



**Celebrating 100 Years of  
Representing Postal Workers**



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Dear Brother Aleman, Executive Board Members, Local Officers, Shop Stewards and Active and Retiree Members,

Solidarity Greetings!

On behalf of all the National Officers and the 200,000 members of the American Postal Workers Union, I extend enthusiastic congratulations to the San Antonio Area Local on the occasion your 100th Anniversary.

What a great milestone in the ongoing and continuing struggle for respect and dignity on the job, decent wages and benefits and a real voice at work for postal workers and workers everywhere.

It is an opportunity for all members to reflect upon the many great advances that the union movement has represented for working people – rights to collective bargaining, job security, seniority and bidding, a grievance procedure, just cause protection and a wide array of union-won rights and benefits.

Our advances over the last century have been firmly rooted in the efforts of our local unions and the dedication of so many local leaders. The San Antonio Alamo Local holds a proud place in APWU's history and postal workers' march of progress.

In 1917, when your local was formed, postal employees and the National Federation of Postal Clerks had been under a national gag order banning employees from talking to anyone, including Congressional representatives, regarding workplace issues and their national president had been fired as the struggle for the eight-hour day at the post office was in full swing. To organize your local in this repressive environment took courage and a determination to sacrifice for needed change on the part of your local leaders and members.

There are many challenges and obstacles ahead to the well-being of workers and our unions. I am confident with continued activism and struggle and the work of local unions like yours, we will prove up to the tasks. Certainly the "Stop Staples" victory points the way forward!

Again, congratulations! On to the next century of struggle and progress!

In union solidarity,

Mark Dimondstein, President

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