

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**By JANETTE DOLABSON**

### **Janus vs AFSCME from NALC news**

In a narrow 5-4 decision Wednesday, the Supreme Court once again sided with corporate special interests and against America's working families. In a case called Janus vs. AFSCME, the Court ruled that public sector unions may no longer assess so-called agency fees, the payment required of non-union members to cover the cost of collective-bargaining services. These "fair share" fees are vital because such services provide benefits to members and non-members alike. In so doing, the Court overturned longstanding precedent and adopted a radical reading of the First Amendment pushed by anti-union forces.

NALC President Fredric Rolando issued the following statement after the decision: "This is an appalling decision that shows once again that elections have consequences," Rolando said. "With the deciding vote of Neal Gorsuch, the justice nominated by President Trump in 2017, the Court has betrayed America's workers once again – by doing the bidding of corporate interests who are dedicated to weakening America's unions. Our labor movement will not take this attack lying down. Just as NALC has learned to organize without agency fees, the unions representing public employees at the state and local level are gearing up to overcome this grossly unjustified ruling. We stand in solidarity with them."

The ruling is especially galling because the Gorsuch seat on the Supreme Court was effectively stolen by the Senate GOP majority in 2016 when, for the first time in history, it refused to consider a president's nomination of a justice for the nation's highest court. In fact, it refused to even hold a hearing for Judge Merrick Garland, President Obama's nominee. After the 2016 election, the same GOP majority then further trampled on tradition by eliminating the filibuster for Supreme Court nominations, making it possible for anti-worker judges like Gorsuch to be elevated to the Supreme Court. With the Janus decision, the cost of these unprincipled attacks on our democratic norms just went up.

Adding insult to injury, Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy announced his retirement today – opening yet another opportunity for President Trump to nominate another extremist, anti-union justice to the Court.

NALC President Fredric Rolando criticized the Trump administration's Office of Management and Budget (OMB) proposal to privatize the United . "This report takes direct aim at numerous agencies including USPS under the guise of reforming and restructuring for the 21st century," President Rolando said. "The White House is making very clear that privatization of the Postal Service is its goal, despite the fact that the stakeholder meetings with the White House Postal Task Force are ongoing.

### **OMB Proposal to Privatize the Postal Service**

"NALC has long been committed to working with all of the stakeholders and not one has floated the idea of privatization except private shippers, who would love nothing more than to see the Postal Service dismantled. "NALC had high hopes in engaging with this administration and its Postal Task Force to address the underlying issues facing the Postal Service, which stem from the 2006 mandate to pre-fund future retiree health benefits.

The NALC along with the other Postal employee unions provided recommendations to the Task Force. We were hopeful that this administration was seeking real solutions to stabilize this agency with an 88 percent public approval rating where veterans make up almost 25 percent of its workforce. "Now that we know that this administration and its Task Force will make recommendations on reforms to achieve OMB's privatization goals, NALC will work tirelessly with other stakeholders and Congress to oppose this faulty privatization plan every step of the way to preserve this public institution, which is based in the Constitution."

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## Vice President's Report

By  
**John Burton**

### Military Veterans

Veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces comprise almost a quarter of the membership of the National Association of Letter Carriers—active NALC members as well as retired members.

These veterans traded their military uniforms for letter carrier uniforms, and they continue to serve their communities and this great nation.

### NALC Veterans Group

Often times, gratitude is expressed in words such as "thank you," but it's rarely followed up with any tangible expressions. The creation of the NALC Veterans Group is intended to be something tangible and useful.

The NALC Veterans Group is designed to provide NALC members who are military veterans access to the information and tools specific to veterans' rights and benefits within the U.S. Postal Service. It seeks to provide all NALC members who are also military veterans—active full-time and part-time letter carriers, as well as retired letter carriers—resources, rights information and a sense of

The Veterans Group will provide the ability to connect with fellow NALC veterans and stay informed on issues of importance to letter carrier veterans. Members receive a pin as a symbol of gratitude for your military service and membership in the NALC.

If you are interested in joining the group, complete the sign-up card included in the October 2015 issue of The Postal Record and return it to: NALC Veterans Group, National Association of Letter Carriers, 100 Indiana Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20001-2144.

You may also print a version of the card from [nalc.org](http://nalc.org) that allows you to type in your information and then print and mail, or (if you have trouble with the previous card there is a version of the card you can print, fill out by hand and mail.



