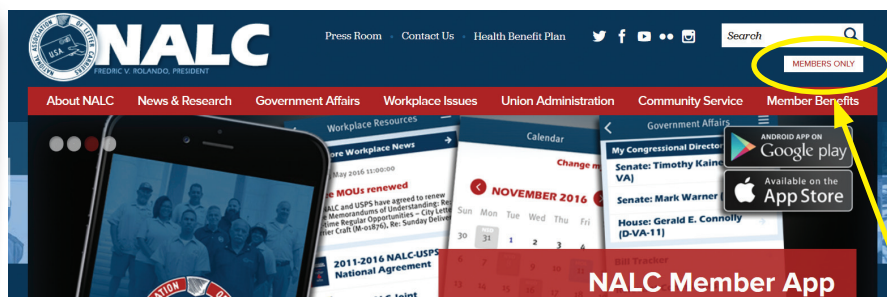
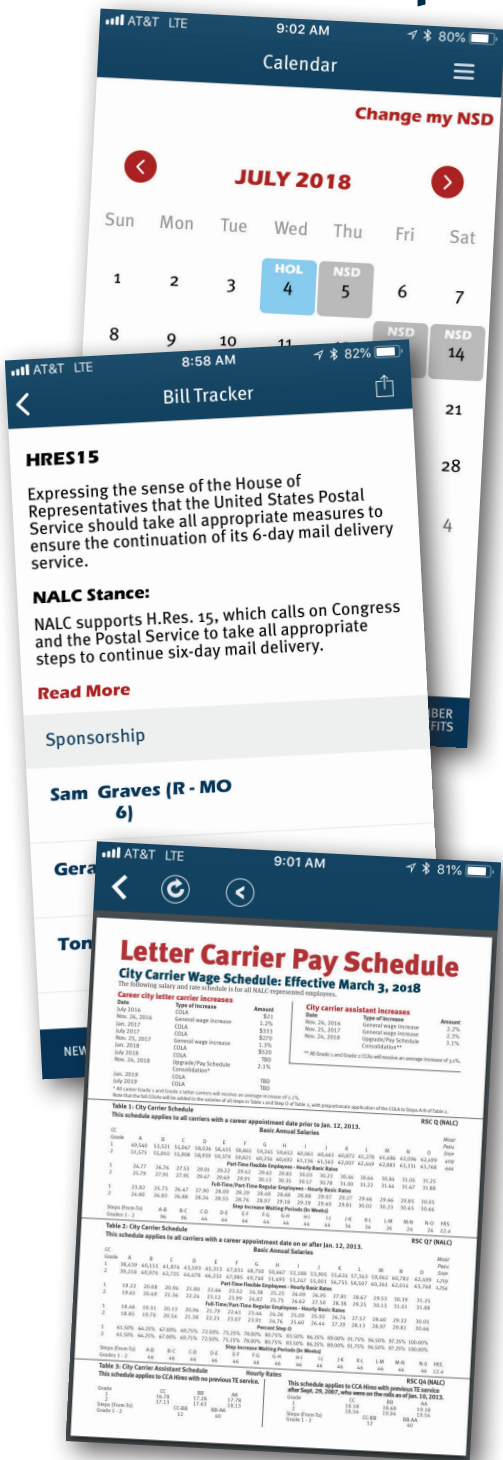


Membership has its (technological) privileges



The Member App for iPhone and Android smartphones and the website's members-only portal bring a wealth of NALC information and literature to your fingertips.

The Member App has been downloaded 76,000 times since it was launched in 2016, a testament to its usefulness. It has a wealth of membership and benefit information, with one of the handiest features for letter carriers being its interactive non-scheduled days (NSD) calendar.

Whether you have a rotating or fixed schedule, you can see your non-scheduled days for years in advance, if you so desire. And when your NSD lands on a holiday, the app shifts the holiday designation to the correct day, meaning you'll know exactly how many days you have unscheduled. The calendar is also linked to the NALC Google calendar, so you'll see important union dates marked in red.

Links to workplace resources—including the National Agreement, the *Joint Contract Administration Manual (JCAM)*, the Materials Reference System (MRS) and the *City Carrier Assistant Resource Guide*—and legislative tools—such as a bill tracker, an individualized list of your congressional representatives and information on the Letter Carrier Political Fund (LCPF)—abound.

If you haven't downloaded it yet, there's no time like the present. The

app is free and available in the App Store for iPhones or Google Play for Androids. Search for "NALC Member App." For more information and an easy how-to guide on installation, go to nalc.org/app.

Members-only portal

In the upper right-hand corner of the website, nalc.org, a white button with red lettering says "MEMBERS ONLY." Gaining access could not be easier. After you click the button on the home page, you will be asked to log in by creating an account. After entering some basic information, you will be asked to create a password and choose security questions to help you regain access if you forget your password. That is all.

It is the gateway to a trove of data: from for-your-eyes-only membership information to tools coordinating legislative initiatives, the food drive, the Veterans Group and more.

Not only does this part of the website help members access resources, it "helps stewards and branch leaders do their jobs on behalf of members," NALC President Fredric Rolando said.

"Since we launched the NALC website in the 1990s," he added, "our goal has been to give all members the information they need online, in the most convenient form possible. We will never stop looking at new and improved ways to do that." **PR**