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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

By
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Political Liaison

Currently there are numerous bills & resolutions in Congress that have a potential for significant impact on Letter Carriers and Retirees. They are in various stages within the legislative process.

First there is House Resolution 70, which "Expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should 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." Currently this bill has over 230 co-sponsors. For a bill to pass the house, currently a majority of 218 are required. While it has enough support, it has not come up for a final vote yet. On January 28th, it was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The Senate version of this bill is S-147.

Next is, a hugely important bill, HR 1065 - The Protect Our Letter Carriers Act. This bill is vital to the future of our Postal Service.

Key provisions of the bill include:

- **Upgrading Mailbox Security:** Authorizes funding for the USPS to replace older, vulnerable "arrow keys" with electronic versions and to install high-security blue collection boxes.
- **Stricter Prosecution:** Directs the Department of Justice to assign an assistant U.S. attorney in each district to prioritize and coordinate the investigation and prosecution of crimes against postal employees.
- **Harsher Sentencing:** Requires the U.S. Sentencing Commission to amend guidelines to ensure that assaults or robberies of postal employees are treated with the same severity as assaults on federal law enforcement.

Currently this bill has 174 sponsors. All our local Representatives are on board with this bill. If you have family that live in red districts, you might want to reach out to have them contact their representatives. Right now, while we have bipartisan support, there are more Democratic representatives on board than Republicans. The Senate version , S.463 only has 11 co-sponsors with only one republican Senator, Josh Hawley, on board.

Next there's HR 1522 - The Federal Retirement Fairness Act. This Bill is crucial to Carriers who spent time in a "Non-Career" status, such as CCAs, TEs or Casuals. This bill allows those employees to "buy back" their non-career time, making it equitable towards their retirement, in the same manner that military veterans can buy back their service time. This bill currently has 125 co-sponsors, so we have some ground to gain here.

While there are other bills that affect carriers, I do not have room to discuss them all, but an important newer piece of legislation that is important to all FERS enrollees is HR491 The COLA Equitability Act. It aims to align FERS COLAs with Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and Social Security increases, removing current restrictions that limit adjustments when inflation exceeds 2%. The way things stand now, FERS retirees fall behind to the tune of 1% per year. With the way inflation has been going, a FERS retiree is on track to lose tens of thousands of dollars during their retirement. This bill seeks to correct that. It currently has 61 co-sponsors.

All of this serves as a reminder to all NALC members, both active as well as retirees, that Congress can steer our destinies. In 1970, it was Congress that gave us Collective Bargaining. Congress can take it away. That is a big reason it is so important that we have a voice in the halls of Congress. The Letter Carrier Political Fund is a simple way to contribute to that voice. There is strength in numbers, and when we speak in a united voice as a Union, our Congressional representatives listen. If you are not contributing to LCPF, ask one of your Union representatives how to start.

By contributing to the Letter Carrier Political Fund, you are doing so voluntarily with the understanding that your contribution is not a condition of membership in the National Association of Letter Carriers or of employment by the Postal Service, nor is it part of union dues. You have a right to refuse to contribute without any reprisal. The Letter Carrier Political Fund will use the money it receives to contribute to candidates for federal office and undertake other political spending as permitted by law. Your selection shall remain in full force and effect until canceled. Contributions to the Letter Carrier Political Fund are not deductible for federal income tax purposes. Federal law prohibits the Letter Carrier Political Fund from soliciting contributions from individuals who are not NALC members, executive and administrative staff, or their families. Any contribution received from such an individual will be refunded to that contributor. Federal law requires us to use our best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer of individuals whose contributions exceed $200 per calendar year. Any guideline amount is merely a suggestion, and an individual is free to contribute more or less than the guideline suggests.

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ATTENDANCE CHART
BRANCH MEETINGS

MONTH	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N
MAIN OFFICE	2	5									
ENCINO	1	1									
PANORAMA CITY	3	2									
SHERMAN OAKS	5	4									
SUN VALLEY	0	0									
TARZANA	4	3									
RETIREE'S	7	6									
TOTAL	22	21									

NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY

APRIL 7th

2026

6:30 p.m.

