The NALC Veterans Group is more than 13,700 members strong. Launched in 2015, the group’s primary goal is to provide a tangible expression of sincere thanks for continued service, as well as to provide a meaningful forum for NALC’s military veterans.

To join the group, you must be an NALC member in good standing—active or retired—who also is a military veteran. Members of the NALC Auxiliary also are eligible. If you are a veteran and wish to join, you can request that a sign-up card be sent to you, join online at nalc.org/join-veterans or use the sign-up form below.

Once you’ve joined the group, you’ll be sent a Veterans Group lapel pin, along with a letter of thanks from NALC President Fredric Rolando and a Veterans Guide on behalf of the union.

The NALC Veterans Group is designed to provide members information and tools specific to veterans’ rights and benefits within the U.S. Postal Service. It also gives veterans a sense of family and more brotherhood/sisterhood.

There also have been special stories about individual veterans that highlight their personal military history or their current work in their communities. You can also find information and news about veterans at nalc.org/veterans.

The NALC Veterans Group has its own space and great camaraderie, all of which was on display at our 2018 national convention in Detroit, when group members in attendance wore their patriotic red Veterans Group T-shirts. It was an amazing sight to see thousands of specially outfitted members literally wearing their pride—shoulders back and chins up.

Don’t forget about the Veterans Group memorabilia that is available to purchase. Group members can buy these special union-made T-shirts from NALC’s Supply Department—plus new hats, drawstring bags, challenge coins and patches. The hat (available in black or camouflage) and the patch carry the group’s logo.

Only NALC Veterans Group members are able to buy these items, and it’s easy to do. Simply visit nalc.org, click on the “Members Only” button in the upper right-hand corner and sign in. If you’re a current group member, an icon labeled “Veterans Group” will appear on your home page. Click on it to access a fillable order form for a T-shirt ($15 each), patch ($2 each), drawstring bag ($10 each) and hat ($15 each). All prices include shipping.

You can order all of the items you’d like, and your invoice will calculate your total cost automatically. Next, click “Print Invoice” and mail your payment along with the invoice to: NALC Veterans Group Order, c/o National Association of Letter Carriers, 100 Indiana Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20001-2144. Alternatively, you can order by phone and pay with a credit card by calling the NALC Supply Department at 202-662-2873.

Always remember, brothers and sisters: Serving you is my job, and serving our communities is all of our jobs. As I always say, “Help those in need, because you never know when it might be you in need.”

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Join the NALC Veterans Group today

The NALC Veterans Group is designed to provide NALC members—both active and retired letter carriers—who are also military veterans the ability to connect with fellow NALC veterans and stay informed on issues of importance to letter carrier veterans. It is free to join.

Members receive a pin as a symbol of gratitude for your military service and membership in NALC.

If you are interested in joining the group, complete the sign-up card at right and mail it to the address included. A fillable version is also available at nalc.org/veterans.