## ATTENDANCE CHART BRANCH MEETINGS

MONTH	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N
MAIN OFFICE	5	6	4	6	5	6	5				
ENCINO	5	4	4	4	4	3	5				
PANORAMA CITY	2	3	3	4	2	3	3				
SHERMAN OAKS	1	4	2	4	5	3	4				
SUN VALLEY	1	1	0	1	1	1					
TARZANA	1	2	0	1	1	2	1				
RETIREE'S	4	4	5	5	4	3	4				
TOTAL	19	24	19	25	22	21	23				

**MEETING PLACE OF BRANCH 2462, NALC  
6910 HAYVENHURST AVE., SUITE 101  
VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA**

**NEXT MEETING  
\*\*\*6:30 PM\*\*\***

**AUGUST  
7th  
"2018"**

**DEADLINE DATE FOR THE NEXT  
ISSUE OF "THE MAIL CALL" IS**

**August 10, 2018**

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### "RETIREE CORNER" ATTENTION: !!!!

Our next Breakfast Meeting will be held at Denny's Restaurant, (Corner of Sherman Way & DeCelis). It will begin at 09:00 AM. The next 2 dates will be July 28<sup>th</sup> & Aug 25<sup>th</sup> & Sept 22, 2018 (4th Saturday) So, please mark your calendar.....We hope to see you there. Thank You

**Bob Johnson**

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### **Leadership Academy**

Congratulations to our own Mayen Macaraeg who has been selected by President Rolando to attend the 23rd Class of the NALC Leadership Academy. She is one of only 2 selected to attend this class from Region 1. Go Mayen! We are proud of you!

### **Food Drive Update**

Nationally Letter Carriers collected 71 million pounds of food May 12, 2018. Our Region Collected 8,545,832 pounds of food. That is down from last year by 7%. Our Sierra District total was 1,569,433 pounds collected. We were down from last year's totals by 8%. Although we were lower in food donations we still collected a huge amount of food that go directly into our local food banks and pantries! Thank you all for your hard work!

### **Texas Hold'em tournament**

Congratulations to our own Steve Seyfried for winning the Texas Hold'em tournament held at Branch 2902 Union Hall. Good job!

**WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO  
PROTECT YOUR JOB ?  
MAKE A SIMPLE DONATION TO THE**

**LETTER CARRIER POLITICAL FUND**

**ALL IT TAKES IS \$ 5.00  
A PAY CHECK, LESS THAN A  
STARBUCKS COFFEE  
CONTACT YOUR SHOP STEWARD  
& THEY WILL HELP YOU START**

**YOU WON'T EVEN KNOW IT, BUT IT  
WILL MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN  
THE WORLD**



## **BRANCH 2462 RETIREE LUNCHEON SUNDAY AFTERNOON**

**OCTOBER 28, 2018**

**MONTEREY AT ENCINO  
(FORMALLY ENCINO GLEN RESTAURANT)**

16821 Burbank Blvd. Encino, California

**Doors Open 1:00 PM  
LUNCH at 2:00 PM**

**Price is \$ 7.50**

**Retiree's and Active Carriers are Welcome**

**We will be presenting 3 Members with their  
50 Year Gold Cards**

**We will also be presenting several Members  
with their Yearly Service Pins**

**For Further Information Contact**

**BOB JOHNSON (818) 786-8505**

## **ATTENTION RETIREE'S !!!**

You may be familiar with the saying "There is no such thing as a Free Lunch" While this may be true, it does not pertain to Breakfast. The Branch holds a Retiree Breakfast meeting every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the Month. No Voting, just a friendly get together to talk and eat. The best thing is

**IT IS FREE !!!**

That's right, if you are a retired member in good standing of Branch 2462 your Breakfast is provided at no charge  
You Heard Right !

**FREE !!!!**

So what are you waiting for, meet with us this month.

When 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of Every Month  
Where Denny's Restaurant,  
(Corner of Sherman Way & DeCelis).  
Time 9:00 AM

If you have trouble with transportation contact FRANK BRASH and we will try and arrange for a ride. Come on out, you will have a great time, and the price is right !

Active Members are invited to attend also if it is your Day Off !!

