran has a service-connected disability that disqualifies the veteran for any appointment to positions in the federal government or the DC government along the lines of his or her usual occupation.

241.323 Widows or Widowers of Veterans (XP — 10-Point Other)

Until remarried, the widow or widower of an honorably separated veteran, or the widow or widower of a veteran who died under honorable conditions while on active duty, may be entitled to 10-point preference based on the veteran's service, provided the veteran served on active duty during *one* of the following:

- 1. A war.
- A campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge is authorized.
- 3. The period beginning April 28, 1952, and ending July 1, 1955.

If the widow or widower remarries and the remarriage is annulled, the former widow or widower may apply for restoration of preference. Evidence of divorce is *not* a basis to restore widow/widower preference, since the act of remarriage, rather than a remarried state, terminates eligibility for preference. Thus, widow/widower preference can only be restored if the act of marriage is nullified by annulment.

241.324 Mothers of Veterans (XP — 10-Point Other)

A veteran's natural mother who is widowed, divorced, or separated from the veteran's father; has remarried but is widowed, divorced or separated from the husband of the remarriage when she claims preference; or whose husband (either the veteran's father or husband through remarriage) with whom she is currently living is totally and permanently disabled may be entitled to preference based on the veteran's service if *one* of the following criteria are met:

- a. The veteran (the mother's son or daughter) died under honorable conditions while on active duty, and the veteran served on active duty during one of the following:
 - (1) A war.
 - (2) A campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge is authorized.
 - (3) The period beginning April 28, 1952, and ending July 1, 1955.
- The veteran was separated under honorable conditions and has a service-connected disability that is total and permanent.

Exhibit 241.9

Preference Based on Military Service

Wars, Campaigns, and Expeditions of the Armed Forces Since 1937

a. Wars 1

		Organizations Participating (indicated by "X" below)						
War	Army	Navy	Air Force ²	Marine Corps	Coast Guard			
World War I	Apr. 6, 1917 to July 2, 1921 ³	Х	Х	_	Х	Х		
World War II	Dec. 7, 1941 to Apr. 28, 1952 ⁴	X	X	Х	Χ	Х		

b. Military Operations Since 1937 for Which a Campaign or Expeditionary Medal Has Been Awarded, Except for Operations Occurring During a Declared War ^{5,8}

- (1) Military personnel receive many awards and decorations. To help agencies make decisions concerning entitlement to veterans' preference and other benefits, the following list identifies those awards that are campaign and expeditionary medals.
- (2) A veteran's DD Form 214 showing the award of any Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal is acceptable proof, provided that the veteran's active service meets the other requirements as outlined in section 241. The DD Form 214 does not have to show the name of the theater or country of service for which that medal was awarded.

		Organizations Participating (indicated by "X" below)						
Campaign or Expedition	Inclusive Dates	Army Navy		Air Force ²	Marine Corps	Coast Guard		
China Service	July 7, 1937 to Sept. 7, 1939	_	Х	_	Χ	_		
American Defense Service ⁶	Sept. 8, 1939 to Dec. 7, 1941	X	Х	_	Χ	Х		
Navy Occupation of Trieste	May 9, 1945 to Oct. 26, 1954	_	Х	_	_	Х		
Army of Occupation of Berlin	May 9, 1945 to Oct. 2, 1990	X	X	Х	Х	Х		
Army of Occupation of Germany (exclusive of Berlin)	May 9, 1945 to May 5, 1955	Χ	Х	X	_	Х		
Army of Occupation of Japan	Sept. 3, 1945 to Apr. 27, 1952	X	Х	Х	Χ	Х		
Army Occupation of Austria	May 9, 1945 to July 27, 1955	X	<u> </u>	Х	_	_		
Navy Occupation of Austria	_	Х	_	Χ	_			
Units of the Sixth Fleet (Navy)	May 9, 1945 to Oct. 25, 1955	_	Х	_		_		
China Service Medal (Extended)	Sept. 2, 1945 to Apr. 1, 1957	_	X	_	Х	Х		
Korean Service	June 27, 1950 to July 27, 1954	X	X	Х	Х	Х		
Vietnam Service Medal (VSM)	July 3, 1965 to Mar. 28, 1973	X	X	Х	Χ	Х		
Southwest Asia Service Medal ⁷	Aug. 2, 1990 to Nov. 30, 1995	X	Х	Х	Χ	Х		
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM) for these operations:								
Berlin	Aug. 14, 1961 to June 1, 1963	X	Х	Х	Χ	Х		
Lebanon	July 1, 1958 to Nov. 1, 1958 and June 1, 1983 to Dec. 1, 1987	Х	Х	Х	Χ	Х		
Quemoy and Matsu Islands	Aug. 23, 1958 to June 1, 1963	X	Х	Х	Χ	Х		
Taiwan Straits	Aug. 23, 1958 to Jan. 1, 1959	Χ	Х	Х	Χ	Х		
Cuba	Oct. 24, 1962 to June 1, 1963	Х	Х	Х	Χ	Х		
Congo	July 14, 1960 to Sept. 1, 1962 and Nov. 23 to 27, 1964	Х	Х	X	X	Х		
Laos	Apr. 19, 1961 to Oct. 7, 1962	Х	X	Х	Χ	Х		
Dominican Republic	Apr. 28, 1965 to Sept. 21, 1966	Χ	X	X	Χ	Х		

		Organizations Participating (indicated by "X" below)						
Campaign or Expedition	Inclusive Dates	Army	Navy	Air Force ²	Marine Corps	Coast Guard		
Korea	Oct. 1, 1966 to June 30, 1974	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		
Vietnam (include Thailand)	July 1, 1958 to July 3, 1965	X	Х	X	Χ	X		
Cambodia	Mar. 29, 1973 to Aug. 15, 1973	X	Х	X	Χ	X		
Cambodia Evacuation (Operation Eagle Pull)	Apr. 11, 1975 to Apr. 13, 1975	Х	X	X	Х	X		
Vietnam Evacuation (Operation Frequent Wind)	Apr. 29, 1975 to Apr. 30, 1975	X	Х	X	Х	X		
Mayaguez Operation	May 15, 1975	X	Х	X	Χ	X		
El Salvador	Jan. 1, 1981 to Feb. 1, 1992	Х	Х	X	Χ	X		
Grenada (Operation Urgent Fury)	Oct. 23, 1983 to Nov. 21, 1983	X	Х	X	Х	X		
Operations in the Libyan Area	Apr. 12 thru Apr. 17, 1986	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		
Persian Gulf Operation	July 24, 1987 to Aug. 1, 1990	Х	Х	Х	Χ	Х		
Panama (Operation Just Cause)	Dec. 20, 1989 to Jan. 31, 1990	Х	Х	X	X	X		
Somalia (Operation Restore Hope)	Dec. 5, 1992 to Mar. 31, 1995	Х	Х	X	X	X		
Haiti (Operation Uphold Democracy)	Sept. 16, 1994 to Mar. 31, 1995	Х	Х	X	X	X		
Bosnia (Operation Joint Endeavor) (Operation Joint Guard)	Nov. 20, 1995 to Dec. 20, 1996 Dec. 20, 1996 to	Х	Х	X	Х	X		
Navy Expeditionary Medal and Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal for these operations:								
Cuba	Jan. 3, 1961 to Oct. 23, 1962	_	Х	_	Χ	_		
Iranian/Yemen/Indian Ocean Contingency	Dec. 6, 1978 thru Jan. 6, 1979	_	Х	_	X	_		
Indian Ocean Contingency	Nov. 21, 1979 to Oct. 20, 1981	_	Х	_	Χ	_		
Lebanon	Aug. 20, 1982 to May 31, 1983	_	Х	_	Χ	_		
Libyan Area	Jan. 20, 1986 to June 27, 1986	_	Х	_	Χ	_		
Persian Gulf	Feb. 1, 1987 to July 23, 1987	_	Х	_	Χ	_		
Liberia	Aug. 5, 1990 to Feb. 21, 1991	_	Х	_	Х	_		
Panama	Apr. 1, 1980 to Dec. 19, 1986 and Feb. 1, 1990 to June 13, 1990	_	Х	_	Х	_		
Rwanda (Operation Distant Runner)	Apr. 7, 1994 to Apr. 18, 1994	_	Х	_	Х	_		

Notes:

- In the absence of statutory definitions for "war" and "campaign or expedition," OPM considers to be "wars" only those armed conflicts for which a declaration of war was issued by Congress. The Title 38, U.S.C., definition of "war," which is used in determining benefits administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs, includes the Vietnam Era and other armed conflicts. That Title 38 definition is NOT applicable for civil service purposes.
- ² The United States Air Force became a separate branch of the Armed Forces of the United States on September 18, 1947.
- ³ July 2, 1921 is the date of a Joint Resolution of the U.S. Congress that terminated the war with Germany and Austria-Hungary.
- ⁴ The effective date of the Treaty of Peace with Japan that officially terminated World War II.
- ⁵ Some of the most recent Navy Expeditions are listed in the chart above.

- Claimants for veterans' preference based on service between September 8, 1939, and December 7, 1941, must meet the requirements for campaign service. The award of an American Defense Service Medal does not prove service in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized. However, the requirement of campaign service is met if, in addition to this medal, the recipient is awarded a service clasp (bearing the inscription *Foreign Service* if Army; Fleet or Base if Navy; Fleet, Sea, or Base if Coast Guard); or a Bronze Star for service outside the continental limits of the United States.
- DoD awarded the Southwest Asia Service Medal (SWASM) to Armed Forces personnel who served in the Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm theater.
- In addition to the medals awarded to members of the Armed Forces, the following medals have been awarded to civilians.
 These medals are not a basis for preference, since the service was not in the Armed Forces:
 - a. Women's Army Corps Service Medal, which bears the words "For service in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps" and the dates "1942–1943."
 - b. The Medal of Merit for meritorious service in World War II.
 - c. The Medal of Freedom for meritorious achievements or meritorious service to the United States on or after December 7, 1941, in the war against an enemy outside the continental limits of the United States.
 - d. The Antarctica Service Medal for participating in a scientific, direct support, or exploratory operation on the Antarctic continent.

Customer Relations

Mail Alert

The mailings below will be deposited in the near future. Offices should honor the requested home delivery dates. Mailers wishing to participate in these alerts, for mailings of

1 million pieces or more, should contact Customer Relations Program Management at 202-268-5885 at least 1 month preceding the requested delivery dates.

