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# Pre-funding repeal bill reaches 272 co-sponsors

NALC has made the USPS Fairness Act (H.R. 2382) a priority and its momentum continues to rise. The bill would repeal the mandate that USPS pre-fund decades' worth of health benefits for its future retirees that was contained in the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (PAEA), adopted in 2006.

The repeal of the pre-funding mandate is key to achieving meaningful postal reform, because it would free the Postal Service to invest in its infrastructure and better utilize its universal network to serve business and residential customers. Even if a more comprehensive bill may struggle during the 116th Congress, enactment of H.R. 2382 would help improve Postal Service finances and put lawmakers in a good position to advance a broader postal reform bill in the next Congress, if not this one.

H.R. 2382 continues to add co-sponsors to its already sizable bipartisan majority support. Introduced on April 28 by Reps. Peter DeFazio (D-OR), Tom Reed (R-NY), Xochitl Torres Small (D-NM) and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), H.R. 2382 would eliminate a mandate that has cost an average of \$5.4 billion annually since 2007, while accounting for 92 percent of USPS's reported losses over the last 12 years and 100 percent over the last six years. Absent this burden, which applies to no other federal agency or private company, USPS would have recorded a surplus of nearly \$4 billion since 2013.

As this issue of the *NALC Bulletin* was going to press, the bill had 272 co-sponsors.

NALC members are encouraged to check whether their member of Congress is a co-sponsor. If not, you can reach their office by calling the Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121 and asking for their support and co-

sponsorship. While there is not currently a Senate companion bill, there is talk of one being introduced soon. When that happens, NALC will encourage all letter carriers to contact the two senators from their state and ask them to co-sponsor the bill, too.

Additionally, NALC supports five resolutions introduced in Congress. While non-binding, these resolutions send a strong message about the breadth of support for USPS and its mission.

While the priority resolutions on door delivery (H. Res. 23), six-day mail delivery (H. Res. 54) and opposing the privatization of USPS (H. Res. 33/S. Res. 99) all have achieved majority support with more than 218 co-sponsors in the House or (in the case of S. Res. 99) more than 50 in the Senate, the resolution on restoration of service standards (H. Res. 60) still needs more co-sponsors.

Another notable bill NALC is tracking is H.R. 141, the Social Security Fairness Act, introduced by Rep. Rodney Davis (R-IL). The bill would repeal the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) titles of the Social Security Act. As of press time, it had 218 co-sponsors.

Letter carriers can find a useful fact sheet on pre-funding and the USPS Fairness Act on NALC's Government Affairs page by clicking on the Legislative Action Center on the right-hand side of the page. This information and more legislative tools are available for your Android or iPhone smartphone through the NALC Member App.

## Branch Officers Training set for Washington, DC

A NALC Branch Officers Training session has been set for Jan. 27-30 in Washington, DC.

Branch Officers Training sessions consist of three and a half days of educational seminars tailored to assist branch presidents, vice presidents, treasurers, recording secretaries, financial secretaries and trustees in the performance of their duties.

The training covers the basics for financial officers: taxes; accounting systems and maintenance of proper controls; reporting to the Department of Labor; fiduciary duties under the Landrum-Griffin Act; bonding of branch officers and IRS reporting requirements.

Additional training topics include the *NALC Constitution* and branch bylaws; branch operations and identifying branch policies; maintaining accurate and complete meeting minutes; member notification requirements; record keeping; branch elections; and branch dues and how to read a dues roster.

The registration deadline for this training session is Dec. 16. Room rate (single/double) is \$189 plus tax.

Use the registration form below to register. **Note: Please do not make airline reservations until you receive an acceptance letter.**

## Branch Officers Training registration form

Please register me for the following NALC Branch Officers Training seminar:

☐ Jan. 27-30 in Washington, DC

Registration deadline is Dec. 16. Room rate [single/double] is \$189 plus tax.\*

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(one registrant per form, please)

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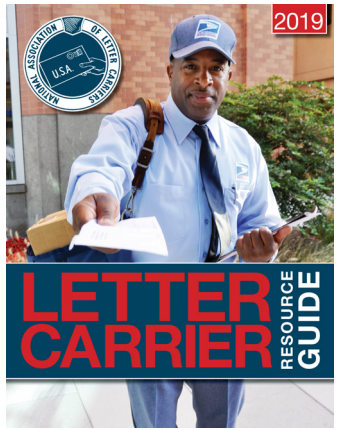
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## The printed version of the 2019 Letter Carrier Resource Guide is now available to order

The 2019 *Letter Carrier Resource Guide*, a comprehensive guide for every letter carrier, combines, updates, and replaces the 2016 *City Carrier Assistant Resource Guide* and the 2014 *Letter Carrier's Guide*. This new all-in-one guide was created for all letter carriers to obtain important information pertaining to every stage of their career. The guide includes updated rights and benefits, and relevant changes to these rights and benefits, as letter carriers progress from city carrier assistant to career status. The guide includes chapters on NALC structure, health benefits, pay, uniforms, workroom floor issues, community service, legislation and much more.

