

## Tech tools at your fingertips



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**T**he NALC website, [nalc.org](http://nalc.org), contains a plethora of information related to letter carriers and our union. You can find nearly anything you need there—news, documents, contractual resources, NALC publications and more. As use of the internet has grown from computers to mobile devices such as phones and tablets, we developed the NALC Member App to provide this information in a mobile format. These are important resources for our members, the press and others interested in the Postal Service and our union.

There is also a need to limit access to some information only to NALC members. To accomplish this, we created a members-only portal. It can be accessed by visiting the website and clicking or tapping “MEMBERS ONLY” in the top right of the home page.

You will be prompted to create a login by entering information that you will likely know by heart. The portal includes access to documents, information and programs that are only intended for the use of NALC members. It also includes an area where members can update their contact information, Letter Carrier Political Fund (LCPF) contributions and more.

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We are in the process of expanding access and adding exciting new tools to the members-only portal. One feature in the works is the addition of an easy way to contact your member of Congress about legislative issues important to letter carriers. We soon will have a link that will take you to a page where you can send a personalized message to your senator or representative. The tool will include assistance with the message.

Another is the addition of a process to contribute to LCPF via credit or debit card. Many members prefer to contribute

in this manner. This will be a simple process that will be available soon.

As I mentioned earlier, use of the internet is constantly shifting from conventional computers to mobile devices such as phones and tablets. We are working to make the members-only portal easily accessible in this manner as well.

Currently, you can access the portal through a mobile web browser on your phone or tablet by following the instructions mentioned above. But as many of you know, custom-made apps for smartphones provide the easiest access on mobile devices.

### Members-only app coming soon

**A version of a members-only app has already been created:** the NALC Work Hour Tracker, which should be available this month. The app allows letter carriers to track their work hours to ensure that their time is properly recorded, and, more importantly, that they are paid correctly by the Postal Service.

The app will require an easy login process after downloading to verify membership. You may use it to make entries for when you clocked in and out for the day, as well as entries such as office and street moves.

Additionally, you may review and edit these entries by logging in to the members-only portal through the web browser on your computer or mobile device. Future updates will incorporate the review and editing process within the app.

Our plan is to continue to build what is starting as the NALC Work Hour Tracker into a comprehensive members-only app that provides access not only to the Work Hour Tracker but to the information available in the members-only web portal, including the legislative and political updates I mentioned above.

I encourage you to log in to the members-only portal and explore everything available there. Please keep an eye out for the new app and its future improvements to provide easy access to as much useful information as possible.

### Thank you

**I want to thank all NALC members who voted in the recent national officer election.** I’m humbled and thankful to be elected to continue to serve as executive vice president of our great union. You, our members, are the reason our union has a rich past and an unwavering resolve to fight for what’s best for letter carriers now and in the future.