



Happy New Year Chapter 97 Members!

I know it has been a while since our last email. We apologize for that! We had a lot going on from the end of November through December, but we are back on track.

We would like to kick off 2023 by welcoming our new members. We had several New Hire orientations over the last two months as well as on Tuesday and added several new members to our NTEU Chapter 97 family. Welcome new members!

In this email, we would like to provide answers to several of your Frequently Asked Questions, give you an update on Member Benefits, Awards, Jobs and More.

Starting with Frequently Asked Questions:

Question: Do we still get administrative time to get vaccinated or a booster?

- **Answer:** Yes

Question: Do we have to show proof that we got **vaccinated** and proof if we need recovery time from a **vaccination**?

- **Answer:** Yes

Question: Do we still get administrative time to get the **booster** as well as the recovery time and is proof required?

- **Answer:** Administrative time is still available for **boosters** & **recovery** and no proof is required.

Information on Covid-19, Vaccinations and Boosters can be found on Microsoft Edge by visiting your IRS Source Home Page. Click on Office Resources, then Covid-19, then Pay, Time & Leave then All Covid-19 Time & Leave Options.

Other frequently asked questions are:

Question: What do I do if I receive an annual appraisal that I do not agree with?

- **Answer:** You can write a rebuttal to it and bring it to NTEU within 15 days of the day you become aware so we can file a grievance on it.

Question: What do I do if I was lowered based on being new to the area?

- **Answer:** This is a violation; you need to bring it to NTEU's attention immediately and within 15 days of when you became aware.

Question: Who do I contact if I need FMLA or have a question relating to FMLA and what are the forms I will need?

- **Answer:** Chapter 97 has two FMLA Coordinators at the moment.

You can email jillene.m.guzman@irs.gov or dawn.m.horton@irs.gov for assistance.

*The forms are WH-380-E for **Employee**, WH380-F for a **family member** and Form 9611.

As a reminder, the forms **should not** be turned into your manager, let NTEU assist you with your paperwork.

Question: What forms do I use for **Paid Parental Leave (PPL)** and who do I turn them into?

- **Answer:** The Forms are **9611-A** and **9611-B**. Both forms can be found on the Covid-19 page mentioned above or by typing in **Paid Parental Leave** in the Search window on the IRS Source home page. Each completed form **should be** submitted to your manager.

A Word from Jason:

We have news that Fresno will get its own locality pay, higher than “rest of U.S.” but it won’t start until 2024. We never thought we’d see this in our careers but we’ll share more specifics in future news blasts.

Employees forced to work the A.M. Surge should have got their awards of \$1,000 by now. If not, send an email to: Jason.L.Sisk@irs.gov I am on the Surge Bargaining Team and another award is in the works for those forced to work the extension from 9/30/22-12/31/22. More info will be shared once finalized.

Bilingual Awards should’ve been received by now. If you didn’t get one and think you should have, e-mail Jason.L.Sisk@irs.gov asap.

We are happy to share that we’ve reached settlement agreements on some more older cases. For example, we just settled a Mass Grievance for 18 ICT employees, who were forced to work day-shift in 2011 and lost night differential.

This would not have been possible without the consistent Chapter Administration who filed and stuck with the matter. We will contact the 18 impacted employees getting Night Differential Back Pay directly and payroll will process payments within 60 days. Several other older SP and A.M. cases were also settled that involved Awards denied due to discipline, OT Back

Pay, and Evaluation cases and related Performance Awards.

Contacting NTEU:

We are learning that several members are still sending emails to NTEU National President and/or NTEU eBulletin. These email addresses are in Washington, D.C and are directed back to the local chapter when received. If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact your local chapter **only** at the email addresses and phone numbers below. We encourage all inquiries to start with our Assistants or stewards assigned to your building and shift.

Accounts Management Day Shift Assistant: Raul Garcia

at: raul.garcia@irs.gov

Accounts Management Swing Shift Assistant: Stephanie Uribe

at: stephanie.l.uribe@irs.gov

Account Management Office Telephone Number: 488-7709, Room 601

Compliance/Broadway Day Shift Assistant: Vacant

Compliance/Broadway Swing Shift Assistant: Josue Tiscareno

at josue.tiscareno@irs.gov

Day Shift **Chief Steward:** Adelena Garza at adelena.m.garza@irs.gov

Swing Shift **Chief Steward:** Dawn Horton at: dawn.m.horton@irs.gov

Compliance/Broadway Office Telephone Number 459-9397 Room 134

Northpointe Day Shift: Terrie Laney Brown at terrie.r.laneybrown@irs.gov

Mid-Shift **Chief Steward:** Jillene Guzman at jillene.m.guzman@irs.gov

*Each Wednesday (**on swing shift**) Dawn Horton will be assisting our members at the **Northpointe** building. For assistance, please email: dawn.m.horton@irs.gov

Ticket update:

With the year just beginning, **we do not** have a complete listing reflecting

new prices for 2023. We do not expect to get these prices until March or April but will share as soon as they are available. I know many of you ask about Monterey Bay Aquarium. Unfortunately, they had to discontinue their discount programs but informed us that we are first on their list once they can offer them again. For the 2023 year, no discounts to Monterey Bay Aquarium will be available.