Title of Mailings	Class and Type of Mail	Requested Delivery Date	Number of Pieces (Millions)	Distribution	Presort Level	Comments
Eddie Bauer Summer Resource	Standard A/flat	5/4–5/7	3.3	Nationwide	Car-Rt, 3/5-digit	
Nordstrom, the Catalog — "Summer Solstice '98"	Standard A/flat	5/4–5/8	1.0	Nationwide	3-digit/SCF barcoded	148 pages
Current Summer 1998	Standard A/flat	5/5–5/7	1.5	Nationwide	Car-Rt, 3/5-digit, basic	8" x 10"
Leslie's Pool Why Shop at	Standard A/flat	5/5–5/7	2.0	Nationwide	Car-Rt, 3/5-digit	Pool supplies
Eddie Bauer May Prospect	Standard A/flat	5/6–5/9	3.4	Nationwide	Car-Rt, 3/5-digit	
JC Penney Clearance	Standard A/flat	5/7-5/9	2.4	Nationwide	Car-Rt	Perry
The Company Store/Kitchen & Home	Standard A/flat	5/1–5/14	4.3	Nationwide	Car-Rt, presorted	Quad/Graphics, Saratoga Springs, NY
JC Penney Diamond Extravaganza	Standard A/flat	5/11–5/13	5.0	Nationwide	Car-Rt	Harte-Hanks
Toys R Us May Mailer	Standard A/flat	5/11–5/13	11.0	Nationwide	Car-Rt, 3/5-digit	Quebecor, Franklin, KY
JC Penney Spring Follow-Up	Standard A/ postcard	5/13–5/15	6.3	Nationwide	Car-Rt	Harte-Hanks
Billy Graham Letter	Standard A/ltr	5/18–5/29	2.1	Nationwide	3/5-digit, barcode	3 7/8" x 7 1/8" envelope, Minneapolis, MN
Leslie's Pool Memorial Day	Standard A/flat	5/19–5/21	3.0	Nationwide	Car-Rt, 3/5-digit	Pool supplies

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Domestic Mail

Information-Based Indicia (IBI) Beta Test

On March 31, 1998, at the National Postal Museum, the U.S. Postal Service introduced the Information-Based Indicia (IBI) — a new form of postage evidencing. The IBI is the first significant new form of postage evidencing in 77 years.

The IBI utilizes a two-dimensional barcode which contains information critical to revenue protection. This information includes the device identification, ascending and descending register values, postage amount, and digital signature making each indicia unique and therefore more difficult to counterfeit without detection.

Several companies are developing products to create this new generation of postage evidencing. E-Stamp Corporation is the first to complete the rigorous testing standards and requirements which precede field beta testing. This announcement signals the first IBI product to be approved for "live" field beta testing.

The beta test will be conducted in three phases and the first phase will begin in the Northern Virginia district. It will involve approximately 20 Small Office Home Office (SOHO) test customers selected by E-Stamp and approved by the USPS. During the test, mail pieces bearing the new indicia will be introduced into the regular mail stream by mid-April and MUST be processed in the same manner as metered

mail. The new indicia represents valid USPS postage and must be accepted at all valid mail acceptance points. Although in this phase the mail pieces will originate in Northern Virginia, there is no restriction placed on the senders as to destination address. Therefore, all delivery personnel should be advised of the test and the new indicia to avoid items being returned inadvertently. The following is a reproduction of the E-Stamp IBI indicia as it will appear on a letter envelope.

The IBI provides additional benefits to our customers as well. IBI products will provide our customers with a new access channel for postage using their desktop computers. Postage will be downloaded and stored in the Postal Security Device (PSD), an electronic vault that connects to the PC's printer port. The customer prints an envelope using a standard laserJet or inkJet printer and the software provided by E-Stamp. The software will verify the address information and print an indicia with the postage, deducting the postage amount from the electronic vault. The indicia can be printed on mailing labels or directly on an envelope.

Any questions concerning the E-Stamp IBI beta test should be directed to the beta test manager at (202) 268-6079.



E-Stamp Sample IBI Indicia

Handling Opened, Resealed, and Redeposited Standard Mail Parcels Without Return Postage Affixed

On occasion, addressees who have received Standard Mail parcels open, reseal, and redeposit them for return to the sender, without affixing return postage. When a customer presents such a parcel at a retail window for return to the sender, the clerk must advise the customer that new postage is required and collect the appropriate single-piece postage. If such a parcel is found in the mailstream, the parcel should be returned to the addressee, marked "Returned for Postage," if practicable. However, when this is not practicable, follow the instructions below, based on the endorsement.

Endorsement	Handling
Standard (A) & Standard (B) Return Service Requested Address Service Requested Forwarding Service Requested	Send to return address postage due. (Appropriate single-piece rate or weighted fee charged, depending on endorsement and class.) If return address is not legible, send to Mail Recovery Center.
Standard (A) & Standard (B) Change Service Requested	Send to CFS unit.
Standard (A) Return Service Requested – BPRS Address Service Requested – BPRS	Send to return address postage due. (Only BPRS fee charged.) If return address is not legible, send to Mail Recovery Center.
Standard (A) No Endorsement	Dispose of piece.
Standard (B) No Endorsement	Send to return address postage due. (Appropriate single-piece rate charged.) If return address is not legible, send to Mail Recovery Center.

-Business Mail Acceptance, 5-7-98

Finance

REMINDER

Numbered Insured Articles

All offices are reminded that effective March 29, 1997, all domestic **numbered** insured claims should be sent directly to the St. Louis Accounting Service Center (ASC) for processing. Do not send the claim form to the addressee post office for delivery information. The following procedures should be reviewed by all retail clerks and management who process postal insurance claims:

- If the article was addressed for delivery at a post office other than the one where the claim is filed, and the addressee signed PS Form 1000 indicating non-receipt or provided a statement denying receipt, give copy 3 of Form 1000 to the customer for retention.
- Forward the claim form with all supporting documentation, such as evidence of value (as defined in DMM S010) to the St. Louis ASC.

- Claim forms submitted with an APO/FPO mailing address must have the unit or ship designation included.
- Post offices accepting claims for damage should ensure that they verify the damage to the box, carton, and wrapper. Annotate the damage on Form 1000.
- 5. Check "yes" if you saw the damaged box and note its condition on Form 1000, i.e., crushed, smashed, torn, dented, hole in side, etc.

Following the proper procedures for domestic numbered insured articles can greatly expedite the claim process at the St. Louis ASC.

-Corporate Accounting, 5-7-98

Capital Property Contracts on the Intranet

As an aid for material accountability officers (MAOs) to identify and locate capital property in a timely fashion, capital property contracts processed by the Purchasing and Materials Service Centers and Headquarters Purchasing are now being made available through the Headquarters Purchasing home page on the USPS Intranet. These contracts provide descriptions and delivery information. Access the Headquarters Purchasing home page at: http://blue.usps.gov/purchase/hqpur/technology/list.htm. We recommend bookmarking the site.

Also available on the Materials home page at http://blue.usps.gov/purchase/material is other valuable information, such as Material Logistics Bulletins, training information, and return authorization (for repair parts). Just click on the corresponding item in the list.

Access or help in using the Intranet can be provided by contacting your local Information Systems Administrator personnel.

—Purchasing and Materials, 5-7-98

POINT OF SERVICE (POS ONE) Money Orders

The purpose of this article is to inform postal installations that a new version of the Postal Service domestic money order is being sold to our customers and may be presented for payment.

This new version is printed by the new POS ONE terminals that are now being installed at various postal installations. The POS ONE money order is not a form set; it is a single piece of paper. The letters "POS ONE" or the words "Point Of Service" are not printed on the money order. The customer receipt is attached to and above the money order. It is removable via perforation in the paper. The front and back of the customer's receipt contains pertinent information for the customer. The serial number is also MICR-encoded

on the back of the customer's receipt. The POS ONE terminal imprints the date and post office identification in smaller numbers, in a different format, and in a different color than the Paymaster imprinter, which imprints the current money order. The POS ONE terminal prints these in the same color, dark blue/black, as it prints the amount. The Paymaster imprinter prints these in red and the amount in dark blue/black. The POS ONE terminal imprints the money order amount twice; one is numeric and the other is alpha. This is different from the Paymaster imprinter which also prints the amount twice but both are numeric. The POS ONE terminal also prints the clerk identification number and the Paymaster imprinter does not.

The POS ONE money order is the same size and color as the Paymaster money order. It contains the same security features as the Paymaster money order; a gray oval on the left side, a security thread to the right of the oval, and a unique background. A watermark of Benjamin Franklin appears within the gray oval. The dark security thread has a continuous USPS logo on it. Hold the money order up to any light source to view these. Both of these features are not highly visible by normal viewing without the light source. The top of the POS ONE money order has the current USPS corporate logo. The restrictive endorsement for cashing, printed in red, is on the right side above the purchaser information on the POS ONE money order. The restrictive endorsement for cashing is on the right side below the purchaser information on the Paymaster money order.

The POS ONE domestic money order is in addition to the Paymaster domestic money order. The Paymaster imprinter will no longer be used by a postal installation upon the implementation of the POS ONE terminal. The POS ONE money order must not be imprinted by the Paymaster imprinter and the Paymaster money order must not be imprinted by the POS ONE terminal. The POS ONE terminal will also be used to imprint a Postal Service International Money Order and an Authorization To Issue An International Money Order. See Exhibits A–C for examples of a POS ONE imprinted domestic money order, and an Electronic Money Order Dispenser (EMOD) imprinted domestic money order. EMOD information was printed in *Postal Bulletin* 21944 dated 4-24-97 on page 32. See summary below.

		Imprint Color							
Printed By	Serial #	Date	Post Office	Amount	Imprinted Amount				
Paymaster	Red	Red	Red	Blue/Black	Two Numerics				
POS	Red	Blue/Black	Blue/Black	Blue/Black	One Numeric One Alpha				
EMOD	Black	Blue/Black	Blue/Black	Blue/Black	One Numeric One Alpha				

Exhibit A. POS ONE Money Order



Exhibit B. Paymaster Domestic Money Order



Exhibit C. Electronic Money Order Dispenser Imprinted Domestic Money Order



Handbook F-1 Available Online

The online version of Handbook F-1, *Post Office Accounting Procedures*, is scheduled to be available for viewing on May 1, 1998, on the internal postal web site at *http://blue.usps.gov*, by clicking on *Corporate Information*, then *Policies and Procedures*, and then on *Handbooks*. The electronic document includes the November 1996 revision and has been updated with *Postal Bulletin* articles published through May 7, 1998. In addition, several minor corrections have been made to typography and codification in the online version for accuracy.

Corrections

Specific corrections are as follows:

All references to Handbook F-10, Travel, have been changed to F-15, Travel and Relocation. The section 644 specific reference to Handbook F-10, Chapter 5, Local Travel has been corrected to read Handbook F-15, Chapter 5, Arranging Transportation.

