



Thousands of CCAs converted to PTF

In accordance with the memorandums of understanding (MOUs) Re: City Delivery Staffing Adjustment – Hiring Part-Time Flexible City Letter Carriers (M-01986 in NALC’s Materials Reference System) and Re: City Delivery Staffing Adjustment – Conversion to Part-time Flexible and Full-time Regular Status (M-01985), several thousand city carrier assistants (CCAs) will be converted to career positions by the end of July. The conversions under M-01986 have begun and were effective July 16, 2022. The conversions under M-01985 were effective July 30, 2022.

Additional installations added to M-01986

In accordance with the MOU Re: City Delivery Staffing Adjustment – Hiring Part-Time Flexible City Letter Carriers (M-01986), NALC and USPS have continued to monitor staffing levels. The parties have reached agreement to add several installations to the attachment of M-01986. These additional offices can be found in M-01988. The Postal Service will convert all city carrier assistants (CCAs) in these installations to part-time flexible (PTF) career status as soon as practicable, but no later than the first day of the second full pay period following the signing of the agreement for each particular installation. New hires in these installations will be career employees.

Projected accumulated COLA is \$2,517 through July

The projected accumulation toward the sixth regular cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) under the 2019-2023 National Agreement stood at \$2,517 annually in July following the release of the June 2022 consumer price index (CPI).

On July 13, the Bureau of Labor Statistics announced that the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W, 1967=100) stood at 871.393 in June, 126.017 points above the base level of 745.376 in July 2019. The accumulated COLA through June stood at 121 cents per hour, or \$2,517 annually.

The sixth COLA will be based on the increase in the CPI-W between the base index month and July 2022, less any previously calculated COLAs, and will be payable the second full pay period following the release of the July 2022 index. So far, the projected increase from the sixth COLA alone would result in an additional 3.9 percent pay increase (with one more month to calculate) for each step in the career pay schedules. The five previous COLAs paid under the 2019-2023 National Agreement have resulted in total pay increases for each step in the career pay schedules of at least 6.2 percent.

Food Drive total finalized at 41 million pounds

As the last branches reported their collection totals for the 2022 Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, the total for this year’s drive hit 41,238,551 pounds. Branches across the country returned to the annual tradition on Saturday, May 14, after two years during which the drive couldn’t be held for safety reasons related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

With this final number, in the 30 years since it began, the food drive has collected almost 1.9 billion pounds of food for the hungry.

In 2022, San Juan, PR Branch 869 collected the most food with 2,964,000 pounds, and Bellingham, WA Branch 450 collected the most money with \$59,724. The branches with the largest food collections in their branch size categories, and the results reported from every branch, are listed in the July edition of *The Postal Record*.

One category in the list of top branches has been updated since the July *Postal Record*. The top branch for Category 5 (500-699 members) is now Ponce, PR Branch 826 with 357,300 pounds.

NALC President Fredric Rolando praised NALC members for their hard work in bringing back the food drive. “Letter carriers jumped back into the food drive this year,” he said. “They see firsthand how some in their communities struggle with hunger, and they saw the gratitude on the faces of local food bank volunteers as they gathered bag after bag of food.”



Moratorium in effect on grievance time limits for convention

NALC and USPS have agreed to a moratorium on the time limits for the processing of all grievances at the local, regional and national levels due to the NALC’s 72nd National Convention to be held in Chicago the week of Aug. 8. The 31-day moratorium began Saturday, July 30, and conclude on Monday, Aug. 29.

This agreement (M-01987 in NALC’s Materials Reference System) can be found on nalc.org.

Make an appointment to donate blood

The Red Cross will hold a blood drive at McCormick Place on Wednesday, Aug. 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Room W192bc. Appointments are strongly suggested. To make an appointment, call 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: NALC. Bring a photo ID or your blood donor card, or two other forms of ID. You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass. Visit RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass for more information.

Support MDA with Monday event

Join us for a Hawaiian Night to Remember to support the Muscular Dystrophy Association on Monday, Aug. 8, from 7 to 10 p.m. in Chicago at NALC’s 72nd Biennial Convention. Tickets are limited—only 1,500 tickets are available for \$100 each. All proceeds go toward MDA and its efforts to #DeliverTheCure for neuromuscular diseases. Register now at mda.donordrive.com/participant/convention.

Veterans Group to host Ruck March

The NALC Veterans Group is hosting a 2.6-mile Ruck March on Aug. 10 at 6:30 p.m. at NALC’s 72nd Biennial Convention in Chicago. Sign up for \$40 and you’ll receive a memorial T-shirt. Proceeds will support Chicago Veterans, a nonprofit organization that empowers veterans to take control of their transitions throughout life. Sign up now at nalc-info.org/veterans-march.

Take a tour of Chicago

The following tours will be available during the NALC convention. To sign up in advance for a tour, go to <https://app.gruupmeet.com/groups/eNeOZsTtDFCD-w/bookings>.

- Jazz and Blues Tour with Soul Food Lunch
- Chicago Neighborhood Tour with Box Lunch
- Chicago Architecture Tour
- Barrel Bus Gangster Tour
- Lakefront Lunch Cruise and Navy Pier Centennial Wheel

Use the QR code at right to find out more about these tours and to register.