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**Address Service Requested**

**Branch Meeting Minutes**

**July 3, 2018**

**By**

**Steve Seyfried, Secretary**

The Meeting was held at the Branch 2462 Union Hall 6910 Hayvenhurst Ave, Van Nuys California. It was called to order by PRESIDENT J. DOLABSON at 6:45 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by SGT-AT-ARMS DOZAL

**MOMENT OF SILENCE--In Memory of FRANK BRASH, Retiree and Past President, of Branch 2462, NALC.**

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

**PRESENT--**J. DOLABSON, BURTON, SEYFRIED, MULLINAX, JOHNSON, DOZAL, JEFFREY, MACARAEG, WILSON, ENZ, L. DOLABSON

**ABSENT--**NONW

**MINUTES ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN MAIL CALL**

**CORRESPONDENCE READ**

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

**SHANIA JOHNSON, NINDRA FOJAS, BRENDA ROSALES, JOSE JIMENEZ, CHRISTOPHER HENRIQUEZ, OSCAR CASTELLANOS**

**BILLS READ--NONE**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE** Audit will be on July 31, 2018, at 6:30 at the Union Office

**HEALTH & SAFETY--DOZAL** With Hot weather approaching it is now, more than ever, to be aware of the dangers of heat exhaustion and heat stroke. While heat exhaustion is more common, heat stroke can kill. Make sure that you drink plenty of water or Gatorade throughout the entire day, starting in the morning in the office. Waiting until you are thirsty or suffering the symptoms of the heat is too late! Should you, or any Carrier in your office have a heat related incident, this should be reported immediately to Mgt. and the Shop Steward. There are special forms that need to be filled out and sent to NALC headquarters. Also file a CA-1, as heat related incidents are considered on the job accidents. Don't ignore the signs, we have had Carriers seriously injured, hospitalized and even deaths.

**RETIREEES** 4 retiree's present tonight. Good crowd attended the Breakfast. Retiree Luncheon will be on October 28, 2018 at Encino Glen Restaurant at the Encino Golf course on Burbank Blvd.

**MDA FUND--DOZAL** Currently \$1963.00 in fund

**MDA REPORT--MACAMAEG** No Report

**HBR--L. DOLABSON** High Option Plan members should remember that they need to get Pre-Approved for hospital stays over 1-day, diagnostic tests such as MRI, CT scans. Failure to get Pre-Approved will cost you a

\$ 500 penalty. Any questions regarding this please contact Larry through the Branch Office.

**EAP--DANIELS** EAP is Free, Confidential and always there for you and your family. Gail announced that EAP is now offering personal "coaching", in addition to their other services.

**MBA--ENZ** No Report

**EDITOR/ELECTION--SEYFRIED** No Report

**FINANCIAL SEC REPORT--MULLINAX**

**TREASURERS REPORT--JOHNSON**

**Motion--accept financial report as read** M/S/C

**VICE-PRESIDENT BURTON** Postal Vehicles that have no fan, or have a fan that does not work, should be written up for repair and not use for street delivery. Also, if you are assigned a truck or car that has an air conditioner that is not working you should inform management that you are not going to use the vehicle. If you receive such instructions, contact your Shop Steward immediate as operating these vehicles with these conditions is a safety hazard. Carriers are receiving disciplinary actions for parking in Red Zones, even after the same supervisors are instructing them that it is OK if no other parking is available. Since management cannot be trusted to keep their word you should never park in a Red Zone. Park at the nearest proper space and walk back to your delivery. This will take more time, no doubt, but the union can win a grievance for time, it cannot win one for safety violations. Also, Carriers are still driving with seat belts off and doors open on the street. If you are observed doing this management will absolutely pull you from the route, order you to go home and issue removal procedures. If you are in a vehicle with the engine running you must have your seat belt on, and if the vehicle is moving the door must be closed. Also, always do a full vehicle check each morning and make sure you are inside the vehicle before you start the engine.

**PRESIDENT J. DOLABSON** Gave her report which will be published in the MailCall

**OLD BUSINESS--NONE.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION--Branch purchase 400 Letter Carrier calendars @ \$4.00 ea.**

Total cost	to	Branch	\$	1600.00
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M/S/C

**UNDERLINED INDICATES UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**GOOD OF ASSOCIATION**

Thanks to CALVIN BROOKINS for the MDA quilt, in honor of ROGER ASKEW. It was auctioned off and the proceeds will be turned over to MDA

**MDA DRAWING**

\$ 4 STEVE SEYFRIED--RETIREE--DONATED

\$ 5 RAFAEL PEREZ--PAN CITY--DONATED

\$ 7 JOHN BURTON--MAIN OFFICE--DONATED

Meeting Adjourned 8:00 PM