- Codification for reference 742.4, To Window Clerks (Postal Bulletin 21944) has been corrected to read 742.22 To Window Clerks.
- The instruction for a correction under 657, *Paying Indemnity and Tort Claims* (*Postal Bulletin* 21968), has been inserted in 657.2, *Tort Claims*.
- Page 2 of Form 25, *Trust Fund Account*, is identical to page 1 and has been removed from the online version.
- Subheadings have been inserted for clarity to paragraphs under section 526.2, Miscellaneous as follows: Clearing Form 1412 Shortages and Offsetting Form 1412 Shortages.

—Corporate Accounting, Finance, 5-7-98

Computer Matching of Employee Data

The Postal Service may disclose limited information about its employees internally, to other federal agencies, or to state or local government agencies in the performance of computer matching programs conducted pursuant to the Privacy Act, as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 (Public Law 100-503).

Usually, matching programs are conducted to:

- 1. Establish or verify initial or continuing eligibility for federal benefit programs.
- 2. Verify compliance with the requirements of those programs.
- 3. Recoup payments or delinquent debts owed to the federal government.
- 4. Locate absent parents owing child support obligations.
- 5. Verify compliance with Postal Service policies for the hiring and conduct of its employees.

For example, a matching program may be conducted to identify postal employees who:

 Owe delinquent debts to the United States under a program administered by a federal agency, such as a Department of Education student loan program or a Department of Housing and Urban Development home loan program.

- Are receiving excessive food stamp benefits from a particular state as a result of underreporting their income.
- 3. Are in arrears in child support obligations.

Disclosure of information about employees is limited to that necessary to accomplish the objectives of the matching program.

In accordance with the Privacy Act's provisions, the participant agencies enter into a matching agreement specifying the terms for conducting the match. These terms include the methods an agency will use to independently verify the information obtained through the matching program.

No adverse action may be taken against an individual as a result of the information obtained unless the appropriate notice and opportunity to contest are provided to the individual. These due process requirements are specified in the Privacy Act. Each matching program and agreement is subject to approval and oversight by the Postal Service Data Integrity Board, composed of senior management officials (see Management Instruction AS-350-98-2, *Establishment of the Postal Service Data Integrity Board* (3-19-98)). The following poster should be posted on all bulletin boards.

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Fraud Alert

ALL PERSONNEL PROCESSING MAIL FOR DISPATCH ABROAD

Foreign Order No. 417

Keep all foreign order notices for use as reference.

Final Orders

CANADA

The Tentative Decision and Order issued against the following has become final:

Canada

IJA
549 COLUMBIA STREET
PO BOX 369 STN MAIN
NEW WESTMINSTER BC V3L 5A8
CANADA
IPA
NO 2678 STN MAIN
549 COLUMBIA STREET
NEW WESTMINSTER BC V3L 5L2

Do not dispatch any mail to the preceding addresses. Place the mailpieces in a pouch endorsed "Foreign Order Mail" and send it to:

POSTMASTER CLAIMS AND INQUIRY JAMES A FARLEY BUILDING RM 2029A NEW YORK NY 10199-9652

Do not place any endorsement on the mailpieces themselves. Personnel may post this notice at the outgoing primary. They must post it on the Foreign Order Board at all processing and distribution plants, designated international exchange offices, and customer service plants.

—Judicial Officer, 5-7-98

Withholding of Mail Orders

Withholding of mail orders is enforced by the postmasters at the cities listed below:

State/City	Names Covered
CA, Fremont 94538-1304	Donald K. Laxner, 39120 Argonaut Way, #558 and at:
CA, Fremont 94539-3680	40087 Mission Boulevard, #202 and at:
CA, Hayward 94544-2149	25125 Santa Clara Street, #145 and at:
CA, San Leandro 94579-1804	655 Lewelling Boulevard, #157 and at:
CA, Union City 94587-4000	32108 Alvarado Boulevard, #108
CA, Richmond 94801-1835	All Names Other Than Verna Scott or Robert Scott, 40 Alamo Avenue
MO, Maryland Heights 63043-0354	Any And All Of Various Names Other Than Donald Marshall, Midwest Ballroom Dancer, Zip Code Date Club, Area Code Date Club, September Singles, and Romantic Pen Pals, P.O. Box 1354
MO, St. Ann 63074-0084	Any And All Of Various Names Other Than Donald Marshall, Midwest Ballroom Dancer, Zip Code Date Club, Area Code Date Club, September Singles, and Romantic Pen Pals, P.O. Box 84

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Domestic Orders

False representation is enforced by the postmasters at the cities listed below:

State/City	Names Covered	Product
AZ, Mesa, 85201-7020	County Recording Services, 1225 West Main Street, Suite #101-205, and at:	A government affiliation scheme.
AZ, Phoenix, 85008-2442	State Processing Center, 2303 North 44th Street, Suite 14-240	
CA, San Jose, 95124-2024	Brick Processing Center and/or First Amendment Publishers, 2059 Camden Avenue, Suite 242, and at:	A work-at-home scheme.
CA, Campbell, 95008-1111	42 West Campbell Avenue, Suite 202	

Missing, Lost, or Stolen U.S. Money Order Forms

Do Not Cash — Upon Receipt, Notify Local Postal Inspectors

This listing will be provided to all Postal Service employees responsible for accepting and cashing Postal money orders. All interim notices should be destroyed when the numbers listed appear in the *Postal Bulletin*. The actual serial numbers consist of the first 10 digits on the money orders. Check for altered dollar amounts by holding money orders to the light.

The *Postal Bulletin* is available on the World Wide Web on the U.S. Postal Service home page at http://www.usps.gov. To access a *Postal Bulletin*, go to

"Business," then to "Business Publications," and then to "The Postal Bulletin."

The *Postal Bulletin* is also available on the Postal Service Intranet. Click on "Corporate Information," then "Policies and Procedures," then "Postal Bulletin."

Back issues through *Postal Bulletin* 21883A (1-1-95) are available for downloading, as are the 1995, 1996, and 1997 annual indexes. Once downloaded, the *Postal Bulletin*, including all forms and posters, may be read and printed.

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210 221 0548	to		391 574 1466	to	1499	406 260 6830	to	6899	420 758 9500	to	9699
	210 221	0599	391 783 3020	to	3599	406 459 6641	to	6999	420 969 3951	to	3971
273 775 7700	to		391 792 6100	to	6199	406 733 3000	to	3999	420 969 3973	to	3999
	273 775	7899	392 668 2956	to	2999	407 545 1557	to	1599	421 116 3565	to	3599
302 000 0000	to		392 854 8500	to	8899	407 594 0412	to	0599	421 130 9300	to	9399
	302 123	9999	393 584 7566	to	7699	407 692 9100	to	9299	421 313 4500	to	4999
349 746 2056	to	2099	393 650 0074	to	0099	407 959 2190	to	2199	421 364 5537	to	5599
350 518 7350	to	7374	393 838 8316	to	8499	408 265 2275	to	2288	421 656 2609	to	2699
360 011 1690	to	1699	393 893 6007	to	6099	408 499 7700	to	7799	421 988 9700	to	9799
360 168 6008	to	6099	394 126 6907	to	6999	408 499 7900	to	7999	422 172 4667	to	4699
360 173 8800	to	8899	394 189 0405	to	0599	408 682 8484	to	8599	422 484 4212	to	4299
362 861 3064	to	3099	394 822 3243	to	3278	408 698 7015	to	7099	422 556 1270	to	1299
373 006 2176	to	2199	394 990 1810	to	1899	409 072 3941	to	3999	422 587 7024	to	7099
374 768 2600	to	2699	395 343 3264	to	3299	410 491 2311	to	2399	422 819 7533	to	7599
375 169 4400	to	4599	395 373 3035	to	3099	410 694 8400	to	8599	422 842 5073	to	5087
375 829 3400	to	3499	395 396 9649	to	9799	410 775 1500	to	1599	422 907 7563	to	7599
375 851 9100	to	9199	395 970 3240	to	3299	410 795 7927	to	7999	424 500 6050	to	6099
376 196 0911	to	0999	397 622 4054	to	4099	410 867 0917	to	0966	424 641 8500	to	8599
378 085 3679	to	3699	397 819 8902	to	8999	410 867 0970	to	0999	424 871 6600	to	6699
378 351 1063	to	1099	398 149 7200	to	7699	411 868 1023	to	1199	425 298 2352	to	2399
379 843 5100	to	5199	399 070 0872	to	0899	411 922 2322	to	2399	425 418 4269	to	4299
380 093 9600	to	9699	399 156 7119	to	7199	412 193 0900	to	0999	425 418 4405	to	4499
380 165 1165	to	1199	399 203 5064	to	5099	412 395 8599	to	8699	426 547 4566	to	4599
381 325 4500	to	4599	399 296 9910	to	9999	412 485 6500	to	6599	427 412 6337	to	6499
381 604 2510	to	2699	399 396 8935	to	8999	412 485 6610	to	6699	427 481 0900	to	0999
381 645 9525	to	9599	399 792 7775	to	7799	412 885 5953	to	5999	428 027 2742	to	2752
383 314 3968	to	3999	399 792 8300	to	8399	414 193 3608	to	3674	429 474 4172	to	4199
383 892 1000	to	1344	400 427 1051	to to	1999 1549	414 193 3677 414 411 7348	to to	3699 7399	429 889 2900	to to	2999 4599
383 892 1382	to	1399	401 045 1505		1599			0799	430 150 4401		9899
384 925 3641	to	3654	401 045 1571 401 294 2700	to to	2799	414 640 0757 414 965 1727	to to	1799	430 172 9800 430 177 1900	to to	2099
385 568 2331	to	2399	401 294 2700	to	9599	417 302 8104	to	8199	430 177 1900	to	9699
385 599 7554	to	7575	401 310 9303	to	5399	417 387 6532	to	6599	430 664 4070	to	4099
385 774 2024	to	2099	402 578 7876	to	7899	417 496 6800	to	6999	432 168 8419	to	8499
386 624 1412	to	1599	403 125 6744	to	6799	417 871 9250	to	9299	432 708 6800	to	6999
386 883 8936	to	8999	403 260 7000	to	7499	417 930 9533	to	9599	432 744 1544	to	1599
387 314 5574	to	5599	403 280 6470	to	6499	418 164 6500	to	6799	432 995 9775	to	9799
387 837 6300	to	6399	403 685 8600	to	8699	418 423 9863	to	9899	433 003 5800	to	5899
388 828 0656	to	0699	404 003 0300	to	0399	418 633 5922	to	5999	433 757 3047	to	3099
389 696 2400	to	2799	404 041 8838	to	8899	418 719 8520	to	8599	433 765 4003	to	4099
389 846 3104	to	3135	404 071 4268	to	4299	418 744 2235	to	2299	434 482 7060	to	7199
389 846 3145	to	3195	404 347 5356	to	5399	418 962 2848	to	2899	434 513 2386	to	2399
389 887 9211	to	9230	404 347 5548	to	5599	419 543 0286	to	0299	434 968 3076	to	3092
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Counterfeited Canadian Money Order Forms

Do Not Cash

To be posted and used by retail window employees. As directed, destroy previous notices. All interim notices should be destroyed when the numbers listed appear in the *Postal Bulletin*.

