

Three NALC members die in separate incidents

On June 10, Boston Branch 34 member **Daniel Rogers**, 61, became ill while delivering mail on his route. The 17-year letter carrier returned to his LLV, where he was later found unconscious. Rogers was then taken to a hospital, where he died a short time later.



Daniel Rogers

Rogers was an Army veteran who served in Vietnam from 1969 to 1972. He is survived by his wife, Sara, five children and six grandchildren.



Alan Nobile

On June 17, Long Island Merged, NY Branch 6000 member **Alan Nobile**, 53, died after his LLV was rear-ended and crashed into a tree. The *Oyster Bay Guardian* reported that the 29-year deaf letter carrier survived the crash and was taken to a local hospital, but that he suffered a fatal heart attack there.

Nobile, an outstanding softball player, also played basketball in his spare time on teams for deaf people. He is survived by his wife, Merry, and three children.

On June 18, Minneapolis Branch 9 member **Leo Brandt**, 58, was struck by a vehicle and killed as he arrived for work in Brooklyn Center.



Leo Brandt

A letter carrier since 1987, Brandt was known for his deep faith, which inspired him to spend much of his free time ministering to inmates at area correctional facilities. He is survived by his wife, Loreese, four children and two grandchildren.

“The thoughts and prayers of the entire NALC membership are with the families of these dedicated letter carriers at this extremely difficult time,” NALC President Fredric Rolando said. **PR**

First annual Vinny's Walk raises money for MDA



On June 23, the Sombrotto family joined letter carriers from throughout New York and New Jersey in Battery Park in New York City for the first annual Vinny's Walk for MDA to honor the memory of NALC President Emeritus Vincent Sombrotto. Like Muscle Walks sponsored by branches across the country, this event helped raise money to fund research and provide aid to families. NALC President Fredric Rolando kicked off the event by saying, “This is a great

way to honor Vincent Sombrotto's contributions to fighting muscular dystrophy. I want to encourage all branches to make Vinny's Walk a nationwide event annually.” After the walk along the Hudson, participants were treated to music and booths filled with food, games and memorabilia for sale. A total of \$20,551 was raised. Special thanks go to Region 15 Regional Administrative Assistant Orlando Gonzales and a team of dedicated letter carriers for organizing the event.

