

This is the Second Half of the Review of the
5th Annual Convention of UPMA



UPMA 5th National Convention
Florida Chapter



Wednesday, August 18th started at 8am. Various UPMA speakers gave their reports. The key-note speaker for the morning was Shayne Hensley, Manager, Labor Relations Central Area.



The 2021-2022 Calendar Photos were announced. Florida's own Catee Heidkamp's photo of the Sunset on Jekyll Island was selected for one of the months! The calendars should be in your mailbox shortly.



The UPMA Star Awards are given to Chapters that meet or exceed certain criteria. Since the 2020 Convention was an abbreviated convention, awards were presented for both 2020 and 2021. Florida Chapter won Star Awards in both year and here is Florida Secretary Lori McDonough with the Florida Star Award,



Site Selection for the 2022 Convention will be St Louis, MO, August 21-26, 2022 at the Marriott Grand Hotel. Denver, CO was selected by the members for the 2023 Convention.

Following the business session on Wednesday, the UPMA Retirees held their Annual Luncheon. Over 300 Retirees and their guests attended the Luncheon. Guest Speaker was Kaye Lani Rae Rafko Wilson, Miss America 1988. She gave a terrific recount of her experience of participating in the Miss America Pageant.



Thursday, August 19th had two keynote speakers: Mr Elvin Mercado, VP of Retail and Post Office Operations, USPS and Mr Gary Barksdale, Chief Postal Inspector, USPS.

Following the speakers, the newly elected Officers of UPMA were sworn in, along with the UPMA Retiree Officers.

The charity selected by the host state, Ohio, was 4 PAWS. This is an organization that trains support dogs for both children and adults and places them around the country. Here is Ms Kelly Camm with Dupont, a dog in training.



And yes, we even had a Kentucky version of the Pony Express!



This has been done to give you a short report on the 5th UPMA National Convention. For those that could not attend, remember St Louis in 2022 and Denver in 2023. Where else but at a UPMA convention could you listen to the PMG and other high ranking USPS officials and ask them questions?