



Thinking of Retiring Soon?

Which date should I consider selecting to get the NPA lump sum payment?



When Can I Retire and How Will That Affect My NPA Payout?

My name is Jeff Arment and I'm a retired Postmaster from Iowa and a member of the Iowa UPMA Chapter. I'm also your Central Area Contact on the National Membership Team. I just got back from attending your 9th Annual Wisconsin Chapter Convention at The Abbey Resort and Avani Spa located in Fontana, on Lake Geneva. I had a Great time with all of you that were able to attend. Wisconsin always has a large number of members that attend the Chapter Convention and your Executive Board and Convention Coordinators did an amazing job and made it fun and informative for everyone. The resort is a must see and the boat tour on Lake Geneva Friday night was so much fun. We got to learn a lot of historic facts about the area and see some amazing homes.

Since I've retired, I have stayed active with UPMA and also decided to continue helping Postal Employees when it

comes to the retirement process. When I decided to retire last June, I visited with the Postal Bluebook Help Team, who attended a couple of our National and Chapter Conventions, and they assisted me with completing all the necessary paperwork to send to HRSCC. This made the process so much easier and eliminated a lot of the stress of having to go through that thick booklet on my own that HRSCC sends you. After retiring, I reached out to the Postal Bluebook Help Team and asked if I could join their team in order to help out other Postal Employees with their retirement needs. I joined the team last Fall and Rich Springer, who is also a retired Postmaster from the Iowa UPMA Chapter joined the team with me. We have a flyer that is in this issue of the Zip Line so please reach out to myself or Rich or visit the www.PostalBlueBookHelp.Com website to see more of what we can do for you.

Your President, Melissa Tarlton, had reached out to me about a question on NPA and how can you make sure you receive your lump sum payment when you retire. She informed me a couple of people had told her, when they retired, they didn't receive anything. Here is what you need to know when it comes to your NPA. First of all, you must always retire at the end of the month you decide you are going to retire in. It doesn't have to be Friday or the end of a pay period, it just needs to be the last day of the month. Your retirement pay starts on the 1st of the following month. So, if you had decided to retire on the 1st or 15th of the month, your 1st day of retirement pay wouldn't start calculating until the 1st of the next month and you would miss out on an entire month of your retirement pay. As far as your NPA goes; in order to receive a lump sum payment, you must retire between September 30th and December 31st. Your lump sum payment will be paid out on the 2nd pay period in January.

If you are approaching retirement or just have a question on your retirement benefits such as FEGLI or PSHB Health Benefits, Annuity Estimates, TSP contributions or what the difference between the L Funds and G,F,C,S or I Funds are, please give me a call at 641-751-9141 or send an email to jeff@postalbluebookhelp.com and I'll make sure your questions answered.



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