

Made in America

The contributions of America's industrial-era workers have been memorialized by the Postal Service on a new sheet of Forever stamps titled *Made in America: Building a Nation*. The stamps, which feature black-and-white photographs of early 20th-century industrial workers, were dedicated at the Department of Labor on Aug. 8. Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe and NALC President Fredric Rolando were among those who took part in the unveiling ceremony.



NALC at the 2013 DEMOCRACY CONVENTION

Two years ago, the nation was captivated by the struggle in Madison, WI, over worker rights and economic democracy. That struggle spawned many other state battles over collective bargaining and voting rights. In August, unionists and progressive activists from across America returned to Madison for the 2013 Democracy Convention to strengthen the coalitions that are resisting attempts to destroy the labor movement and restrict the right to vote. NALC Chief of Staff Jim Sauber was there to represent NALC.

The dual themes of economic and political democracy dominated the conference, which drew nine progressive coalitions as participants. The right to organize and collectively bargain is central to economic democracy, and strong voting rights and sensible campaign finance rules are crucial to political democracy. NALC has fought side by side with other unions for both causes.

Sauber promoted vote by mail as a solution to the national assault on voting rights. The Supreme Court's right-wing rulings on campaign finance regulation (the *Citizen's United* case) and the Voting Rights Act have tipped the balance of our elections in favor of the wealthy elite and big corporations. Sauber argued that voting by mail can level the playing field by making voting easier and boosting turnout among working people. He also gave a presentation on the fight to save the U.S. Postal Service and how to protect the collective-bargaining rights of its workers.

Participants at the convention have rallied to our cause through the Delivering for America website. **PR**

Hotels for 2014 convention

The NALC has made special arrangements with 23 hotels to accommodate letter carrier delegates attending the 2014 convention in Philadelphia, July 21-25. All NALC-block hotels are within one mile of the convention center; room rates are shown below. The room rates have been set so branches can begin budgeting for the convention. **Please do not contact the hotels.** All room reservations will be made through the NALC official housing company.

Courtyard Philadelphia Downtown

\$189 single/double
\$209 triple/\$299 quad

DoubleTree by Hilton Philadelphia City Center

\$185 single/double
\$205 triple/\$225 quad

Embassy Suites Philadelphia City Center

\$185 single/double
\$204 triple/\$224 quad

Four Points by Sheraton City Center

\$155 single/double
\$165 triple/\$175 quad

Four Seasons Hotel Philadelphia

\$199 single/double
\$224 triple/\$249 quad

*Hampton Inn Philadelphia City Center

\$154 single/double
\$164 triple/\$174 quad

*Hilton Garden Inn Philadelphia City Center

\$199 single/double
\$219 triple/no quads

*Holiday Inn Express Philadelphia —Penn's Landing

\$159 single/double
\$169 triple/\$179 quad

*Holiday Inn Express Midtown

\$169 single/double
\$179 triple/\$189 quad

Home2Suites by Hilton Philadelphia Convention Center

\$185 single/double
\$195 triple/\$205 quad

*Hyatt Regency Philadelphia

\$189 single/double
\$214 triple/\$239 quad

*The Latham Hotel

\$149 single/double
\$159 triple/\$169 quad

LeMeridan Philadelphia

\$209 single/double
\$229 triple/\$249 quad

*Radisson Blu-Warwick Hotel Philadelphia

\$189 single/\$209 double
\$232 triple/\$252 quad

The Ritz Carlton Philadelphia

\$219 single/double
\$254 triple/no quads

*Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown (Headquarters Hotel)

\$189 single/double
\$209 triple/\$219 quad

Sheraton Philadelphia Society Hill

\$169 single/double
\$189 triple/\$209 quad

*Sheraton Philadelphia University City Hotel

\$179 single/double/triple/quad

Sofitel Philadelphia

\$199 single/double
\$214 triple/\$224 quad

Sonesta Hotel Philadelphia

\$175 single/double
\$185 triple/\$195 quad

The Westin Philadelphia

\$199 single/double
\$219 triple/\$239 quad

The Windsor Suites

\$199 single/double
\$209 triple/quad

Wyndham Philadelphia Historic District

\$177 single/\$187 double
\$200 triple/\$212 quad

***Denotes a union hotel**

7 percent sales tax and 8.5 percent occupancy tax per day (subject to change)