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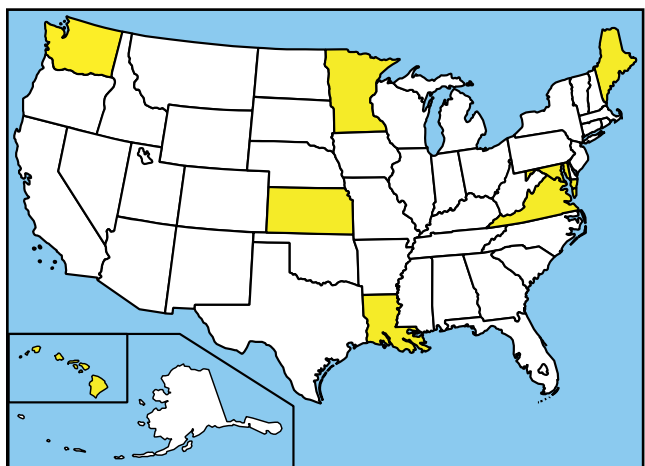
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Letter Carriers' Votes Critical In Next Presidential Primaries

NALC Members Should Exercise Voting Privilege



Next Up - Remaining Primary States in February

Super Tuesday on February 5 raised as many questions as answers, so the next round of primaries and caucuses will be critical for NALC members and their families in determining who will be the next President of the United States.

Reports indicated that union voters — including NALC members and their families — made up as much as 40 percent of the voters in some states as a record-breaking turnout of the electorate occurred in state after state.

NALC activists did their part, helping with get-out-the-vote efforts in numerous states. In California, for example, more than 2,000 calls were made by NALC members on election eve.

Critical among these NALC members were hundreds in the union's recently created "Carrier Corps" who spent many days volunteering in the get-out-the-vote effort, calling and meeting with other NALC members to encourage them to go to the polls.

Now the attention of the nation turns to eight states and the District of Columbia where Democratic and Republican voters will select delegates to their party conventions in primaries and caucuses during the remaining days of February.

The schedule is:

February 9 - Louisiana primaries, Kansas (Republican caucus), and Washington (caucuses).

February 10 - Maine (Democratic caucus)

February 12 - District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia primaries.

February 19 - Hawaii (Democratic caucus) and Wisconsin primaries.

After February, voters in 17 states will still have a chance to select convention delegates who will choose the respective nominees of the Democratic and Republican Parties for the November 4 general election, including residents of several major states such as Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Texas.

NALC President William H. Young said he was very proud of the role NALC members played in getting such a huge turnout of voters on Super Tuesday.

"We need to keep up our activism across the nation as these primary contests continue into the spring and summer months," Young said. **"Voting is a cherished right and privilege of every American and letter carriers should make sure that they cast their ballots and urge their family members and friends to do likewise."**

The Democratic National Convention will be held August 25-28 in Denver, Colorado, and the Republican National Convention will be September 1-4 in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota.

For further information, go to the union's website: www.nalc.org and the Postal Record magazine.

Kessler Replaces Miller as BOG Chair



Alan C. Kessler

Philadelphia attorney Alan C. Kessler was elected chairman of the Board of Governors of the U.S. Postal Service January 30, replacing James C. Miller III.

Kessler, a Democrat, was appointed to the Board by President Bill Clinton in 2000 for a term that expires this coming December. He served as vice chairman since 2005.

Kessler is a partner in the Philadelphia law firm of Wolf, Block, Schorr and Solis-Cohen, LLP, with substantial experience in the defense of class-action litigation, including securities, antitrust, toxic tort and civil rights cases as well as a government relations and counseling practice. He has served on commissions, boards and authorities at the federal, state and local levels, including vice chair of the Presidential/Congressional Commission on Risk Assessment and Risk Management.



**Presidents Day
February 18, 2008**



Food Drive Branches at 1,154 PMG Potter Issues Strong Endorsement

Hundreds of branches are still registering for the 2008 NALC "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive on Saturday, May 10, prepared to surpass last year's 70.7 million pound benchmark and making a significant impact in helping more than 35 million hungry Americans as the nation's slips toward an economic recession.



Al Friedman of Clearwater, FL NALC Branch 2008, center, who coordinated delivery of 8 million plastic bags throughout Florida last May, presents a plaque February 4 to Publix supermarket chain for supplying the bags which spurred collection of 10,800,000 pounds of food donations in Florida. Pictured (l-r) are Chad Plemons, Publix marketing manager; Shannon Patten, Publix public affairs; Friedman; Tampa NALC Branch 599 President Jim Good, and Tampa Postmaster Nancy Fryear. (USPS photo)

As the NALC Bulletin went to press, registration forms had been received from 1,154 branches.

