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## Retiring Officers' Dinner!

# Eight NALC National Officers To be Honored at Convention

## Reservations Must be Received at NALC by July 8



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The NALC will honor three national officers who will retire at the end of their current terms in December and five others who have retired since the Boston Convention in 2008 at a reception and dinner at the Hilton Anaheim on August 12 — Thursday evening of the 67th Biennial NALC Convention.

Honorees will be: retired former President **William H. Young**, retiring Executive Vice President **Gary H. Mullins**, retiring Director of City Delivery **Dale P. Hart**, retiring National Business Agent **Mike Weir** (St. Louis Region), and retired NBAs **Wesley Davis** (Denver Region), **Ned Furr** (Minneapolis Region), **Gene Goodwin** (Dallas Region), and **William Cooke** (Cincinnati Region).

The Retiring Officers' Dinner, according to Secretary-Treasurer Jane E. Broedel, will begin with a reception at 6 p.m. followed by a dinner at 7 p.m. in the Hilton. A special salute to the retirees will follow dinner and the evening will end with dancing until 11 p.m.

Those planning to attend should purchase tickets as soon as possible by sending full payment along with the Retiring Officers' Dinner order form to: Retiring Officers' Dinner; c/o NALC Secretary-Treasurer, 100 Indiana Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20001-2144.

Tickets are \$80 each and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Tables of eight seats may be reserved in advance, but only after the order and payment are received at NALC headquarters.

Regions, branches and individual members **must** use the order form below or printed in the last *NALC Bulletin* or the June *Postal Record* to buy tickets. Tickets and table assignments will be held for pick-up at the Retiring Officers' Dinner booth in the convention registration area. You must list the person authorized to pick up tickets on the order form, as only that person will be able to receive the tickets. Checks payable to Secretary-Treasurer, NALC **must be received at NALC national headquarters no later than July 8.**

## Retiring Officers' Dinner Order Form

Mail order form and  
payment to:

Retiring Officers' Dinner  
NALC Secretary-Treasurer  
100 Indiana Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20001-2144

Checks payable to  
"Secretary-Treasurer, NALC"  
must be received no later  
than July 8.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for the NALC Retiring Officers' Dinner on Thursday, August 12, 2010, at the Hilton Anaheim. Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (@ \$80 per ticket). Tickets will be held for pickup at the Retiring Officers' Dinner ticket booth located in the convention registration area.

Person designated to pick up ticket(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Branch number \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number where you can be reached \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if you or anyone in your party has any special dietary considerations \_\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to "Secretary-Treasurer, NALC" must be received no later than July 8.

## Attention: Branch Officers:

# Make Sure Form 1189 is Filled Out Completely

Secretary-Treasurer Jane Broedel reminds branch officers that when they are completing Form 1189, **Request and Authorization for Voluntary Allotment from Annuity for Payment of Organization Dues to NALC**, please be sure the form is entirely completed, including the Civil Service Annuity Number (CSA).

Currently there is an overwhelming backlog at the Office of Personnel Management, thus, if the Form 1189 is not properly completed, a further delay in processing will occur.

# Tragedy Strikes Two Carriers NALC Members in California and Missouri Victims of Dog Attack and Lightning Bolt

NALC President Fred Rolando and members throughout the nation are mourning the loss of two union members killed while delivering mail on their routes in two dangerous situations that every letter carrier faces — dog attacks and hazardous weather.

Christine Jones, 34, was struck and killed by a bolt of lightning during a thunderstorm June 15 while she delivered mail on her route in Ferguson, a suburb of St. Louis. She was a member of NALC St. Louis Branch 343.

Hao Yun "Eddie" Lin, 33, a member of Garden Grove, California Branch 1100, died June 3 from head injuries after being attacked by a Rottweiler while he delivered mail May 25 in Oceanside, about 40 miles north of San Diego.

President Rolando said these two tragic deaths of letter carriers from incidents while delivering the mail points out the many dangers facing all carriers when they go out on their routes each day and is a reminder that all carriers should always be aware of their surroundings and prepared to take swift action when needed.

**"Our heartfelt sympathies go out to the families, friends and colleagues of Sister Jones and Brother Lin," Rolando said. "Both of these fine, young letter carriers were well-liked and conscientious in their work and they will be missed."**

Rolando said the union will be watching closely the official investigations into both of these fatal incidents.

According to the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, Jones took shelter under a large sweetgum tree during a driving rainstorm when lightning struck the tree, leaving a large scar on the tree and knocking off Jones' shoes and hat. She was pronounced dead a short time later at Christian Northeast Hospital. Among her survivors is a six-year old son.

Lin died in the hospital several days after the dog attack which occurred after the Rottweiler was able to push a door open, chased Lin down the block and then reportedly lunged or jumped on him, causing him to strike his head on the ground, according to the *San Diego Union-Tribune*. A passerby called for help after finding Lin on the ground, and hospital treatment was unsuccessful. Lin is survived by a wife and three children.

# NALC Receives 'J. Edward Day Award' From Association for Postal Commerce Rolando Accepts Honor for Union's Annual Food Drive

The National Association of Letter Carriers' annual food drive has received another award — the prestigious J. Edward Day Award of the Association of Postal Commerce, the highest honor bestowed by that organization.

NALC President Fred Rolando accepted the award on behalf of the union June 8 during PostCom's spring meeting in Washington, D.C. PostCom board chairman Joseph Schick presented the handsome wooden plaque to Rolando, who thanked the organization on behalf of all letter carriers.

NALC was the first group to receive the award, which in the past has gone to several postmasters general, legislative leaders and the head of the Postal Rate Commission.

In announcing the award, PostCom President Gene Del Polito said NALC was being honored in recognition of the service it "renders on behalf of the postal community and the nation through its annual food drive for the needy — a service that is singular in its importance and effect on the lives of thousands of Americans."



President Rolando holds the annual J. Edward Day Award of the Association for Postal Commerce, the organization's highest honor, presented June 8 during PostCom's spring meeting in Washington, D.C. The award was presented by PostCom Chairman Joseph Schick, left. At right is NALC Director of Public Relations Drew Von Bergen, the food drive's retiring national coordinator. (PostCom photo)

The award is named after former Postmaster General J. Edward Day, who served during the Kennedy administration and inaugurated the ZIP Code in 1963. The Association for Postal Commerce is a national association of businesses and organizations that use or support the use of mail as a medium for business communication or commerce.

# 8,694 Delegates Registered For Anaheim Convention

The number of delegates registered for the 67th Biennial NALC Convention August 9-13 at the Anaheim Convention Center has reached 8,694, representing 664 NALC branches throughout the nation.

The week-long convention, hosted by Garden Grove Branch 1100, will be one of the largest in NALC history. The record for officially credentialed delegates is 9,199 at the 2006 Las Vegas convention.

Formal registration at the convention site will begin on Saturday, August 7. The opening general session is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Monday, August 9.

# Seventh COLA – No Accumulation

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) for May, released on June 17 by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, continued to reflect no accumulation yet for a cost-of-living adjustment during the seventh COLA period under the 2006-2011 National Agreement. The period runs from January to July of this year.

**The CPI-W stood at 637.809 in May, still below the 644.303 level attained in July 2008.**

There also has not yet been any projected accumulation toward the 2011 retiree COLA based on the May CPI-W.

The projected accumulation toward the 2011 COLA for Federal Employees Compensation Act (FECA) participants, which is based on the increase in the CPI-W between December 2009 and December 2010, stood at 1.1 percent through May.