

Cliff Guffey
President
American Postal Workers Union



Cliff Guffey is President of the American Postal Workers Union, which represents 250,000 employees in the clerk, maintenance and motor vehicle crafts.

Prior to assuming the APWU's highest elected office in November 2010, Guffey served as Executive Vice President for nine years. He was Director of the union's Clerk Division from 1999 to 2001, and Assistant Director of the Clerk Division from 1986 to 1999. Throughout his career, Guffey has relentlessly fought for job security for postal workers, whose jobs are threatened by a changing work environment and subcontracting.

Guffey began his postal career in 1971 as a Letter Carrier in Oklahoma City, and transferred to the Clerk Craft in 1972, where he worked as a Letter Sorting Machine operator. He also served a brief tenure at a neighborhood post office.

In his first foray into elective office in 1979, Guffey won the presidency of the Oklahoma City Area Local APWU. He served two terms before running for national office.

Prior to his work at the Postal Service, he served in the United States Marine Corps from 1968 to 1970 as a rifleman in the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Division in Viet Nam.

Guffey was born in Shawnee, OK. His father was a career pilot in the United States Navy and was stationed around the world. The family moved frequently, living in Hawaii, California, Alabama, and Naples, Italy, among other locations.

Guffey and his wife, Donna, have two daughters and four grandsons.