BRANCH OFFICE

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

Apr 12, 2026

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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. Date will be April 25, 2026 (4th Saturday)** So, please mark your calendar.....We hope to see you there. Thank You

NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS
OF
BRANCH OFFICERS

This is official notice to members of Branch 2462 that nominations for the following offices well be held at the regular branch meeting April 7, 2026 at 8:00 p.m. at the Branch Union Hall 6910 Hayvenhurst Ave # 104, Van Nuys California. The Offices are President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Sgt-at-Arms, Three (3) Trustee's, Editor, Health Benefits Representative, and Mutual Benefits Representative. No one may be nominated for more than one (1) office. Candidates must accept nomination at the time made or, if absent, in writing to be received by the Branch Secretary no later than April 9, 2026. The terms of Office shall be for a three year period. Candidates elected shall be delegates to the National and State Conventions as stated in the Branch By-Laws.

ELECTION

The election shall be conducted by secret mailed ballot. All ballots will be mailed First Class to the home addresses of eligible members no later than May 11, 2026. The Election shall be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the Executive Board of Branch 2462, NALC, which shall not be in violation of the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the Rules of the National Executive Council. Ballots must be mailed back to the Election Committee at PO BOX 800123 Santa Clarita, CA 91380, and must be received by 5:00 p.m. on May 23, 2026. The counting of the ballots will take place on Thursday, May 28, 2026 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at 6910 Hayvenhurst Ave., # 104 Van Nuys, California . All candidates and members may observe the counting

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK THIS OUT !!!!!!

New NALC Health Benefits for 2026

By

TIA WILSON
Treasurer

Priority Health Coaching is a program to help members with chronic conditions such as arthritis, asthma, COPD, depression, diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure and high cholesterol.

Priority Health Coaching gives you:

A dedicated care partner who understands your needs

Regular check-ins to keep you on track

Tools and guidance to help you make confident decisions

Financial rewards that support your healthy choices

Your coach works with you to create realistic goals that fit your life style through:

Easy to understand education

Practical tips for building healthy habits

Help staying on track with medications and preventive care

Guidance to help lower out of pocket costs

Encouragement and motivation as you make progress

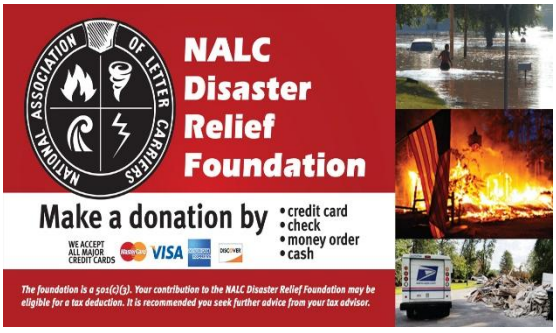
Sessions are available by phone, video or mobile app.

All conversations are private, judgment free and tailored to your goals.

As an incentive to join Priority Health coaching, High Option members will receive a $50 health savings reward, and Consumer Driven Health Plan members will receive a $30 health savings reward that can be used for eligible medical expenses.

To get connected to a Priority Health Coach please call: 877-220-NALC (6252) for High Option members
855-511-1893 for CDHP

Rewards will be added to your existing TASC card. If you have not accessed Health Rewards previously, a new card will be issued upon completion of the program.



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Branch Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2026
By
Steve Seyfried, Secretary

The Meeting was held at the Branch 2462 Union Hall 6910 Hayvenhurst Ave, #104 Van Nuys California. It was called to order by PRESIDENT EMERITUS CALVIN BROOKINS at 6:59 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by SGT-AT-ARMS GODDARD

MOMENT OF SILENCE--In Memory of all Active & Retired members who have passed this year and

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

PRESENT—SEYFRIED, MULLINAX, WILSON, GODDARD, DOLABSON, MORALES, MARISCAL

ABSENT—MACARAEG, JEFFREY, VALENZUELA, BURTON

VACANT—VICE PRESIDENT

MINUTES ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN MAILCALL

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

BO ZHENG, JON SCHNEIDER, MATIAS LOPEZ

BILLS READ--NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUDIT & BUDGET—TRUSTEES Audit will be sometime later this summer, exact date to be determined at a later date.

