

Regional administrative assistants appointed

NALC President **Fredric Rolando** has appointed six regional administrative assistants (RAAs).



Rolando appointed **Michael Keels** of Seattle, WA Branch 79 as an RAA for Region 2. After serving in the Coast Guard, Keels began his career as a city

carrier in 1989 and joined Seattle, WA Branch 79. His service for the branch included steward, safety and health representative, and director of insurance. He also has served on the dispute resolution team (DRT) and as a DRT facilitator for Step B training, and conducted training at state and regional assemblies. Keels graduated from the Leadership Academy in 2012.



Kyle Inosencio is a new RAA for Region 6. He began his postal career as a clerk in 1995 and switched to the city carrier craft in 1999, joining Grand Rapids, MI Branch 56. He served his branch as a steward, treasurer, vice president and president. He also served in various other roles, including district lead for route adjustment, Step B team and dispute resolution team

member and arbitration advocate. Inosencio graduated from the first class of the Leadership Academy in 2005.



The newest RAA for Region 7 is **Patrick Johnson**. A member of Milwaukee, WI Branch 2, Johnson began his postal career as a letter carrier in Milwaukee

in 2005. He became a steward in 2006, full-time Formal A representative in 2011, branch MBA representative in 2015 and branch vice president in 2016. Johnson also served as an arbitration advocate and a CCA academy instructor. Johnson graduated from the Leadership Academy in 2014. Prior to joining the Postal Service, he served in the Army for 11 years.



David Kennedy is Region 11's newest RAA. Kennedy began his postal career in 1988 as a clerk and transferred to the city carrier craft in 1990 in Cincinnati, OH, joining Cincinnati Branch 43. He served his branch as a steward, AFL-CIO delegate, recording secretary, vice president and president, and has worked as a Formal A representative, Formal B representative and arbitration advocate. Kennedy served on the execu-

tive council of the Ohio State Association. He graduated from the Leadership Academy in 2008.



Rolando appointed **Tonya Detrick** as Region 13's newest RAA. Detrick began carrying the mail in Hagerstown, MD, in 1988 and joined Hagerstown

Branch 443. She served as branch secretary, vice president and president, as well as director of education and president of the Maryland/DC State Association. Detrick also has served on the dispute resolution team and as an arbitration advocate. President Rolando appointed her as a regional workers' compensation assistant (RWCA) in 2017.



Patty Joseph is a new RAA for Region 14. Joseph started as a letter carrier in 1986. A former executive vice president of Fall River, MA Branch

51, Joseph has served the region as Step B team member and arbitration advocate. Since 2013, she has worked at NALC Headquarters as a national field administrative assistant, city delivery assistant, and assistant to the president for contract and field administration. **PR**

Delaware State Association president dies

Alfonso William "Al" Castagno, president of the Delaware State Association for 25 years, died of cancer at his home in Newark, DE, on Nov. 24. He was 82.



As Delaware state president, a position he held until the time of his death, Castagno worked with Delaware's congressional team at the national level.

"He had a great relationship with Senator Tom Carper," recalled Ed Morgan, director of mobilization for NALC.

He also was a member of the executive board of the Delaware State AFL-CIO.

Castagno was a 50-year gold card recipient and a lifetime member of Wilmington, DE Branch 191, having joined the Postal Service a few years after high school. At various points in his union career he was trustee, shop steward, vice president and president

of Branch 191. He also was branch treasurer for 30 years up until the time of his death. Castagno's favorite NALC position was as coordinator for Delaware's Stamp Out Hunger food drive.

Castagno is survived by his wife, Mary Theresa "Terri" Castagno; five children; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Food Bank of Delaware, 14 Garfield Way, Newark, DE 19713. **PR**