

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**By JANETTE DOLABSON**

### **News from Washington**

“House reintroduces four NALC priority resolutions In January, the House of Representatives in the 116th Congress got down to business, quickly introducing all four of NALC’s priority resolutions. NALC has been instrumental in getting the word out about these resolutions in the past, by educating lawmakers on the importance of the Postal Service. As letter carriers know, 155 million businesses and households receive mail six, if not seven, days a week. The ability to receive packages, letters, bills and medications at one’s door is a service that is highly valued by the public and that is vital to the economic success of the country’s small businesses, the Postal Service and the \$1.4 trillion national mailing industry, which employs 7.5 million Americans. House Resolution 23 (H. Res. 23):

On Jan. 15, Reps. Susan Davis (D-CA), Peter King (R-NY) and David Joyce (R-OH) reintroduced their door delivery resolution for the 116th Congress, calling on the House to take “all appropriate measures to ensure the continuation of door delivery for all business and residential customers.” H. Res. 23 is identical to the resolution introduced in the 115th Congress, H. Res. 28, which obtained 248 cosponsors, well above the 218 required for a majority in the chamber. House Resolution 33 (H. Res. 33): On Jan. 9, a bipartisan group of 13 House lawmakers reintroduced its resolution against privatization of the Postal Service, calling on the House to take “all appropriate measures to ensure that the United States Postal Service remains an independent establishment of the Federal Government and is not subject to privatization.”

The resolution was introduced by Reps. Stephen Lynch (D-MA), Rodney Davis (R-IL), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Paul Cook (R-CA), Brian Mast (R-FL), Don Young (R-AK), Cedric Richmond (D-LA), Stephanie Murphy (D-FL), Dave Loebsack (D-IA), Marcia Fudge (D-OH), Gerry Connolly (D-VA), Susan Davis (D-CA) and House Oversight and Reform Committee Chairman Elijah Cummings (D-MD).

H. Res. 33 is identical to the resolution introduced in the 115th Congress, H. Res. 993, which had 240 co-sponsors, well above the 218 needed for a majority. House Resolution 54 (H. Res. 54):

On Jan. 16, Reps. Gerry Connolly (D-VA) and Sam Graves (R-MO) reintroduced their six-day door delivery resolution for the 116th Congress, calling on the House to take “all appropriate measures to ensure the continuation of its 6-day mail delivery service.” With 259 co-sponsors in the previous Congress, the resolution enjoyed broad bipartisan support, with 185 Democrats and 74 Republicans. House Resolution 60 (H. Res. 60):

On Jan. 17, Reps. David McKinley (R-WV), Marcy Kaptur (D-OH), David Joyce (R-OH), Paul Tonko (D-NY), Don Young (R-AK) and Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI) reintroduced their service standards resolution, which calls on Congress to “take all appropriate measures to restore service standards in effect as of July 1, 2012.” The resolution had 232 co-sponsors in the previous Congress. These postal policy resolutions are important because they help shape the debate over postal reform.

The Senate and the White House are less likely to pursue service cuts or privatization if the resolutions have solid support. While there are many incumbents still on Capitol Hill, support of newly elected representatives will be necessary for these resolutions to reach bipartisan majorities. NALC encourages all letter carriers to contact their members of Congress to educate them on the importance of co-sponsoring these resolutions.”

PR John Burton and I went to Washington DC, along with hundreds of other Letter carriers from several regions, to lobby the House and Senate on behalf of the NALC. Our meetings were very productive and most all of those we spoke with, in Congress, signed on to the House Resolutions mentioned above.

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## Vice President's Report

By  
**John Burton**

### ATTENDANCE CHART BRANCH MEETINGS

| MONTH         | J           | F | M | A | M | J | J | A | S | O | N |
|---------------|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MAIN OFFICE   | 4           | 5 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| ENCINO        | 4           | 5 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| PANORAMA CITY | 4           | 3 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| SHERMAN OAKS  | 3           | 3 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| SUN VALLEY    | 1           | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| TARZANA       | 1           | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| RETIREE'S     | 3           | 4 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>2022</b> |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

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

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

**APRIL  
2nd  
"2019"**

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

**Apr 5, 2019**

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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 March 23<sup>rd</sup> & May 25, 2019 (4th Saturday) So, please mark your calendar....We hope to see you there.  
Thank You

**Bob Johnson**

### USPS expands Wounded Warriors Leave

USPS recently updated the Wound Warriors Leave policy effective January 5, 2019. Eligible military veterans will be credited with 104 hours of Wounded Warriors Leave each leave year going forward. This is a significant improvement over the previous policy which provided this benefit as a one-time occurrence only.

The Postal Service released an updated Management Instruction EL-510-2019-2 (M-01901) setting forth policy guidelines and standard procedures for administering this category of leave. This new instruction replaces Management Instruction EL-510-2016-8 (M-01881), management instruction outlining the policy guidelines established for the administration of Wounded Warriors Leave, and PS Form 5980. These documents can be found on the Military Veterans, Contract Administration Unit and City Delivery pages. For more information on Wounded Warriors Leave see Vice President Lew Drass' article or Contract Talk in the December 2018 issue of The Postal Record

Today, the House of Representatives voted through the "For the People Act of 2019" (H.R. 1), the House Democrats' sweeping legislation that looks to reform voting rights, campaign finance reform, lobbying, and government ethics, among others. The vote was party-line, 234-193. Of the many measures included in the final bill, H.R.1 includes provisions to overhaul government ethics, enable automatic voter registration, strengthen resources to avoid further foreign influence in U.S. elections, and make Election Day a national holiday for federal workers. The bill also includes provisions on voter purging, early voting, and the use of voter verified paper ballots.