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800 Number Available to Verify Canadian Money Orders

The Canada Post Corporation is now providing an 800 number that cashing agents can call to verify the validity of Canadian Postal Money Orders. The number is 1-800-563-0444.

This 800 number is printed on the back of the Canadian Postal Money Orders.

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Invalid Express Mail Corporate Account Numbers

These numbers are to be posted and used by retail/acceptance clerks. This listing supersedes all previous notices, which must be destroyed. Retail/acceptance clerks must not accept Express Mail shipments bearing any of the invalid numbers (listed below) in the "customer number" or

"agreement number" section of the label or form.

Note: The first 6 digits of a 9-digit Custom Designed Service and Next Day Pickup Service Agreement make up the Corporate Account Number.

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International Mail

IMM REVISION

International Mail — Mailing to Italy

Effective immediately, the following revisions are made to the Individual Country Listing for Italy. These revisions will be incorporated into Issue 20 of the *International Mail Manual* (IMM).

The entry under the header, **Prohibitions (130)**, which pertains to the mailing of coins, bank notes, etc., is being deleted and replaced by a new entry under the header, **Restrictions**, which reads as follows:

Individual Country Listings Country Conditions for Mailing

Prohibitions (130)

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Coins; banknotes; securities payable to bearer circulating abroad; and precious stones. However, Italian metal coins, banknotes and securities payable to bearer sent direct by foreign banks to Italian banks for exchange or replacement are permitted.

Restrictions

Coins; bank notes; currency notes (paper money); traveler's checks; jewelry; and other precious or valuable articles must be enclosed in an insured parcel in order to be mailable to addressees in Italy.

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IMM REVISION

International Mail — Mailing to Ukraine

Effective immediately, the following entry is being added to the Individual Country Listing for Ukraine, under the header, **Restrictions**. This revision will be incorporated into Issue 20 of the *International Mail Manual* (IMM).

Individual Country Listings Country Conditions for Mailing

Prohibitions (130)

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Restrictions

Tobacco products are prohibited entry into Ukraine, unless the shipment is accompanied by a certificate or invoice which states that the quantity being sent does not exceed 200 cigarettes or 200 grams of other processed tobacco products.

> —Pricing, Costing, & Classification, International Business Unit, 5-7-98

IMM REVISION

International Mail — Mailing to Lithuania

Effective immediately, the following entries are being added to the Individual Country Listing for Lithuania, under the headers **Prohibitions** and **Restrictions**, respectively:

Country Conditions for Mailing

Prohibitions (130)

[Delete the current prohibition.]

Local and foreign currency (paper money) and coins, unless they are being sent to the Lithuanian Central Bank and its institutions; securities that are payable to bearer; traveler's checks and bank drafts; jewelry and precious metals or stones that weigh more than 50 grams; non-precious metals, their alloys, waste materials, and scrap metal.

All types of hunting and sporting guns, crossbows, pneumatic and fighting weapons, parts of weapons, ammunition, gas pistols, and gas bombs.

Prepared foodstuffs and raw materials of animal origin, if their industrial packaging is damaged, the use-by-date has expired, or if their sensory features (i.e., smell, taste, feel) have been altered.

Tobacco products.

Articles containing immoral inscriptions and pictures.

Articles whose contents or packaging may spoil or damage other postal items or pose a danger to postal employees.

All goods and articles that are prohibited entry under the import laws and resolutions of the government of the Republic of Lithuania.

Restrictions

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Postal shipments containing sugar may only be sent to private individuals, who are outside the agricultural sector, in quantities that do not exceed 5 kilograms (i.e., 11 pounds) per mailpiece.

Postal shipments containing radio electronic or electrical equipment, which produce (or may produce) radio waves, require permission from the Lithuanian State Electricity Communications Inspection Agency.

Postal shipments containing police and military ammunition, special security and control materials, criminal law equipment, methodological tools for training police employees, and color copying equipment require permission from the Lithuanian Ministry of Internal Affairs.

Postal shipments containing cultural artifacts, antiques, and raw amber require permission from the Cultural Values Protection Department of the Lithuanian Ministry of Culture.

Postal shipments containing stuffed wild animals, animal fur and eggs, hunting and fishing trophies, and products of unprocessed wild animals and parts thereof require permission from the Lithuanian Ministry of Environmental Protection.

Postal shipments containing unprepared food stuffs and raw materials of animal origin require permission from the Lithuanian State Veterinary Service.

Postal shipments containing plants or plant products, which have the potential to cause infections or spread weeds and/ or pests, require permission from the Lithuanian Plant Quarantine Service.

These changes to the Individual Country Listing for Lithuania will be incorporated into Issue 20 of the *International Mail Manual* (IMM).

—Pricing, Costing, & Classification, International Business Unit, 5-7-98 IMM REVISION

International Mail — Customs Declarations

Effective immediately, the International Aviation Mail Security Procedures are revised and will supersede all previous instructions. All Areas are required to incorporate these revisions into existing Standard Operating Instructions for Aviation Security. All previous instructions must be removed and discarded. The new procedures are being sent to all Area Offices for distribution.

The highlights of the revision include a revised definition of an international known mailer and a new requirement to round stamp the front of the mailpiece under certain circumstances is adopted.

Effective immediately the *International Mail Manual* (IMM) is revised accordingly:

International Mail Manual (IMM)

Chapter 1 International Mail Services

123.62 Known Mailers

A known mailer is:

- a. Anyone who legally applies a permit imprint to a mailpiece such as International Surface Air Lift (ISAL) or Global Package Link (GPL).
- b. A federal, state, or local government agency that sends Official Mail.
- Military contractors who send prepaid mail, provided the mail is endorsed "Contents for Official Use" — Exempt from Customs Requirements."

Note: For aviation security purposes a known mailer may be exempt from providing customs declaration forms (as required in 123.61), on items weighing 16 ounces or over, unless required by the destination country. A known mailer must complete the declaration on the postage statement, certifying that all items in the mailing contain no dangerous material that is prohibited by postal regulations. Known mailers and other mailers must complete the necessary customs form when sending dutiable items or merchandise. International mail with meter postage is not considered from a known mailer.

123.712 Acceptance by Postal Employee (PS Form 2976)

The Postal Service acceptance employee must:

a. Instruct the sender how to complete, legibly and accurately, the customs declaration form, as required. Failure to complete the form properly can delay delivery of the item or inconvenience the sender and addressee.

Moreover, a false, misleading, or incomplete declaration can result in either the seizure or return of the item and/or in criminal or civil penalties. The United States Postal Service assumes no responsibility for the accuracy of information that the sender enters on the PS Form 2976.

- b. Verify that the required information is entered on the form and that the sender has signed both parts of the form (the part affixed to the item and the part separated for postal records).
- Enter the weight of the item on the form, if not already done.
- d. Remove the post office copy of PS Form 2976 and advise the customer that a copy of the declaration will be retained as a record of mailing for 30 days.
- e. Round stamp any uncancelled stamps and if postage is paid by meter, round stamp the front of the piece near the meter postage.

Note: To comply with international mail aviation security procedures, any items weighing 16 ounces or over which are not accepted by an authorized employee, or where acceptance conditions are uncertain (e.g., if received through a collection box or left on an unattended dock) must be endorsed properly with "customer notification DDD-2 Sticker" and "Surface only" and returned to the sender by surface transportation. Consult the International Aviation Security Procedures dated May 1998 for comprehensive acceptance procedures.

123.722 Acceptance by Postal Employee (PS Form 2976-A)

The Postal Service acceptance employee must:

- a. Instruct the sender how to complete, legibly and accurately, PS Form 2976-A, *Customs Declaration and Dispatch Note,* as required. Failure to complete the form properly can delay delivery of the item or inconvenience the customer. Moreover, a false, misleading, or incomplete declaration can result in either the seizure or return of the item and/or in criminal or civil penalties. The United States Postal Service assumes no responsibility for the accuracy of information that the sender enters on the form.
- b. Verify that the required information is entered on the form and that the sender has signed both parts of the form (the part affixed to the item and the part separated for postal records). The sender's address on the mailpiece must match the sender's address on the customs declaration.

- c. Complete an insurance receipt and affix the insured number label to the package, if the contents are to be insured. The postal employee enters on the form the insured number and the insured amount in U.S. dollars and SDRs.
- d. Weigh the parcel and enter on the form the gross weight and the amount of postage.
- e. Postmark the third copy of the form in the appropriate place.
- f. Remove the post office copy of the form and advise customer that a copy of the declaration will be retained as a record of mailing for 30 days.
- g. Round stamp any uncancelled stamps and if postage is paid by meter, round stamp the front of the piece near the meter postage.

Note: To comply with international mail aviation security procedures, any items weighing 16 ounces or over which are not accepted by an authorized employee, or where acceptance conditions are uncertain (e.g., if received through a collection box or left on an unattended dock) must be endorsed properly with "customer notification DDD-2 Sticker" and "Surface only" and returned to the sender by surface transportation. Consult the International Aviation Security Procedures dated May 1998 for comprehensive acceptance procedures.

—Pricing, Costing, & Classification, International Business Unit, 5-7-98

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Special Cancellation Die Hubs

Postmasters and plant managers who have any of the special cancellation die hubs listed below may use them for the periods designated. At the end of the period, these die hubs must be withdrawn and stored. Postmasters and plant managers who do not have these special die hubs may not request them from the sponsors.

Cancellation	Period of Use
Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires	April 1–Oct. 31
National Salvation Army Week, 4 th Week in May	May 1-May 31
Support Your Mental Health Association	May 1-May 31
Support Research for Neurofibromatosis	May 1-May 31
National Flag Day, June 14, Pause for the Pledge	May 1-June 14
Goodwill Industries, Our Business Works for Disabled People	May 1-June 30
Support National Historic Preservation Week	May 9-May 15
National Transportation Week	May 14-May 20
Fight Disease, Support City of Hope Pilot Medical Center	May 15-June 15
Defeat Muscular Dystrophy, Support MDAA	May 15-June 17
Conquer Multiple Sclerosis	May 17-June 17
Conquer Cystic Fibrosis	Sept. 1-Sept. 30
Peace Corps Anniversary, Making a Difference	Sept. 1-Oct. 31
Employ People With Disabilities	Sept. 1-Nov. 30
Give, the United Way	Sept. 15-Oct. 31
Learn About Lupus, October, Lupus Awareness Month	Oct. 1-Oct. 31
Radon Action Week	Oct. 1-Oct. 31
Support Infection Control Week	Oct. 1-Nov. 30
National Adoption Month	Nov. 1–Nov. 30
Military Families Recognition Day	Nov. 1–Nov. 30
National Philanthropy Day, Love of Humankind	Nov. 1–Nov. 30
Help Retarded Children	Nov. 1–Nov. 30
Use Christmas Seals, Support Your Lung Association	Nov. 8-Dec. 31
Support American Education Week	Nov. 10-Nov. 30
Autistic Children, Hope Through Research and Education	Dec. 1-Dec. 31

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Pictorial Cancellations Announcement 98-9

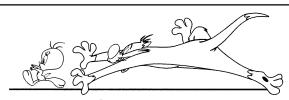
As a community service, the Postal Service offers pictorial cancellations to commemorate local events celebrated in communities throughout the nation. A list of events for which pictorial cancellations are authorized appears below. If available, the sponsor of the pictorial cancellation appears in italics under the date. Also provided, as space permits, are illustrations of those cancellations that were reproducible and available at press time.