At the moment, we have **Regal** and **Maya** movie tickets for \$9.00, and **Sierra Vista** tickets for \$8.50. There are no restrictions on the tickets.

We have **Get Away Today** that offers discounts to Disneyland, Universal Studios, Legoland, and more. If interested in the link, please email marcella.m.gutierrez@irs.gov.

We also still have the **Jamba Juice** BOGO cards available for \$10.00. Each card is good for up to 6 free smoothies.

** Movie tickets and Jamba Juice Cards are available onsite at the Accounts Management Bldg. If you are not assigned to the AM building, send an email to: marcella.m.gutierrez@irs.gov or call 559-488-6039 to schedule a date and time.

Wild Water Adventures is running a special right now that allows a **FREE Buddy Pass** with the price of a Season Pass Admission (\$69.99), plus a few other perks. This will help when Fresno starts heating up! If interested, let me know right away as this is **only available for 3 more days**. Send an email to marcella.m.gutierrez@irs.gov for more information.

New Year/More Contests

Many of you participate in our Monthly Letter Writing Contest and we thank you for that. We asked for a Fair Pay Raise and received one so these letters to Congress work! (For more information on the pay raise and when to expect it, you can visit nteu.org.) At this time, there are no letters loaded into the Action Center but as soon as they are, we'll kick off another contest. Stay Tuned.

New T-shirts are in!

Our new Union Proud/Union Strong shirts are in!

Due to so many members teleworking, please email Jason Sisk at Jason.L.Sisk@irs.gov or marcella.m.gutierrez@irs.gov with your T-shirt size.

We plan to start distributing them once the lunch bags have arrived. A date, time, and location for pick up will be provided to you.

Jobs:

You may be receiving job updates at your IRS email address but in the event you don't, we are sharing a few jobs you or your family members might be interested in.

Accounting Technician

Department: Department of the Treasury

Agency: Internal Revenue Service

Number of Job Opportunities & Location(s): Many vacancies - Multiple Locations

Salary: \$36,118.00 to \$60,530.00 / Per year

Series and Grade: GS-0525-05/07

Open Period: Thursday, December 22, 2022 to **Friday, January 6, 2023**

Position Information: Permanent – Full-time

Who May Apply: Career transition (CTAP, ICTAP, RPL), Internal to an agency

Announcement number: 23-11768773C-CFB-0525-5T7

Correspondence Examination Technician

Department: Department of the Treasury

Agency: Internal Revenue Service

Number of Job Opportunities & Location(s): Many vacancies - Multiple Locations

Salary: \$44,740.00 to \$71,441.00 / Per year

Series and Grade: GS-0503-7

Open Period: Tuesday, January 3, 2023 to Friday, January 13, 2023

Position Information: Permanent – Full-time

Who May Apply: Career transition (CTAP, ICTAP, RPL), Internal to an agency

Announcement number: 23-11763056C-WIB-0503-07

[Computer Research Analyst \(12 Month Roster\)](#)

Department: Department of the Treasury

Agency: Internal Revenue Service

Number of Job Opportunities & Location(s): Many vacancies - Multiple Locations

Salary: \$57,118.00 to \$91,873.00 / Per year

Series and Grade: GS-0301-09

Open Period: Tuesday, January 3, 2023 to Monday, November 6, 2023

Position Information: Permanent – Full-time

Who May Apply: Career transition (CTAP, ICTAP, RPL), Internal to an agency

Announcement number: 23-11767088P-LBB-0301-09

[Examination Technician \(Office Automation\) 12 month Roster/Register](#)

Department: Department of the Treasury

Agency: Internal Revenue Service

Number of Job Opportunities & Location(s): Many vacancies - Multiple Locations

Salary: \$40,262.00 to \$64,296.00 / Per year

Series and Grade: GS-0503-6

Open Period: Thursday, December 22, 2022 to Monday, September 18, 2023

Position Information: Permanent – Full-time

Who May Apply: **Open to the public**, Career transition (CTAP, ICTAP, RPL), Military spouses

Announcement number: 23-11760869O-LBX-0503-6

[Examination Technician \(Office Automation\) 12 month Roster/Register](#)

