

No probationary period for some new career carriers

The NALC and USPS have agreed to renew three Memorandums of Understanding: Re: Full-time Regular Opportunities – City Letter Carrier Craft (M-01856), Re: Sunday Delivery – City Carrier Assistant Staffing (M-01857), and Re: Signing Overtime Lists (M-01858).

The MOUs remain largely unchanged except for one significant

change in M-01857, where the parties agreed that city carrier assistants (CCAs) who served a cumulative 360 days as a CCA directly before being converted to full-time career status will not serve a probationary period.

You can read more about these MOUs in Director of City Delivery Brian Renfro's column on page 26. **PR**

Rap session housing information now available

Participants planning to attend the NALC's 2015 National Conference—better known as a “rap session”—may now begin making their hotel reservations. National rap sessions for state and branch presidents (or their designees) are authorized in non-convention years by the *NALC Constitution* under Article 3, Section 4(b).

The session will be held July 17-19 in Houston, with registration taking place on Friday, July 17, followed by a full day of workshops on Saturday, July 18, and the conference session itself on Sunday, July 19.

To help the national union plan the event, state and branch presidents will soon receive a

postcard instructing them to use a link on the NALC website to indicate whether their state and branch organizations will participate in the rap

session and, if so, who will represent them in Houston.

A limited number of rooms have been set aside for attendees at the Hilton Americas—Houston, with a group rate of \$169 single/double (plus 17 percent tax). A charge of \$20 will be added for each guest over double occupancy, with a maximum of four guests per room.

To receive the group rate, callers must identify they are with the NALC using group code **1LC**.

The Hilton is located in the heart of downtown Houston, across the street from Discovery Green Park, next to Toyota Center and two blocks from Minute Maid Park.

Note: Rates cannot be changed at check-in or check-out for guests who fail to identify their affiliation with NALC at the time the reservation is made.

All reservations and any changes must be made by the cutoff date of Monday, June 23. After this date, reservations will be accepted by the hotel based on availability and hotel rate.

Visit nalc.org for full reservation details, as well as information about travel to and from the hotel from one of Houston's two airports. **PR**