Of particular importance to letter carriers, language expanding no-excuse absentee voting (often referred to as vote-by-mail) is also included



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## Food Drive

Our National Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive will be held on Saturday May 11 th , 2019. We will be sending out T-shirt order forms to the stations with the Stewards. We will also again be hosting a KTLA Morning news broadcast either the Thursday before the food drive or the morning of the food drive. We will let the stations know. It would be great to see lots of carriers in uniform for that live on air broadcast. Our Media kick off will also be the week leading up to the food drive. I will get that time and date out to the stations as well. We have a few celebrity possibilities for that broadcast and as soon as we have confirmed them, we will let you all know.

I am happy to tell you that, once again, Ralph's/Food For Less will be sponsoring our bags this year. They will be plastic, rather than paper. Hopefully we will receive the same or more food than last year. Thank you for all you do to help make this food drive successful!



LETTER CARRIERS' **FOOD DRIVE**  
SAT., MAY 11, 2019



## MDA BOWL-A-THON

**SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2019 8 P.M.**  
**SANTA CLARITA LANES**

**PLAN NOW TO ATTEND,  
GET YOUR TEAMS ORGANIZED  
AND READY TO GO. TROPHIES AND  
PRIZES.**

**YOUR \$ 40 DONATION INCLUDES 2 HOURS  
OF BOWLING WITH RENTAL SHOES. FREE  
PIZZA AND SODA. BEER, WINE AND  
MIXED DRINKS MAY BE PURCHASED.**

## 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 Other Month  
Where Denny's Restaurant,  
(Corner of Sherman Way & DeCelis).  
Time 9:00 AM

If you have trouble with transportation contact BOB JOHNSON 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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**Branch Meeting Minutes**  
**March 5, 2019**

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 6:50 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sgt-at-Arms RAUL DOZAL

**MOMENT OF SILENCE-----In Memory All members of the NALC and U S Military who passed this year.**

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

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

**ABSENT---**JEFFREY, MACARAEG

**MINUTES ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN MAIL CALL**

**CORRESPONDENCE READ**

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

**ESMERALDA AQUINO VENEGAS, ARTHUR CASTILLO, PHILIP SOTO**

**BILLS READ---NONE**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE** Audit still on going, but will be done by next meeting.

**HEALTH & SAFETY** Safety meeting at the Postmasters office was postponed because it rained. Drive safely in the rain. Safety squads have been out in Sun Valley and Burbank writing up carriers for violations.

**TRUSTEES** No Report

**RETIREEES** 6 retiree's present tonight. 14 attended the Breakfast.

**MDA FUND--DOZAL** Currently \$1457.00 in fund

**HBR--L. DOLABSON** Final report on new members and enrollment figures for Health Plan have come in. We added 1 new member from our Branch, which brings the total of Branch members in the NALC Health Plan to 80, or about 20%.

**MDA--MACARAEG** Bowl-a-Thon will be held on Sat, June 15<sup>th</sup> at Santa Clarita Lanes. Branch MDA team will be participating in Walk-a-Thon on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**MBA--ENZ** No Report

**EDITOR--SEYFRIED** No Report

**ELECTION COMMITTEE** No Report

**FINANCIAL SEC--MULLINAX** Guarantee the Audit will be done by next meeting. Happy to report the Branch membership is up to 97% and we will be working towards improving that even more.

**TREASURERS REPORT--JOHNSON** READ

**MOTION--Accept the Financial Reports as read**  
M/S/C

**VICE-PRESIDENT BURTON** The Washington DC legislative lobby trip was a real success. Update on resolutions, HR 23 to maintain door to door mail deliver now has 74 sponsors, 36 were added as a result of lobbying trip. HR 33 which would ban privatization of Postal Service has 186 sponsors, 19 were added as a result of lobbying trip. And HR 54 which would guarantee continued 6 day delivery has 138 sponsors, 23 were added as a result of lobbying trip. If you have not contacted your Rep do so soon.

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

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES READ**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**MOTION TO RESCIND** was offered by SEC SEYFRIED it was:

Move to rescind the Executive Board action taken and read at the February 2019 Regular Branch meeting to send 10 members, to be chosen by the President, to attend the Region 1 Shop Steward Training class in Las Vegas, April 11-14, 2019.  
Cost not to exceed \$ 15,000.00.  
M/S/C

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION--Branch send 3members, to be chosen by the President, to attend the Region 1 Shop Steward Training class in Las Vegas, April 11-14, 2019.**  
Cost not to exceed \$ 5,500.00.  
M/S/C

**UNDERLINED INDICATES UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**Good of the Association**

Brother DAN RATHBONE spoke on the importance of Union in Letter Carriers lives. Also that Officers and Members who are assigned to Branch duties should be compensated for their time. He also reminded us all that we are approaching the 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1970 Postal Strike which brought us the right to collective bargain our contract and has led to the wages and benefits we all enjoy today. We still have several members in our Branch that participated in that strike and we sincerely Thank them all for their courage and dedication to all the members of the N A L C

**MDA DRAWING**

\$ 5 ROD GODDARD--SHERMAN OAKS--DONATED  
\$ 8 FRANCISCO VALENZUALA--PAN CITY--DONATED  
\$ 10 KAREN AGUILAR--RETIREE--DONATED

Meeting Adjourned 7:56