

Veterans Group, community service updates



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First and foremost, sisters and brothers who signed the dotted line: Thank you for your service, your sacrifice will never be forgotten.

“The soldier is the Army. No army is better than its soldiers. The soldier is also a citizen. In fact, the highest obligation and privilege of citizenship is that of bearing arms for one’s country.”—General George S. Patton Jr.

The NALC Veterans Group is more than 18,000 members strong. In 2021, we had over 4,000 members sign on... wow!

Launched in 2015, the group’s primary goal is to provide a tangible expression of sincere thanks for continued service, as well as to provide a meaningful forum for NALC’s military veterans. To join the group, you must be a NALC member in good standing—active or retired—who also is a military veteran.

Members of the NALC Auxiliary also are eligible. If you are a veteran and wish to join, you can request that a sign-up card be sent to you, join online at nalc.org/join-veterans or use the sign-up form provided in *The Postal Record* every month (see next page). Once you’ve joined the group, you’ll be sent a Veterans Group lapel pin, along with a letter of thanks from NALC President Fredric Rolando and a *Veterans Guide*, which is a booklet produced by NALC outlining the rights of veterans.

The NALC Veterans Group is designed to provide members with the information and tools specific to veterans’ rights and benefits within the U.S. Postal Service. You can find information and news about veterans at nalc.org/veterans. The group also gives veterans a sense of family and increased brother/sisterhood. There have been special stories published in *The Postal Record* about individual veterans that highlight their personal military history or their current work in their communities. If you have a special story or project involving veterans happening within your branch, please share it by emailing social@nalc.org.

Don’t forget about the Veterans Group memorabilia available for purchase. Group members can buy special union-made t-shirts from NALC’s Supply Department, as well as hats, drawstring bags, challenge coins and patches. The hat (available in black or camouflage) and the patch carry the group’s logo. Only NALC Veterans Group members are able to buy these

items, and it’s easy to do. Simply visit nalc.org, click on the Members Only icon in the upper righthand corner and sign in. If you’re a current group member, an icon labeled “Veterans Group” will appear on your home page.

MDA - 2022 DC Tough Mudder date correction



On Oct. 15, Team NALC will be running the Tough Mudder 5K at Budds Creek Motocross Park, located at 27963 Budds Creek Rd., Mechanicsville, MD. Here is the 2022 link to donate:

mda.donordrive.com/participant/ToughMudder. Please note: This is a correction to the date published in the February issue of *The Postal Record*, where it was erroneously listed as Oct. 8.

Register for the 30th Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive



Registration for the 2022

Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is now open. Branch presidents can register their branch via the Members Only portal on nalc.org. Please note that the 2022 Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is subject to change or cancellation if necessary to protect the safety and health of those involved in the food drive. The

traditional date of the food drive has been the second Saturday in May for a one-day in-person drive; however, even if it is unsafe to meet in person on that date, the food drive will continue virtually.

More 2021 additions for the NALC Disaster Relief Foundation contributors list

The following names also contributed in 2021 to the Disaster Relief Foundation (DRF):

Name	Branch
Cecelia Cason	1
Stephen Stewart	11
Ronnie Gast	14
Anita Guzik	24
James Chiusano	36
Mike O’Neill	38

Community service (cont.)

Name (cont.)	Branch		
Larry Cirelli	38	Mark Lesch	1439
Darren Conners	38	Keith Beltz	1569
Paul Toms	39	Jill Lemon	4006
Carol Rasmus-Fortunato	67	David San Agustin	4006
Andy Tuttle	104	Eileen Bayersdorfer-Ford	4862
Shawn Boyd	132	Estella Lopez	Other
David McGill	133		
Mariah Young	203		
Kenny Montgomery	210		
Tony Paolillo	294		
JoAnne Booth	295		
Richard Byrne	324		
Mark Camilli	358		
Brad Jasper	387		
Thomas Scibor	434		
Reggie Gentle	461		
Jeannine Gasper	609		
Annette Taylor	651		
Judy Willoughby	689		
Clarence McCarthy	709		
Red Bullock	709		
Sharon Cuthbertson	1071		
Brian Voigt	1291		

If you have a local vendor that may want to donate to the DRF, please contact me at disasterrelieffoundation@nalc.org and I can send you the DRF donation letter.

Thanks again to all those who gave in 2021. Your support helped many of your brothers and sisters in 2021. If you have not given in recent years, please find it in your heart to help your sisters and brothers who have been affected by a natural disaster. Just remember, you never know when it might be you who needs some help.

Donations should be sent to: NALC Disaster Relief Foundation, 100 Indiana Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20001-2144. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and your contribution may be tax deductible. It is recommended that you seek advice from your tax advisor. All donations from letter carriers, branches and state associations go directly to NALC members who need assistance—no administrative costs are deducted.

Join the NALC Veterans Group

The NALC Veterans Group is designed to provide NALC members—both active and retired letter carriers—who are also military veterans the ability to connect with fellow NALC veterans and stay informed on issues of importance to letter carrier veterans. It is free to join.

Members receive a pin as a symbol of gratitude for your military service and membership in NALC.

If you are interested in joining the group, complete the sign-up card at right and mail it to the address included. A fillable version is also available at nalc.org/veterans.



You continue to serve your country—
THANK YOU!

NALC Veterans Group

Complete this form and mail it to:
NALC Veterans Group, c/o NALC,
100 Indiana Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20001-2144

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

NALC BRANCH NUMBER: _____ BRANCH OF SERVICE: _____

I BELONG TO THE FOLLOWING VETERAN GROUP(S):

☐ AMERICAN LEGION ☐ DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS ☐ VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

☐ OTHER: _____

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