Department: Department of the Treasury

Agency: Internal Revenue Service

Number of Job Opportunities & Location(s): Many vacancies - Multiple Locations

Salary: \$40,262.00 to \$64,296.00 / Per year

Series and Grade: GS-0503-6

Open Period: Saturday, December 17, 2022 to Monday, September 18, 2023

Position Information: Permanent – Full-time

Who May Apply: Internal to an agency, Career transition (CTAP, ICTAP, RPL)

Announcement number: 23-117608700-LBB-0503-06

[Tax Examining Technician \(Register 12 month\)](#)

Department: Department of the Treasury

Agency: Internal Revenue Service

Number of Job Opportunities & Location(s): Many vacancies - Multiple Locations

Salary: \$37,696.00 to \$75,111.00 / Per year

Series and Grade: GS-0592-05/07

Open Period: Wednesday, January 4, 2023 to Wednesday, January 3, 2024

Position Information: Permanent – Full-time

Who May Apply: Career transition (CTAP, ICTAP, RPL), **Open to the public**

Announcement number: 23-11786081B-TEX-0592-5T7

[Tax Examining Technician \(Roster 12 month\)](#)

Department: Department of the Treasury

Agency: Internal Revenue Service

Number of Job Opportunities & Location(s): Many vacancies - Multiple Locations

Salary: \$37,696.00 to \$75,111.00 / Per year

Series and Grade: GS-0592-05/07

Open Period: Wednesday, January 4, 2023 to Monday, November 6, 2023

Position Information: Permanent – Full-time

Who May Apply: Career transition (CTAP, ICTAP, RPL), Internal to an

agency

Announcement number: 23-11786080B-TEB-0592-5T7

[Information Technology Specialist \(Systems Analysis/Applications Software\) - 12 Month Register](#)

Department: Department of the Treasury

Agency: Internal Revenue Service

Number of Job Opportunities & Location(s): 6 vacancies – IRS Nationwide Locations

Salary: \$44,740.00 to \$126,742.00 / Pe year

Series and Grade: GS-2210-7/12

Open Period: Thursday, December 22, 2022 to Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Position Information: Permanent – Full-time

Who May Apply: Career transition (CTAP, ICTAP, RPL), Internal to an agency, Federal employees – Competitive service, Land & base management, Military spouses, Veterans

Announcement number: 23-11775478B-ITS-2210-7T12

[Information Technology Specialist \(APPSW\)\(12 Month Roster\)](#)

Department: Department of the Treasury

Agency: Internal Revenue Service

Number of Job Opportunities & Location(s): 6 vacancies – IRS Nationwide Locations

Salary: \$44,740.00 to \$126,742.00 / Pe year

Series and Grade: GS-2210-7/12

Open Period: Thursday, December 22, 2022 to Thursday, December 21, 2023

Position Information: Permanent – Full-time

Who May Apply: Career transition (CTAP, ICTAP, RPL), Internal to an agency, Federal employees – Competitive service, Land & base management, Military spouses, Veterans

Announcement number: 23-11775417B-ITS-2210-7T12

[Information Technology Specialist Direct Hire 12 month \(Public Notice\)](#)

Department: Department of the Treasury

Agency: Internal Revenue Service

Number of Job Opportunities & Location(s): Many vacancies - Multiple Locations

Salary: \$46,696.00 to \$183,500.00 / Per year

Series and Grade: GS-2210-07/15

Open Period: Wednesday, January 4, 2023 to Wednesday, January 3, 2024

Position Information: Permanent – Full-time

Who May Apply: Career transition (CTAP, ICTAP, RPL), **Open to the public**

Announcement number: 23-11776151B-ITD-2210-7T15

Photos:

We apologize that we didn't get many pictures from the Christmas dinner held on Dec 3rd but we were able to capture some of our Christmas basket and/or Health Fair raffle winners as well as a few pictures of our members at the Christmas dinner. Hope you enjoy.

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Self-Assessment Class Coming in February

Have you ever submitted a Self-Assessment or think you may need help putting one together?

I can help! I am scheduling an onsite and virtual training class in February. If interested, please send an email to: marcella.m.gutierrez@irs.gov and include your shift, and if you would like to participate onsite or virtually. I will be in touch with a date, time and more details.

2023 Goal Questionnaire:

If you would like to participate in providing a personal goal for this year, no

matter how big or small, we'd like to hear from you. With your permission, we would like to include your goals in an upcoming newsletter. Let's get motivated to take care of that task we have been putting off, that project that needs completion or that much needed vacation we say we are going to take but haven't. All entries will be automatically entered for a drawing. Please submit to: marcella.m.gutierrez@irs.gov no later than 01-27-2023.

Thank you Members for all you do and have a super week!! Stay safe, especially with this crazy weather!

Your VP,
Marcella

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