People attending these local events may obtain the cancellation in person at the temporary post office station established there. Those who cannot attend the event, but who wish to obtain the cancellation, may submit a mail order request. Pictorial cancellations are available only for the dates indicated, and requests must be postmarked no later than 30 days following the requested pictorial cancellation date.

All requests must include a stamped envelope or postcard bearing at least the minimum First-Class Mail postage (32 cents per envelope or 20 cents per postcard). Items submitted for cancellation may not include postage issued after the date of the requested cancellation. Such items will be returned unserviced.

Customers wishing to obtain a cancellation should affix stamps to any envelope or postcard of their choice, address the envelope or postcard to themselves or others, insert a card of postcard thickness in envelopes for sturdiness, and tuck in the flap. Place the envelope or postcard in a larger envelope and address it to: PICTORIAL CANCELLATIONS, followed by the NAME OF THE STATION, ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP + 4 CODE, exactly as listed below (using all capitals and no punctuation, except the hyphen in the ZIP + 4 code).

After applying the pictorial cancellation, the Postal Service returns the envelope or postcard through the mail. Customers who want their serviced item returned under protected cover should include a larger, stamped, self-addressed envelope.



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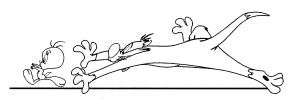
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April 29, 1998

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SYLVESTER & TWEETY STATION
POSTMASTER
117 E PINE ST
GROVE CITY PA 16127-9998

April 30, 1998

SYLVESTER & TWEETY STATION POSTMASTER 207 3RD ST W NAPOLEON ND 58561-9998 May 1, 1998

SYLVESTER & TWEETY STATION POSTMASTER 1201 SYCAMORE SQUARE DR MIDLOTHIAN VA 23113-9998

SYLVESTER & TWEETY STATION POSTMASTER 425 N BOUNDARY ST WILLIAMSBURG VA 23185-9998

SYLVESTER & TWEETY STATION POSTMASTER 2650 JEFFERSON DAVIS HWY STAFFORD VA 22554-9998

May 2, 1998

SYLVESTER & TWEETY STATION POSTMASTER 181 CORLISS ST PROVIDENCE RI 02903-9998

SYLVESTER & TWEETY STATION POSTMASTER 105 WEST CRAIG ST CRAIGSVILLE VA 24430-9998

SYLVESTER & TWEETY STATION POSTMASTER 101 W CHESAPEAKE AVE BALTIMORE MD 21204-9998

May 6, 1998

SYLVESTER & TWEETY STATION POSTMASTER P O BOX 9998 HEATHSVILLE VA 22473-9998 May 9, 1998

Keene Post Office SYLVESTER & TWEETY STATION POSTMASTER 196 MAIN ST KEENE NH 03431-9998

SYLVESTER & TWEETY STATION POSTMASTER 600 PRINCESS ANNE STREET FREDERICKSBURG VA 22401-9998

May 16, 1998

SYLVESTER & TWEETY STATION POSTMASTER 38 SPRING ST NASHUA NH 03061-9998

SYLVESTER & TWEETY STATION POSTMASTER 955 GOFFS FALLS RD MANCHESTER NH 03103-9998

Goffstown Post Office SYLVESTER & TWEETY STATION POSTMASTER 11 CHURCH ST STE 1 GOFFSTOWN NH 03045-9998

Hooksett Post Office

SLYVESTER & TWEETY STATION POSTMASTER 1328 HOOKSETT RD STE 45 HOOKSETT NH 03106-9998

May 19, 1998

SYLVESTER & TWEETY STATION POSTMASTER 1335 JEFFERSON RD ROCHESTER NY 14692-9998



May 14, 1998

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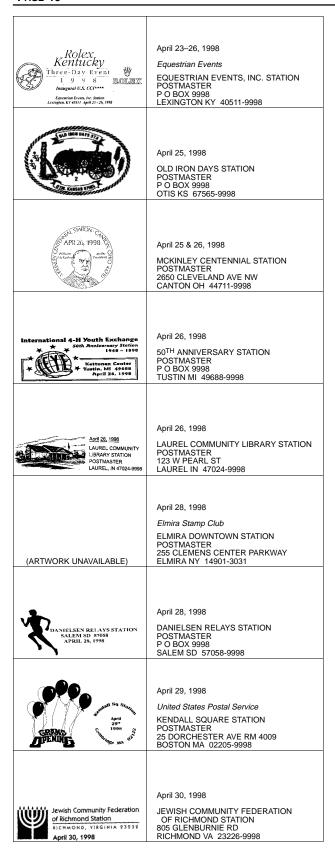
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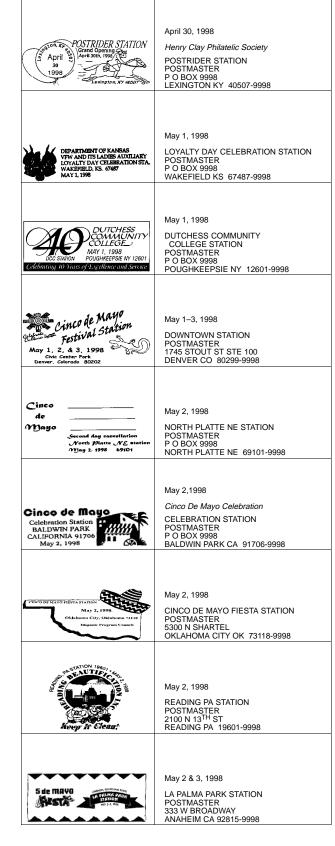
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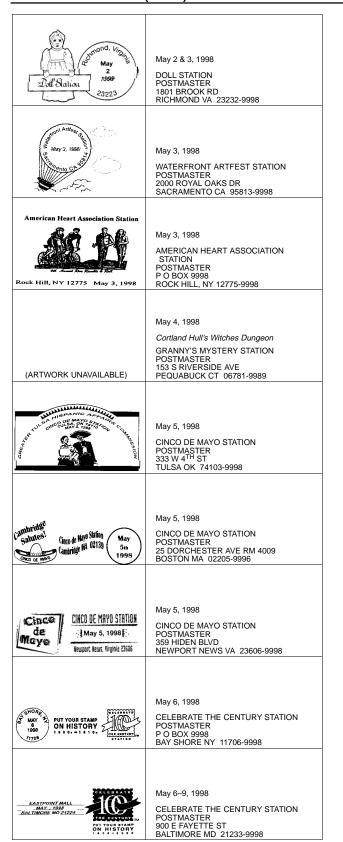
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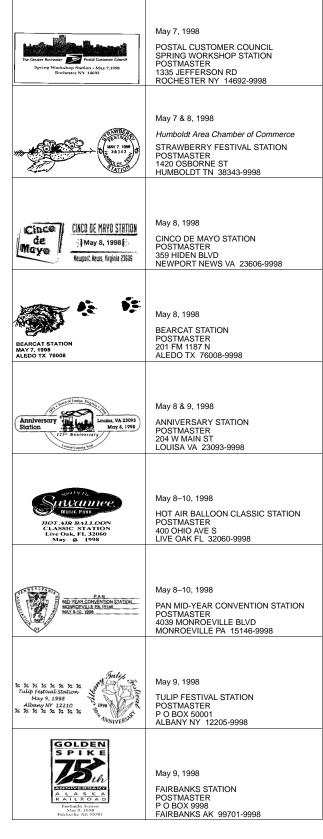
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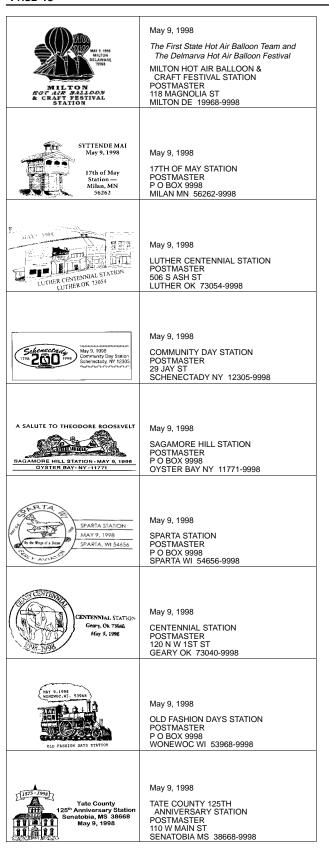
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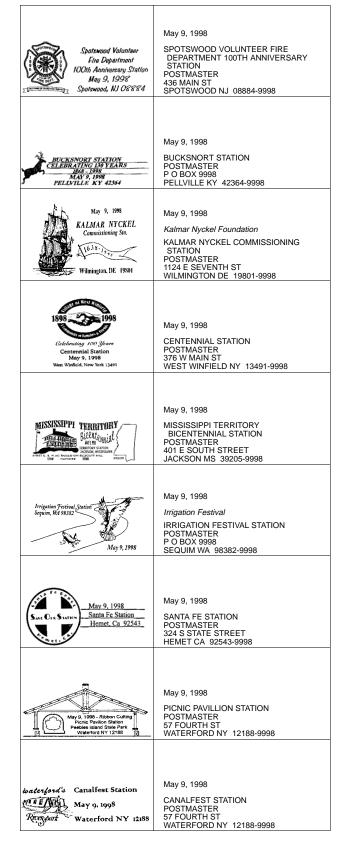


