

Carriers killed, injured in line of duty

(From top): Anthony Earl Dunn II, Diane Jansen and Doug Poole



It has been a sad few months for carriers across the country, with two carriers having died while delivering mail and a third having survived a crippling accident.

In Los Angeles, a car crash on Feb. 28 pinned Branch 24 member Anthony Earl Dunn II between a car and his postal vehicle. The 31-year-old Dunn was standing behind his vehicle when the crash occurred. Though he survived the crash and was taken to the hospital for an initial surgery, he died from his injuries the next day. Police said that the driver of the car had a revoked license.

The crash follows a similar accident in Columbus, OH, in January when Branch 78 member Doug Poole was hit by an SUV while unloading mail from the rear of his vehicle. The 17-year carrier still is in the hospital, though he has had his last scheduled surgery. It's questionable whether he'll regain the use of his legs.

Most recently, 59-year-old transitional employee Diane Jansen died after an attack from a pit bull while on a swing route in Escondido, CA, on March 1. The Branch 2525 member "developed slurred speech and became unresponsive" while being examined by medical personnel, according to the medical examiner. Suffering a stroke resulting from hypertension and cardiovascular disease, with the dog bites listed as a contributing

condition, Jansen was taken to the hospital in poor condition. She was removed from life support on March 3 and died the next day. The dog was euthanized with the owner's permission.

"As a union, we stand by the ideal that no carrier should come to harm on the job," NALC President Fredric Rolando said. "But accidents happen, sometimes with horrific results. I know I'm not alone in praying for the victims and their family and friends.

"But when the prayers are over, we must rededicate ourselves as a union to prevent accidents like these in the future."

A fund has been set up to help the Poole family, and Branch 78 has asked members to give by sending donations, care of the branch, to:

NALC Branch 78
1029 Harrisburg Pike
Columbus, OH 43223-2524

Additionally, Branch 24 is accepting donations in care of the Dunn family, which can be sent to:

NALC Branch 24
774 Valencia St.
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Branch 2525 has asked for donations to Wounded Warriors in Jansen's honor.

For more information, see Director of Safety and Health Manuel Peralta Jr.'s article on page 28. ✉

NALC members join march from Selma to Montgomery



March 4-9, a contingent of NALC members joined thousands of others who retraced the steps of the historic 1965 march by Martin Luther King Jr. and other civil rights leaders from Selma to Montgomery, AL. The five-day event was designed to shine a spotlight on present-day struggles for civil rights, voter rights and worker rights. More photos from the event can be viewed at flickr.com/photos/nalc.

