Veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces comprise almost a quarter of the membership of the National Association of Letter Carriers—active NALC members as well as retired members. As of right now, we have more than 14,800 members in the Veterans Group; however, there are thousands of members who are veterans and have not signed up. These veterans traded their military uniforms for letter carrier uniforms, and they continue to serve their communities and this great nation.

The creation of the NALC Veterans Group is intended to be something tangible and useful.

The NALC Veterans Group is designed to provide NALC members who are military veterans access to the information and tools specific to veterans’ rights and benefits within the U.S. Postal Service. It also is intended to give veterans a sense of family and more brotherhood/sisterhood. It seeks to provide all NALC members who are also military veterans—active full-time and part-time letter carriers, as well as retired letter carriers—resources, rights information and a sense of camaraderie.

NALC has made it easier for all veterans to sign up for the group. You can fill out the form on the website and mail it in, or you can fill out the form shown below and mail it in. And you can go to nalc.org/join-veterans, which will generate an email. You then will need to enter the information requested—name, address, branch number, military branch and any affiliated veterans groups. Once the fields are completed, press “send” and the email will be sent to me. I will then enter you in our NALC Veterans Group and send you an NALC Veteran pin.

Don’t forget about the Veterans Group memorabilia that is available to purchase if you are a member of the Veterans Group. These items would make a great gift from a branch to its veterans; call the Supply Department at 202-662-2873 to order. All proceeds go toward future Veterans Group projects.

Always remember, brothers and sisters: Serving you is my job, and serving our communities is all of our jobs. As I always say, “Help those in need, because you never know when it might be you in need.”

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