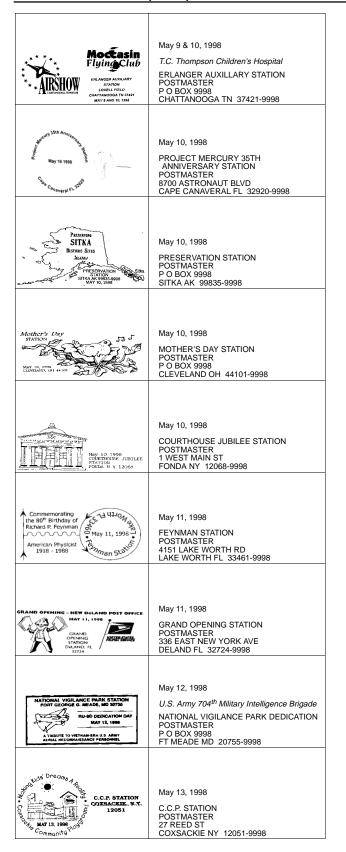


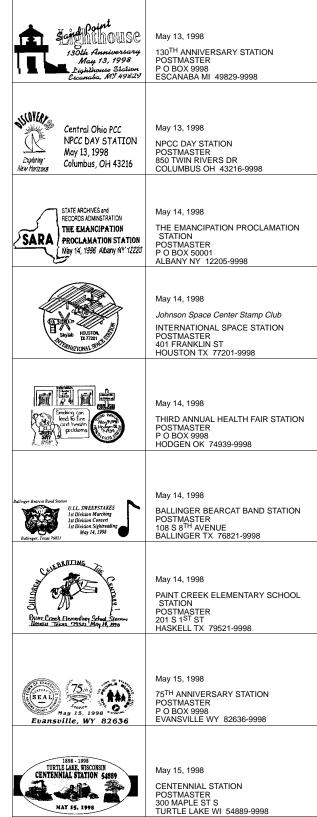


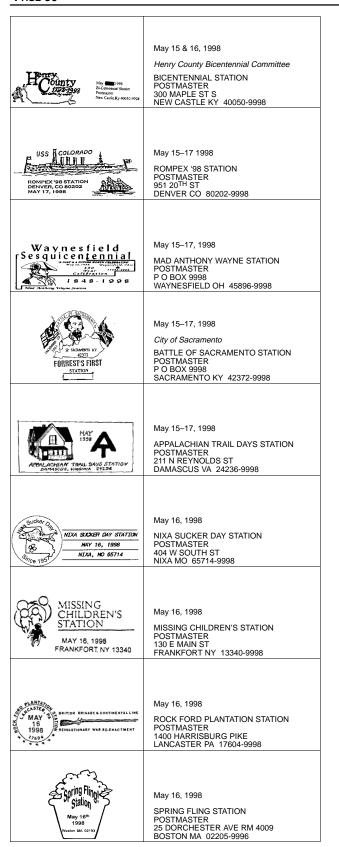


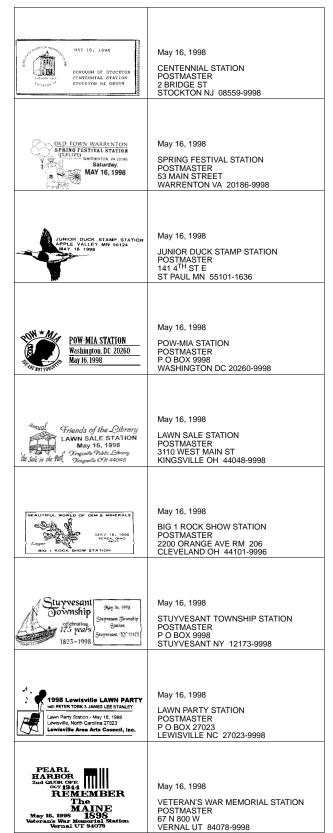


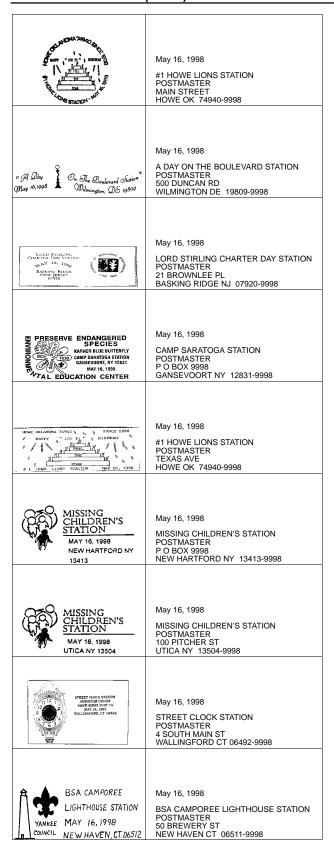


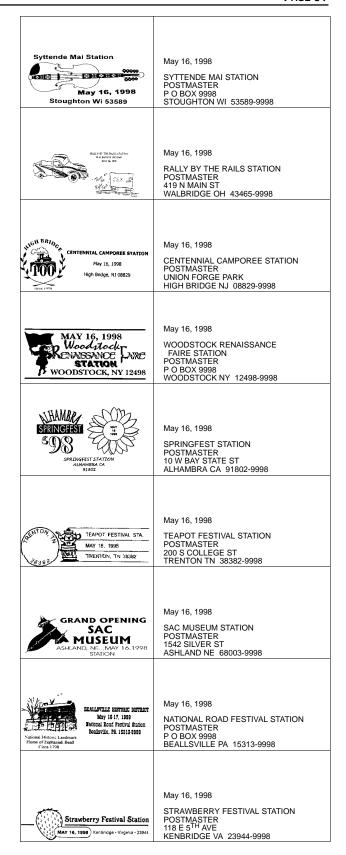


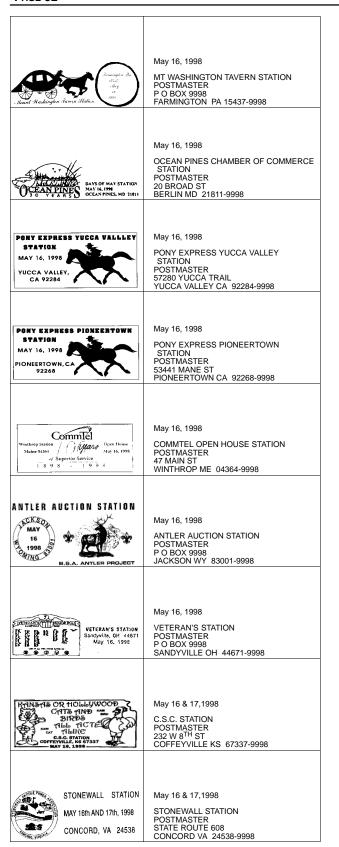


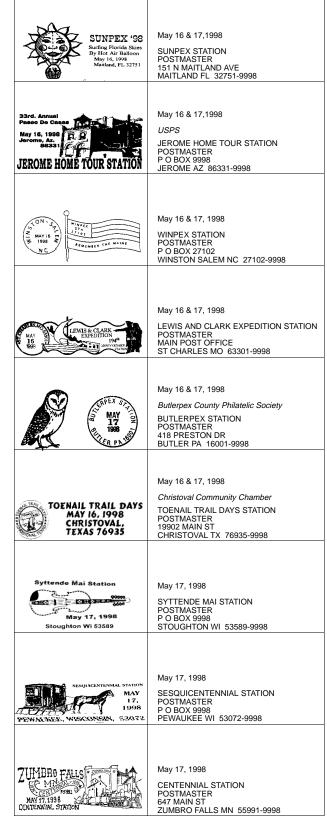


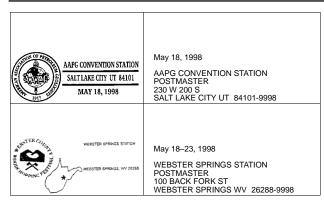


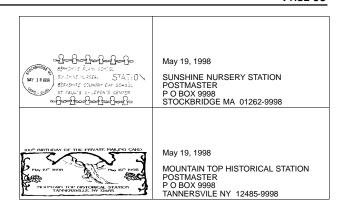












—Stamp Services, Marketing, 5-7-98

Post Offices

Post Office Changes Number 98-7

Old/ New	Finance No.	ZIP Code	State	P.O. Name	County/ Parish	Station/Branch/ Unit	Unit Type	Effective Date	Comments
Old	03-6771	86301 86305	AZ AZ	Prescott Prescott	Yavapai Yavapai	Main Office Main Office	Post Office Post Office	7/1/98	Establish a new ZIP code for a delivery area. Use Prescott AZ 86305 as last line of address for a portion of the deliveries previously in ZIP code 86301.
Old	03-6364	85023 85053	AZ AZ	Phoenix Phoenix	Maricopa Maricopa	Sierra Adobe Sierra Adobe	Classified Station Classified Station	7/1/98	Establish a new ZIP code for a delivery area. Use Phoenix AZ 85053 as last line of address for a portion of the deliveries previously in ZIP code 85023.
Old	08-0578 08-0578	06497 06614	СТ	Bridgeport Bridgeport	Fairfield Fairfield	Stratford Stratford	Classified Branch Classified Branch	7/1/98	Realign ZIP code boundaries. Use Stratford CT 06614 as last line of address for a portion of the deliveries previously in ZIP code 06497.
Old	08-0578 08-0578	06497 06615	СТ	Bridgeport Bridgeport	Fairfield Fairfield	Stratford Stratford	Classified Branch Classified Branch	7/1/98	Realign ZIP code boundaries. Use Stratford CT 06615 as last line of address for a portion of the deliveries previously in ZIP code 06497.
Old	14-0500	96709 96709	н	Ewa Beach Waipahu	Honolulu	Kapolei Kapolei	Classified Station Classified Station	7/1/98	This announcement changes the administrative office for this ZIP code from Ewa Beach HI to Waipahu HI. Continue to use Kapolei HI 96709 as last line for addresses.
Old	14-0500	96707 96707	н	Ewa Beach Waipahu	Honolulu	Main Office Main Office	Post Office Post Office	7/1/98	This announcement changes the administrative office for this ZIP code from Ewa Beach HI to Waipahu HI. Continue to use Waipahu HI 96707 as last line for addresses.
Old New	19-9713 19-3971	67231 67060	KS	Wichita Haysville	Sedgwick Sedgwick	Main Office Main Office	Post Office Post Office	3/14/98	Realign ZIP code boundaries. Use Haysville KS 67060 as last line of address for the deliveries previously in ZIP code 67231.
Old	19-9713 19-3971	67233 67060	KS	Wichita Haysville	Sedgwick Sedgwick	Main Office Main Office	Post Office Post Office	3/14/98	Realign ZIP code boundaries. Use Haysville KS 67060 as last line of address for a portion of the deliveries previously in ZIP code 67233.