SAFETY & HEALTH--SOLIS Carriers need to be extra careful driving new electric vehicles, as they are very different than the old trucks. Make sure you are wearing seatbelts and driving defensively at all times. Once again a reminder that head phones can only be worn and used when you are at your case. If you are in your vehicle or walking around anywhere, you must not have your head phones on. Lastly as the weather begins to warm up and we switch to Day Light Savings Time children will be out later in the day playing and also often have there DOGS in the yard !! You do not want to be bitten so be on the lookout for dogs in yards and running stray in the street.

RETIREES 5 Retiree's present tonight.

MDA FUND--GODDARD $ 3213.00 in the fund

HBR— Look for report in the next issue of the MailCall.

MDA— Coordinator position is open, anyone who would like to serve should contact the President. This is an appointed position & does not serve on the Executive Board.

MBA—MORALES Disability Insurance is being offered by the plan. If you have any questions regarding insurance plans through the MBA contact me at Main Office or leave a message at the Union Office. I have one more training session, after which I will have an article for the MailCall.

EDITOR—MARISCAL We have sufficient funds in our postal account. Paper was prepared and mailed last week.

ELECTION COMMITTEE Nominations for Branch Officers will be held at the April meeting. Full instructions and information on elections are published in the MailCall. You must be present to accept a nomination or notify the Election Chairman in writing with in 48 hours of nominations closing.

POLITICAL REPORT—JEFFREY Letter Carrier Protection Act is still working its way through Congress with 50 more votes needed for full sponsorship. There are other bills currently in the pipeline, we will keep you posted. Be sure to look for my article in next months MailCall for extended information.

FINANCE REPORT—MULLINAX Membership pins are in the office. I will be working on getting them ready and passed out. You should be receiving a statement from the PO as to how much of your overtime can be deducted for tax purposes. Turns out that Trump's claim that all overtime money would be deductible was a LIE ! Branch Federal taxes have been paid. Congratulations to JOHN BURTON on his recent retirement.

TREASURERS REPORT-WILSON Financial Reports read.

Motion to accept Financial Reports as read M/S/C

VICE PRESIDENT—Vacant

PRESIDENT EMERITIS BROOKINS

EDGAR SOLIS has been appointed as the new Shop Steward at Main Office and OSCAR AYALA Alternate at Main Office. Fair Contract Rally held at Burbank Post Office was a great success. We had close to 70 people that came out to inform the public about what is going on with our negotiations for a new contract. Thanks to Burbank Branch 2086, Tri-Valley Branch 2902, Pasadena Branch 2200 for joining with us. There will be a Route Inspection Class held this coming Sunday at the Union Office. The Sixth COLA has been announced, it will be $ 250.00.

OLD BUSINESS--NONE

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION—Move that the Branch purchase a Video Camera for the Branch Office. Cost not to exceed $ 180.00 M/S/C

MOTION—Move that the Branch send 8 Members, to be chosen by the President, to the Regional Training & Rap Session in Las Vegas, to be held On April 29, through May 1, 2026. Cost not to exceed $ 4,300. M/S/C

MOTION—Move that the Branch renew the CD at Chase Bank for 3 months at 3.5% M/S/C

MOTION—Move that the Branch hold a Picnic on Sunday May 17, 2026 from 11 am to 4 pm to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Branch. Cost to the Branch not to exceed $ 35,000.00. M/S/C

UNDERLINED INDICATES UNANAMOUS VOTE

MDA DRAWING

$ 2.00 CALVIN BROOKINS—RET/CIVIC CENTER-DONATED
$ 3.00 TIA WILSON—RETIREE/SUN VALLEY--DONATED

Meeting Adjourned 7:59 PM