



# Help support our troops at the convention

**T**he 2012 NALC biennial national convention will be conducted July 23-27 in Minneapolis. The NALC Auxiliary convention is held simultaneously with our convention. This year, delegates from the two conventions will work together to collect from delegates donated items that will be sent to active U.S. military units currently deployed out of the country. With volunteers from both conventions, we will pack the items into boxes, label the boxes and prepare them for shipping.


We also will distribute NALC-watermarked postcards for delegates to write personal messages of support and thanks to our armed-service members. These postcards will then be placed in with the boxes along with the other goods collected.

Examples of requested items are beef jerky, shampoo, deodorant, prepaid phone cards, baby wipes, lip balm, lotion, AA batteries, playing cards, energy bars and gum. Some items are prohibited: anything obscene or pornographic, liquor, cigarettes, aerosol cans, live plants or animals.

We will place USPS gurneys with labels/posters to identify collection points for this drive at several locations throughout the Minneapolis Convention Center. Depending on the volume and number of donations, we can use USPS flat-rate boxes or larger types of boxes to ship the items. The assembly of the packages is the most labor-intensive task and relies on volunteers from among Auxiliary members and NALC delegates. Family members of delegates in attendance also will be welcome to participate in this rewarding endeavor. The boxes will be shipped to

a number of active deployed armed forces units that will be identified by our military partners.

The NALC Military Care Packages Program is the latest in a long successful history of action by the NALC Auxiliary, including 2011's call to action in Wisconsin, recruitment for Carrier Corps and our e-Activist Network, participation in town hall meetings, writing letters to the editor, rallying for the "Save America's Postal Service" campaign, and helping with Fill the Satchel and the National Bowlathon to raise funds for the MDA.

**Eligibility for membership as a regular member of the NALC Auxiliary** is open to spouses, significant others and family members over 16 years of age of active or retired members of the NALC. To sign up as a member, complete the form below. 



**Include me in the fight for letter carrier rights**

**Sign me up as an Auxiliary member!**

Branch No. \_\_\_\_\_ Branch City \_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

I am a family member of NALC member \_\_\_\_\_ of Branch \_\_\_\_\_

**Return form with membership fee of \$17.50 to a local Auxiliary member or mail to:  
NALC Auxiliary  
Marie Rasmussen, Secretary  
3136 Elderberry Road, Racine, WI 53402**