



**2015 LEGISLATIVE TRAINING SEMINAR
MARCH 8-11, 2015
CRYSTAL GATEWAY MARRIOTT, ARLINGTON, VA**

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A new Congress brings a new LTS with new Capitol Hill players, new agendas and new challenges to NAPS and the Postal Service.

Don't miss the 2015 LTS, March 8-11, 2015, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Arlington, VA.

To register on-line for the LTS, [click here](#). For a hard-copy registration form, [click here](#).

To make your reservation at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel, [click here](#).

Be sure to bring along your iPad or tablet device and smart phone to the LTS for use during LTS training and meetings on Capitol Hill.

We'll Take Action Today

NAPS delegates attending the 2015 Legislative Training Seminar will take action by educating members of Congress about the nation's postal system and pushing for the common-sense reforms that foster a vibrant Postal Service ready to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

The 114th Congress will have a different look.

New leaders, new postal oversight committees, new agendas. LTS delegates, whether first-timers or veteran advocates, will receive an intensive orientation on the new Congress and emerging postal legislation. Then they'll head to Capitol Hill to educate Congress about what postal reform means through innovation and service quality, strengthened by financial stability.

Common-sense reforms lie at the heart of NAPS' legislative agenda.

Our Focus

Our meetings with Congressional lawmakers will focus on common-sense postal reforms involving:

Strength through Financial Stability: Continued Postal Service financial losses are chiefly the result of excessive Congressional mandates, draining USPS of the capital necessary to upgrade its fleet, modernize its network and expand its product lines. LTS delegates will urge Congress to temper those mandates and return to the Postal Service its pension overpayments, making the Postal Service financially stronger.

Preserving Service Quality: Building tomorrow's postal system requires the preservation of speed and reliability, the hallmarks of service quality and business success. LTS delegates will educate Congress on the need for the Postal Service to remain a speedy messenger and courier, reliant on a robust processing and transportation network that preserves customer loyalty and assures a stronger bottom-line.

Innovating to Survive: As First Class mail volume continues to decline, LTS delegates will educate Congress why it needs to permit the Postal Service to adapt by growing new lines of business, including banking, enhanced mail products, and government services.

NAPS delegates will tell the real story about the consequences of Congressional delay in passing common-sense reforms. The real story speaks to the impact that Congressional delay has already caused on mail service, delivery standards, plants, post offices and the fleet, jobs and the postal brand itself. And what will happen if Congressional delay continues.

Scheduling Meetings with Lawmakers

LTS delegates have the power to make a difference, to educate and change minds on Capitol Hill.

State Legislative Chair are scheduling of state's meetings with their House and

Senate offices. These meetings will occur anytime on Tuesday, March 10 and if necessary, Wednesday, March 11.

Meetings on the House side will be focused on educating House staff members because lawmakers will be away from the Hill during the District Work period.

For a list of the phone and fax numbers of all House and Senate lawmaker offices in your state, [click here](#).

LTS Program

The program will feature:

Sunday: Secretary/Treasurer Training; Nondenominational Worship; First Timer's Orientation; Town Hall with NAPS Resident Officers; and State Legislative Chairs Dinner.

Monday: Legislative Training by NAPS Legislative Counsel Bruce Moyer, providing you with the tools and confidence to make an impact in your meetings with Congressional offices. The day will include remarks by political expert Mike Dunn, USPS officials and Hill lawmakers.

A SPAC Reception for eligible SPAC donors follows in the evening.

Tuesday and Wednesday: Meetings with House and Senate offices; and meeting debriefings. Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier;

Next Steps

1. Register for the LTS Today! The LTS registration fee is \$125 if the registration form and fee are RECEIVED by NAPS HQ on or before Feb. 13, 2015. After Feb. 13, the LTS fee is \$225. No registration will be considered valid if received without payment. No registrations will be accepted after Feb. 23. There is no on-site LTS registration.

To register on-line for the LTS, [click here](#). For a hard-copy registration form to mail to NAPS, [click here](#). (A hard-copy registration form is required in conjunction with online registration.)

2. Make Your Reservation at the Crystal Gateway Marriott

The comfortable and convenient Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, Virginia will again host the LTS.

To make your reservation online at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel, [click](#)

[here.](#)

3. Schedule Your Congressional Visits. Consult with your branch and state legislative leaders about plans to visit House and Senate lawmaker offices in your state.

For more information about the LTS, check out NAPS [LTS webpage](#) and pages 8-11 of the January 2015 issue of the *Postal Supervisor* magazine.

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