Postmaster General John E. Potter informed President Young in a letter of his strong support for the drive.

"In 2008, the Postal Service once again will help to alert every postal customer to this urgent need and encourage them to support the 'Stamp Out Hunger' drive," Potter said. **"We also will communicate the importance of the National Food Drive to managers and employees systemwide in the weeks leading up to the drive and encourage all postal employees to participate in this worthwhile cause."**

Within a couple weeks, those branches that have registered for this year's drive will receive a food drive packet including a coordinators manual,

DVD of a new food drive video, forms for ordering FREE Campbell Soup-Postal Service postcards, the official NALC poster, and other items.

Officials of the food drive partners — NALC, USPS, Campbell Soup, Valpak-Cox Target Media, United Way of America, AFL-CIO, America's Second Harvest and Pace Press — are scheduled to meet at NALC headquarters February 12 to complete plans for the drive.

In the first 15 years of the drive — held annually on the second Saturday in May — more than three-quarters of a billion pounds of non-perishable food — **836.2 million pounds** — were collected and delivered to local community food banks and pantries in the nation's largest one-day food drive.

Questions regarding the food drive should be directed to Drew Von Bergen, national coordinator, at (202) 662-2489 or at vonbergen@nalc.org.

Branches Have New Opportunity To Participate in MDA Campaign

NALC branches that are not registered participants in the union's annual campaign to help raise funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) — the union's official charity — will have a new opportunity to sign up and join in the battle against the dreaded affliction.

NALC MDA Coordinator Jim Williams, in a letter mailed to those branches that were not registered in 2007, asked the branch officers to fill out a registration form and return it to NALC Headquarters by March 1. The union would like to receive new registrations by the end of February so those branches can begin planning events.

Branches that registered in 2007 — when the MDA program was revitalized — will be automatically registered for the 2008 drive and will receive the MDA packet later this spring.

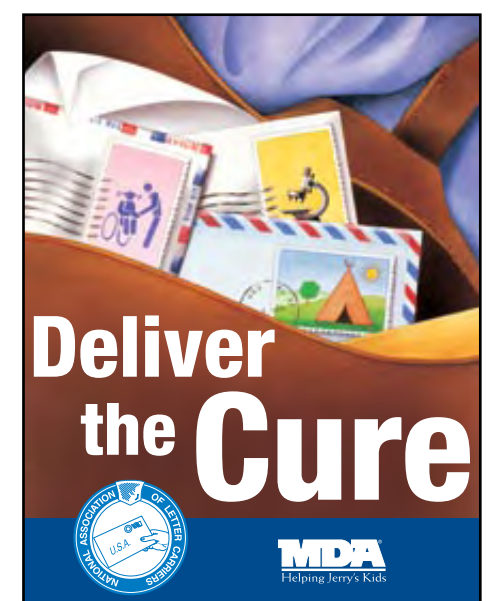
To receive the packet, branches must be registered.

The packet will include a DVD for use in the year-long campaign, new training materials, information on special MDA summer camp opportunities, a list of the 25 "best practices" for fund-raising, an official coordinator's handbook, artwork, and many other items to help branch activity be successful in raising funds for MDA.

"Our partnership with MDA is worth it and these kids and adults need our help," Williams said. **"We will announce the category winners in May and the Labor Day Telethon will be here before we know it."**

Williams urged all branches to begin scheduling their MDA events immediately.

Questions regarding the MDA campaign should be directed to Linda Giordano at (202) 662-2834 or at giordano@nalc.org.



Postal Victims of Southern Tornadoes Eligible for Postal Relief Fund Grants

Active and retired postal employees in six states who suffered devastating loss of life and injuries as well as millions of dollars in damage to homes and property from the deadliest tornado outbreak since 1985 are eligible for assistance from the Postal Employees' Relief Fund as they try to restore their homes and lives.

The series of violent twisters on February 5 killed at least 57 people, injured hundreds more and demolished homes in many communities.

The fund, created and operated by the four postal unions, including NALC, three management associations and the U.S. Postal Service, provides outright grants to postal employees who suffer damage from major natural disasters and home fires.

Victims who are active or retired employees of the Postal Service in Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee can apply for assistance from PERF by going to its website, www.postalrelief.com, and downloading an application form and information; by calling PERF at (202) 408-1869, or by writing to Postal Employees' Relief Fund, P.O. Box 34500, Washington, DC 20043-4500.

The fund is financed primarily by donations from postal employees through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC #10268).