Old/ New	Finance No.	ZIP Code	State	P.O. Name	County/ Parish	Station/Branch/ Unit	Unit Type	Effective Date	Comments
Old	19-9713	67236	KS	Wichita	Sedgwick	Main Office	Post Office	3/14/98	Realign ZIP code boundaries. Use Haysville KS 67060 as last line of
New	19-3971	67060	KS	Haysville	Sedgwick	Main Office	Post Office	3/14/98	address for a portion of the deliveries previously in ZIP code 67236.
Old	19-9713	67236	KS	Wichita	Sedgwick	Main Office	Post Office	3/14/98	Realign ZIP code boundaries. Use Derby KS 67037 as last line of address
New	19-2475	67037	KS	Derby	Sedgwick	Main Office	Post Office	3/14/98	for a portion of the deliveries previously in ZIP code 67236.
Old	19-9713	67233	KS	Wichita	Sedgwick	Main Office	Post Office	3/14/98	Realign ZIP code boundaries. Use Peck KS 67120 as last line of address
New	19-7128	67120	KS	Peck	Sedgwick	Main Office	Post Office	3/14/98	for a portion of the deliveries previously in ZIP code 67233.
Old	19-9713	67233	KS	Wichita	Sedgwick	Main Office	Post Office	3/14/98	Realign ZIP code boundaries. Use Wichita KS
New	19-9713	67216	KS	Wichita	Sedgwick	River City	Classified Station	3/14/98	67216 as last line of address for a portion of the deliveries previously in ZIP code 67233.
Old	19-9713	67233	KS	Wichita	Sedgwick	Main Office	Post Office	3/14/98	Realign ZIP code boundaries. Use Wichita KS
New	19-9713	67217	KS	Wichita	Sedgwick	Chisholm	Classified Station	3/14/98	67217 as last line of address for a portion of the deliveries previously in ZIP code 67233.
Old	19-7128	67120	KS	Peck	Sedgwick	Main Office	Post Office	3/14/98	Realign ZIP code boundaries. Use Haysville KS 67060 as last line of
New	19-3971	67060	KS	Haysville	Sedgwick	Main Office	Post Office	3/14/98	address for a portion of the deliveries previously in ZIP code 67120.
Old	24-0952	02405	MA	Brockton	Plymouth	Montello	Classified Station	7/1/98	ZIP code discontinued. Establish a new ZIP code for post office boxes. Use
New	24-0952	02305	MA	Brockton	Plymouth	Montello	Classified Station	7/1/98	Brockton MA 02305 as last line of address for post office boxes previously in ZIP code 02405.
Old	24-0952	02401	MA	Brockton	Plymouth	Main Office	Post Office	7/1/98	ZIP code discontinued. Establish a new ZIP code for a delivery area. Use
New	24-0952	02301	MA	Brockton	Plymouth	Main Office	Post Office	7/1/98	Brockton MA 02301 as last line of address for deliveries previously in ZIP code 02401.
Old	24-0952	02404	MA	Brockton	Plymouth	Campello	Classified Station	7/1/98	ZIP code discontinued. Establish a new ZIP code for post office boxes. Use Brockton MA 02304 as last
New	24-0952	02304	MA	Brockton	Plymoutn	Campello	Classified Station	7/1/98	line of address for post office boxes previously in ZIP code 02404.

Old/ New	Finance No.	ZIP Code	State	P.O. Name	County/ Parish	Station/Branch/ Unit	Unit Type	Effective Date	Comments
Old	24-0952 24-0952	02403	MA MA	Brockton Brockton	Plymouth Plymouth	Main Office Main Office	Post Office Post Office	7/1/98	ZIP code discontinued. Establish a new ZIP code for post office boxes. Use Brockton MA 02303 as last line of address for post office boxes previously in ZIP code
Old	24-0952	02402	MA	Brockton	Plymouth	Main Office	Post Office	7/1/98	ZIP code discontinued.
New	24-0952	02302	MA	Brockton	Plymouth	Main Office	Post Office	7/1/98	Establish a new ZIP code for a delivery area. Use Brockton MA 02302 as last line of address for deliveries previously in ZIP code 02402.
Old	27-8710	39180	MS	Vicksburg	Warren	Main Office	Post Office	7/1/98	Establish a new ZIP code for a delivery area. Use
New	27-8710	39183	MS	Vicksburg	Warren	Main Office	Post Office	7/1/98	Vicksburg MS 39183 as last line of address for a portion of the deliveries previously in ZIP code 39180.
Old	27-4160	39440	MS	Laurel	Jones	Main Office	Post Office	7/1/98	Realign ZIP code boundaries. Use Laurel MS
New	27-4160	39443	MS	Laurel	Jones	Main Office	Post Office	7/1/98	39443 as last line of address for a portion of the deliveries previously in ZIP code 39440.
Old	27-0897	39047	MS	Brandon	Rankin	Reservoir	Classified Branch	7/1/98	This announcement expands the use of ZIP code 39047 to
New	27-0897	39047	MS	Brandon	Rankin	Reservoir	Classified Branch	7/1/98	include delivery.
Old	30-2775	68834	NE	Eddyville	Dawson	Main Office	Post Office	10/24/97	Post office discontinued. Retain ZIP code. Establish
New	30-6825	68834	NE	Overton	Dawson	Eddyville	Community Post Office	10/24/97	a community post office. Use Eddyville NE 68834 as last line of address.
Old	30-4515	68951	NE	Huntley	Harlan	Main Office	Post Office	12/28/96	Post office and ZIP code discontinued. Establish a
New	30-7545	68971	NE	Republican City	Harlan	Huntley	Place Name	12/28/96	place name. Huntley NE becomes an acceptable last line for use with ZIP code 68971.
Old	34-1113	87516	NM	Canones	Rio Arriba	Main Office	Post Office	01/03/98	Post office discontinued. Retain ZIP code. Establish
New	34-0042	87516	NM	Abiquiu	Rio Arriba	Canones	Community Post Office	01/03/98	a community post office. Use Canones NM 87516 as last line of address.
Old	35-9015	14584	NY	Webster Crossing	Livingston	Main Office	Post Office	2/14/98	Post office and ZIP code discontinued. Establish a place name. Webster
New	35-8120	14560	NY	Springwater	Livingston	Webster Crossing	Place Name	02/14/98	Crossing NY becomes an acceptable last line for use with ZIP code 14560.
Old	35-4095	14474	NY	Industry	Monroe	Main Office	Post Office	1/24/98	Post office and ZIP code discontinued. Establish a
New	35-7290	14543	NY	Rush	Monroe	Industry	Place Name	1/24/98	place name. Industry NY becomes an acceptable last line for use with ZIP code 14543.

Old/ New	Finance No.	ZIP Code	State	P.O. Name	County/ Parish	Station/Branch/ Unit	Unit Type	Effective Date	Comments
Old	35-2470 35-5675	14444	NY NY	E Palmyra Newark	Wayne	Main Office E Palmyra	Post Office	9/20/97	Post office and ZIP code discontinued. Establish a place name. E Palmyra NY
new	35-5675	14513	INT	Newark	Wayne	E Paimyra	Name	9/20/97	becomes an acceptable last line for use with ZIP code 14513.
Old	35-5825	10023	NY	New York	New York	Ansonia	Classified Station	7/1/98	Establish a new ZIP code for a delivery area. Use New York NY 10069 as last line of
New	35-5825	10069	NY	New York	New York	Ansonia	Classified Station	7/1/98	address for the new delivery area.
Old	38-1666	44136	ОН	Cleveland	Cuyahoga	Strongsville	Classified Branch	7/1/98	Realign ZIP code boundaries. Use Strongsville OH 44149 as last line of
New	38-1666	44149	ОН	Cleveland	Cuyahoga	Strongsville	Classified Branch	7/1/98	address for a portion of the deliveries previously in ZIP code 44136.
Old	40-6752	97637	OR	Plush	Lake	Main Office	Post Office	9/06/97	Post office discontinued. Retain ZIP code. Establish
New	40-4720	97637	OR	Lakeview	Lake	Plush	Place Name	9/06/97	a place name. Use Plush OR 97637 as last line of address.
Old	41-1544	17015	PA	Colebrook	Lebanon	Main Office	Post Office	12/20/97	Post office and ZIP code discontinued. Establish a place name. Colebrook PA
New	41-4544	17042	PA	Lebanon	Lebanon	Colebrook	Place Name	12/20/97	becomes an acceptable last line for use with ZIP code 17042.
Old	42-6930	00731	PR	Ponce	Ponce	Pampanos	Classified Station	7/1/98	Establish a new ZIP code for a delivery area. Use Ponce PR 00730 as last line of
New	42-6930	00730	PR	Ponce	Ponce	Pamoanos	Classified Station	7/1/98	address for a portion of the deliveries previously in ZIP code 00731.
Old	42-6930	00731	PR	Ponce	Ponce	Pampanos	Classified Station	7/1/98	Establish a new ZIP code for a delivery area. Use Ponce PR 00716 as last line of
New	42-6930	00716	PR	Ponce	Ponce	Pampanos	Classified Station	7/1/98	address for a portion of the deliveries previously in ZIP code 00731.
Old	42-6930	00731	PR	Ponce	Ponce	Pampanos	Classified Station	7/1/98	Establish a new ZIP code for a delivery area. Use Ponce PR 00717 as last line of
New	42-6930	00717	PR	Ponce	Ponce	Pampanos	Classified Station	7/1/98	address for a portion of the deliveries previously in ZIP code 00731.
Old	42-6930	00731	PR	Ponce	Ponce	Pampanos	Classified Station	7/1/98	Establish a new ZIP code for a delivery area. Use Ponce PR 00728 as last line of
New	42-6930	00728	PR	Ponce	Ponce	Pampanos	Classified Station	7/1/98	address for a portion of the deliveries previously in ZIP code 00731.
Old	45-4580	29719	SC	Kings Creek	Cherokee	Main Office	Post Office	1/10/98	Post office and ZIP code discontinued. Establish a
New	45-0660	29702	sc	Blacksburg	Cherokee	Kings Creek	Place Name	1/10/98	place name. Kings Creek SC becomes an acceptable last line for use with ZIP code 29702.

Old/ New	Finance No.	ZIP Code	State	P.O. Name	County/ Parish	Station/Branch/ Unit	Unit Type	Effective Date	Comments
Old	46-5454 46-8172	57757 57785	SD	Marcus Sturgis	Meade Meade	Main Office Marcus	Post Office Place Name	11/08/97	Post office and ZIP code discontinued. Establish a place name. Marcus SD becomes an acceptable last line for use with ZIP code 57785.
Old	55-5574 55-5574	26505 26501	WV	Morgantown Morgantown	Monongalia Monongalia	Main Office Main Office	Post Office Post Office	7/1/98	Realign ZIP code boundaries. Use Morgantown WV 26501 as last line of address for a portion of the deliveries previously in ZIP code 26505.
Old	55-5574 55-5574	26505 26508	WV	Morgantown Morgantown	Monongalia Monongalia	Main Office Main Office	Post Office Post Office	7/1/98	Realign ZIP code boundaries. Use Morgantown WV 26508 as last line of address for a portion of the deliveries previously in ZIP code 26505.

