

You ought to be in pictures



NALC recognizes winners of the 'Life of a Letter Carrier' photo contest





NALC was looking for photos that capture the high spirits and hard struggles of letter carrier work. In the office or out on the route, interacting with co-workers or delivering to patrons, in rain, snow, sleet and on those sunny days, we wanted to see what you've got.

The "Life of a Letter Carrier" contest ran from January 1 through June 30, so we saw carriers in all kinds of weather and seasons. NALC members were eager to illustrate their everyday lives on their routes and in their communities.

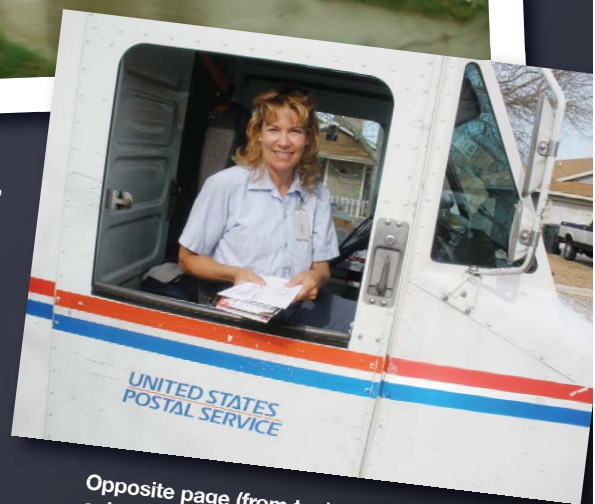
"Letter carriers are the hardest-working men and women in America, and this contest is one more way that we can honor their work," NALC President Fred Rolando said in announcing the contest. "We hope the membership will join in and deliver images that show everyone who sees them

just what an integral thread letter carriers are to the fabric of the nation."

Members of *The Postal Record* staff sifted through a multitude of intriguing entries that showed lively facets of letter carrier life. We saw portrayals of carriers in all seasons of the year and in both the serious and fun sides of the job.

In the end, Santa Fe Branch 989 member Lupe Garza's self portrait was chosen as "Best in Show" for its creative viewpoint. An additional 12 winners were also selected, displaying their subjects casing and delivering mail and participating in a neighborhood parade, among other postal millieus.

The best photos were showcased at the national convention in Anaheim in August and will be featured at NALC Headquarters in Washington. ✉



Opposite page (from top): Photos were submitted by Lupe Garza of Santa Fe Branch 989; Leticia Ginochio of Sacramento Branch 133; and Ronny Harper of Atlanta Branch 73.

This page (from top): Among the contest winners were Denise Knox of Newport News, VA Branch 609; Sylvia Pyzocha of Western MA Branch 46; Traci Wyrick of Killeen, TX Branch 4217; Mike Hartranft of Easton, PA Branch 389; and Conrad Ellaga of Monterey, CA Branch 1310.

