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## **Bill Burrus Re-Elected as APWU President**

American Postal Workers Union President William Burrus was sworn in for a second term on Nov. 13. The first African-American in history to be directly elected president by the membership of a national union, Burrus received three-quarters of the votes cast in balloting this fall.

At the swearing-in ceremony, the APWU president expressed his disappointment in the results of the "other" presidential election, but said, "We must not sacrifice our principles for political gain."

"All citizens are entitled to health care. The safety net should not be shredded so that Wall Street can increase its profit. Our military should not be used to advance a narrow agenda."

Bill Burrus serves on the Executive Council of the AFL-CIO and on the national board of the A. Philip Randolph Institute. He also serves on the executive board of the National Coalition of Black Voter Participation. In 2002, 2003, and 2004, *Ebony* magazine named Mr. Burrus one of the 100+ Most Influential Black Americans.

Mr. Burrus was hired at the Cleveland Post Office in 1958 as a distribution clerk, and served in several local union positions before being elected APWU Executive Vice President in 1980. APWU's national officers serve three-year terms, and he was re-elected to the union's second-highest post six times prior to his successful campaign for president in 2001.

William Burrus was born in Wheeling, WV. He attended West Virginia State College and served in the 101st Airborne and 4th Armored Tank divisions of the U.S. Army.

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*The APWU is the nation's largest postal union, representing more than 330,000 postal workers in the Clerk, Maintenance and Motor Vehicle crafts.*