—Address Management, Operations Support, 5-7-98

Postal Employees

Thrift Savings Plan Open Season

The next Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) open season is May 15, 1998, through July 31, 1998. TSPBK08, Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan for Federal Employees (NSN 7530-03-000-9364, Unit of Issue (U/I) — each (EA), bulk pack quantity (qty) — 150, edition date — March 1997), provides a good overview of TSP. The following information should assist personnel services offices in conducting this open season.

Direct Mailing to Employees. Career employees receive a direct mailing from the national level of leaflet TSP0598, TSP Open Season (NSN 7530-04-000-4722, U/I — EA, bulk pack qty — 4,800) at their mailing addresses of record. Career employees newly eligible to participate in TSP also receive a direct mailing from the national level of an enrollment package that contains: a cover letter; TSPBK08, Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan for Federal Employees; and TSP-1, Thrift Savings Plan Election Form (NSN 7530-01-000-9388, U/I — set (SE), bulk pack qty — 4,000, edition date — July 1997). Career employees should receive these materials no later than the end of May.

The return address for undeliverable enrollment packages for newly eligible employees is the employing office of record. The disposition of returned enrollment packages is at the discretion of the Customer Service and Sales district office or other administering office. Forwarding a returned enrollment package to an employee offers that employee an opportunity to submit a correct PS Form 1216, *Employee's Current Mailing Address* (NSN 7530-02-000-7354, Quick Pick # 118, U/I — SE, bulk pack qty — 4,000).

Eligibility. Career employees hired before January 1, 1998, are eligible to participate in this open season. Also, career employees hired before July 1, 1998, previously eligible to participate in a TSP open season, during a prior appointment, are eligible.

All employees who participated in TSP and stopped their TSP contributions after January 31, 1998, are not eligible to participate in this TSP open season. They must wait for the TSP open season beginning November 15, 1998.

Effective Dates. The effective dates for TSP open season elections are as follows:

If open season election is received in personnel services office from:	Then effective date must be:	Use Form 6886 if election form not processed by:
5-15-98 through 7-15-98	7-4-98 (PP 15-98)	7-15-98
7-16-98 through 7-29-98	7-18-98 (PP 16-98)	7-29-98
7-30-98 through 7-31-98	8-1-98 (PP 17-98)	8-12-98

Personnel services staff must initiate completion of PS Form 6886, *Thrift Savings Plan Request for Retroactive Contributions*, for all TSP-1 forms not processed by the applicable processing date shown in the above chart. This form must be completed for either a belated election or an administrative error. The effective dates for these elections must be made retroactive to July 4, July 18, or August 1, 1998, depending on the date the employee initially filed his or her election form with the personnel services office. (PS Form 6886, which was published in *Postal Bulletin* 21665 (3-31-88), must be reproduced locally as needed.)

Note: Processing deadlines and the closing date of this TSP open season require using a third pay period effective date for elections received on July 30 or July 31, 1998.

Open Season Materials. In addition to the direct mailing of TSP information to employees, the MDC will automatically distribute residual supplies of the open season leaflet (TSP0598), election form (TSP-1), and summary (TSPBK08) to Human Resources at Customer Service and Sales district offices, area offices, processing and distribution centers, bulk mail centers, airport mail centers, remote encoding centers, the Employee Service Center for the DC Metro Area, Office of Inspector General, Inspection Service divisions, Headquarters, and selected Headquarters field units. (The February 1991 and September 1990 versions of TSP-1 are still valid and may be used if the July 1997 version is unavailable. The August 1996 and July 1995 versions of TSPBK08 are still valid and may be used if the March 1997 version is unavailable. All prior versions of these items are obsolete and must be discarded or recycled where appropriate.) The MDC expects to distribute the extra materials listed above by the end of May 1998. Offices that would like any other TSP materials for use during the open season must order a supply from the MDC, which will fill the order if the materials have been provided by TSP.

Participant Statements. Employees with a TSP account will receive a participant statement from the TSP Service Office in May 1998.

Publicity. Human Resources at Customer Service and Sales district offices, area offices, processing and distribution centers, bulk mail centers, airport mail centers, remote encoding centers, Office of Inspector General, Inspection Service divisions, Headquarters, and selected Headquarters field units will receive a supply of posters this open season from TSP. Installations that receive the posters must widely distribute and post them on bulletin boards.

To assist in publicizing the TSP open season, all offices must post the open season notice on page 61 of this *Postal Bulletin* on bulletin boards through July 31, 1998. Also, post the current TSP fact sheet on bulletin boards.

—Compensation, Human Resources, 5-7-98



Thrift Savings Plan Open Season

When	May 15, 1998, through July 31, 1998.
Eligibility	All career employees hired before January 1, 1998.
	Also career employees hired before July 1, 1998, previously eligible for TSP during a prior career appointment.
Open Season Information	TSP leaflet mailed to all career employees.
illomation	Enrollment package mailed to all <i>newly eligible</i> career employees.
	If either is not received by May 30, 1998, contact your personnel services office.
Closing Date	To begin contributing, or change amount or allocation of current contribution, submit TSP-1, <i>Thrift Savings Plan Election Form</i> , to your personnel services office by close of business July 31, 1998.

—Compensation, Human Resources, 5-7-98



This office will be closed Monday, May 25, 1998, to observe Memorial Day.



This office will be closed Monday, May 25, 1998, to observe Memorial Day.

Retail

HANDBOOK AS-701 REVISION

Material Management

Please make the following changes to Handbook AS-701, *Material Management:*

6 ASSET RECOVERY: REDISTRIBUTION, RECYCLING, AND DISPOSAL

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646.6 Self Service Equipment

646.61 Self Service Retail Vending Equipment Reporting

Report all inactive self service retail vending equipment items via EXSEL. Retail vending equipment items that are obsolete, surplus, or that have been listed in the EXSEL database as excess for a period up to 6 months should be considered for disposal action. Supervised destruction is no longer the mandatory disposal method for retail vending equipment items. Disposition actions may consist of any of the eight methods listed in 647.1, Methods and Priority, or any other specific method directed by Self Service, (Retail, Marketing, Headquarters). Units with key type locks must have the keys and locks removed (punched out) before disposal or have the keys removed and destroyed, and locks rendered inoperable (drilled with a 1/4" bit). Inoperable keys and locks will be disposed of locally.

—Purchasing and Materials, 5-7-98

Ordering Replacement Keys for Patron Post Office Boxes

Patron post office box replacement keys can now be requisitioned by using the Touch Tone Order Entry (TTOE) system. Use of this option will expedite order processing and ensure order accuracy although keys can still be requisitioned from the Mail Equipment Shops (MES) using PS Form 3915. Please follow the specific instructions outlined below for MES orders using TTOE.

Current TTOE users may place orders using their existing access codes. However, all new users must register to use the system. To register, call 1-800-332-0317, option 8, ext. 2925, and follow the instructions. The new access code will be activated in 48 hours.

To place an order:

- 1. Call 1-800-273-1509.
- 2. Enter your 10-digit Access Code (your area code and phone number).
- System will tell you your FEDSTRIP number (if the FEDSTRIP number given is not your FEDSTRIP number, do not continue with your order. Press 0 for assistance).
- 4. System will prompt:
 - a. To enter by NSN, press 1.
 - b. To enter by Supply Quick Pick list, press 2.
 - c. To enter an order for keys for Mail Equipment Shop locks, press 4.
 - d. To end this call, press the "#" key.
- 5. Enter the 4- or 5-digit MES lock number followed by "*" key. (To exit option 4, press "#"). If an invalid lock number or 6 or more digits are entered, the system prompts the user to repeat step 5.

- 6. Enter up to a 6-digit box number followed by " * " key. If no box number is used, you may press the " * " key. If more than 6 digits are entered or the "#" key is pressed, the system prompts the user to repeat step 5.
- 7. Enter up to a 2-digit quantity followed by "*" key. If more than 2 digits are entered or the "#" key is pressed, the system prompts the user to repeat step 5.
- 8. The system repeats the lock number, (box number if entered), and quantity. The user is then prompted to press "1" to confirm the order, "2" to re-enter the order or "#" key to cancel the order.

The system repeats steps 5–8 until the "#" key is pressed at step 5. When exiting from step 5, the system response is: "You have pressed the pound key to leave the MES entry menu. You will be given an option at the end of this order to talk to a Materials Customer Service representative if you need to change any of this MES order. Any other MES key questions should be directed to the Mail Equipment Shop at 202-268-5217."

The system will return to the TTOE main menu where other item orders may be placed or the system may be exited by pressing the "#" key. The system gives the caller an order number, the number of total transactions processed, and an approximate cost (which is \$0 dollars for MES orders) plus the cost for any other items ordered. The system will prompt: Press "0" to talk to a Materials Customer Service representative.

—Purchasing and Materials, 5-7-98

New Customized USPS Logo Clocks

The United States Postal Service has entered into a long-term agreement with Chicago Lighthouse Industries as a mandatory source for providing customized USPS logo clocks (U.S. Postal Service Contract No. 266351-98-T-0695, effective 4-15-98).

Chicago Lighthouse offers many colors and styles to suit any office decor, and these timepieces offer an unparalleled value in design and quality. Color brochures are being mailed to all post offices and administrative offices. If you have not received this brochure and would like one, call 1-800-842-8642 to request a copy. Each order creates jobs for people who are blind or visually impaired at Chicago Lighthouse Industries (an affiliated agency of National Industries for the Blind) who are committed to providing the U.S. Postal Service with quality products.

These clocks can be ordered directly from the Topeka Material Distribution Center (MDC) using PS Form 7380, MDC Supply Requisition; or by Touch Tone Order Entry at 1-800-273-1509, using the 13-digit postal stock number (no Quick-Pick numbers are assigned to these items). If you have questions regarding this contract, please contact R.L. Schulz (contracting officer) or Valerie Harrison

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12" Bronze	12BRO-PL	6645-04-000-3338	20.42
12" White	12WHI-PL	6645-04-000-4263	20.42
12" Taupe	12TAU-PL	6645-04-000-4265	20.42
12" Stone Gray	12STOGRA-PL	6645-04-000-4264	20.42
8" Black	8BLA-PL	6645-04-000-3339	15.75
8" Bronze	8BRO-PL	6645 04-000-3340	15.75
8" White	8WHI-PL	6645-04-000-4262	15.75
8" Taupe	8TAU-PL	6645-04-000-4261	15.75
8" Stone Gray	8STOGRA-PL	6645-04-000-4260	15.75
6" Taupe	6TAU-PL	6645-04-000-3342	14.91
6" Stone Gray	6STOGRA-PL	6645-04-000-3341	14.91
8" Bronze 24-Hour	8BRO-24-PL	6645-04-000-4267	17.78
12" Bronze 24-Hour	12BRO-24-PL	6645-04-000-4268	22.01
12" Bronze 12–24 Hour	12BRO12-24-PL	6645-04-000-4266	20.42
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