

NALC behind the scenes



**Judy
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This month I take the opportunity to wish one of our NALC building employees the best of luck in his retirement. As assistant secretary-treasurer, one of my duties is being the national officer in charge of maintaining and operating the NALC Headquarters building, known as the Vincent R. Sombrotto building, located at 100 Indiana Ave. NW in Washington, DC. While I'm the officer in charge, it is really individuals on staff who maintain and operate our building.

We have a great building staff that consists of two very talented engineers who run our heating and cooling systems, and who perform electrical and plumbing duties as well as many other functions. Mike Hicok and Bill Jenkins have been a part of NALC for more than 27 years. Their knowledge of the building and pride they have are shown through the way they keep up the building. Gilberto Castro, our painter, keeps up the interior and his work is spectacular, like the others'.

That leaves me with Owen Croggon, our carpenter who, for more than 30 years, maintained with great pride the interior portion of our building, and his excellent work can be seen on every floor. Desks, shelves, countertops, valances and many other wood works are his work. You cannot buy anything better than what he can make. Owen

recently decided to retire, and I wish him the best in his retirement and thank him for all the wonderful years he spent taking care of our building. Owen certainly made a difference, and he will be missed.

In addition to our NALC building staff are our guards. When entering our building today, you may be greeted by one of three other employees who take pride in ensuring our security is top-notch. James Scarborough (guard/driver), Towan Gallion (guard) and Ramon Turner (guard/porter) are security personnel and do an outstanding job.

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Veterans Day

I wish all our veterans and their families a very happy Veterans Day.



Above, left and right: NALC Headquarters building carpenter Owen Croggon recently retired after 30 years of service. Above, center, (l to r): Croggon, NALC painter Gilberto Castro, and NALC building engineers Bill Jenkins and Mike Hicok.