To order a printed version of the *Letter Carrier Resource Guide*, log on to the Members Only section of the NALC website, click the checkbox below the image of the guide and a copy will be mailed to your NALC address of record.

The guide is also available as a PDF at [nalc.org/resourceguide](http://nalc.org/resourceguide).



## Giving Tuesday for MDA

NALC is partnering with the Muscular Dystrophy Association to #DeliverTheCure during its Giving Tuesday campaign.

"No events, no equipment, no bags, and no going anywhere—you don't even need to get dressed, unless you want to," NALC Assistant to the President for Community Services Christina Vela Davidson said. "Just sit on your couch and hold your phone in your hand; it's that easy. It is what we do every day: texting. With one text, you can help transform the lives of people living with muscular dystrophy, ALS and related neuromuscular diseases."

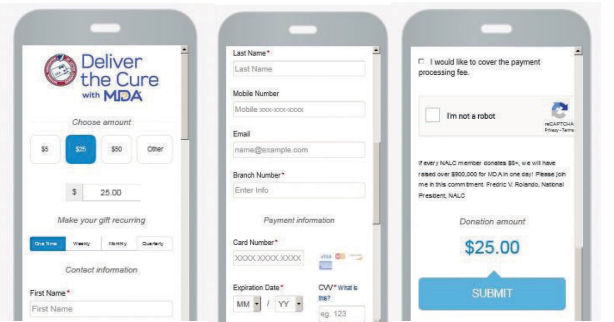
Giving Tuesday was established as a hashtag campaign (#GivingTuesday) in 2012. Giving Tuesday season will begin Nov. 5 and run through Dec. 3. NALC and MDA are asking letter carriers and their friends and family to support #DeliverTheCure on Giving Tuesday, to assist those kids and adults afflicted with muscular dystrophy, ALS and related diseases.

The following steps show you how easy it is to donate:

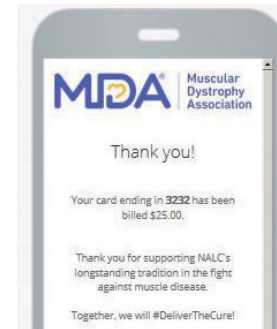
1. Text "DeliverTheCure" to 41444, and click on the link provided.



2. Complete the donation portion.



3. Once you have completed the donation, you will receive the following "thank you" note.



"Three steps—that's all it takes to #DeliverTheCure," Davidson said.



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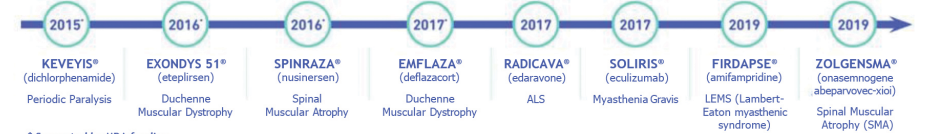
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I couldn't be more proud of our members. Each year, we raise more than \$1 million for MDA. From raffles, pancake suppers and golf tournaments to satchel drives, bowling tournaments, bingo nights and backyard carnivals with dunk tanks, your support for MDA has been truly remarkable. Today, I'm asking you to join me in a new nationwide campaign, and **all you need is your phone.**

Text **DeliverTheCure** to **41444** and make a one time or reoccurring donation of \$5 or more to MDA. If every NALC member donates \$5 or more, we will raise over \$900,000 for children and adults living with neuromuscular disease. This campaign will be running from now through #GivingTuesday in December and beyond, so there's plenty of time for members to donate and help raise funds.

Since 1952, the NALC has worked tirelessly to raise funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). Thanks to the dedication and energy of sisters and brothers like you, our union has helped accelerate innovations in science and care for muscular dystrophy, ALS, and other neuromuscular diseases.



Our first big campaign for MDA happened in 1953 during Thanksgiving week, when tens of thousands of letter carriers in more than 800 cities returned to their routes for a second time to raise money door to door. The effort was called "The Letter Carrier March for Muscular Dystrophy," nicknamed "The Porchlight Brigade."

The faithful commitment of our members has led to life-changing breakthroughs for people living with neuromuscular disease, including the development of **FDA-approved therapies** in the past five years alone.

With your help, we can become MDA's largest corporate donor for #GivingTuesday.

In Solidarity,

Fredric Rolando,  
NALC President

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