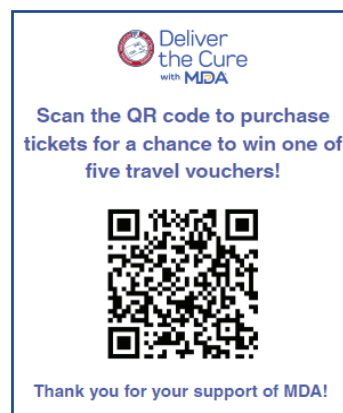
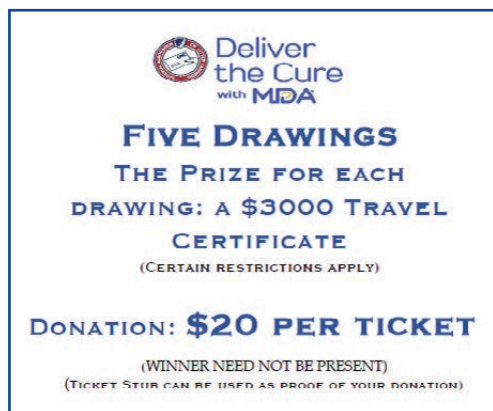


MDA raffle tickets

As NALC members know, the national convention is right around the corner. NALC will sell raffle tickets for MDA at the national convention, but you can get them beforehand. The tickets are \$20 each and there will be five drawings.

NALCConvention26, and the QR code is below. Thank you in advance! See you at the convention.



Each winner will win a \$3,000 travel voucher. Here is the link for electronic sales: mda.donordrive.com/

Also, if there are any events you want NALC to promote or for MDA Coordinator Christina Vela Davidson to attend, send a letter or an email. Have questions or need assistance? Contact the MDA service team member at nalc@mداusa.org or 719-640-8625.

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serial process they are not equipped to deal with.

Because of the new mandatory requirement for SECOPs in cases involving degenerative conditions, it is in the interest of injured letter carriers filing such claims to seek out a board-certified orthopedic surgeon for their attending physician

right at the beginning of the claims process. (The April, May, June and July 2024 issues of *The Postal Record* discuss the medical evidence required to respond to adverse SECOPs.

Next month's column will continue the discussion of the changes to the FECA Procedure Manual that FECA Transmittal 26-2 has created.

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this will substantially increase Amazon's already large presence in the delivery market. In just 12 years, Amazon has built a massive delivery network that directly competes with the Postal Service, benefitting from a largely unregulated delivery market in the United States that allows it to cherry-pick where it delivers and to use employment structures that evade attempts at unionization of its delivery drivers. Amazon Supply Chain Services further threatens the Postal Service's already precarious financial position.

It is clear that reductions in universal service are becoming more appealing to post offices and governments

as a way to address financial crises, and this includes our own. Postmaster General Steiner said recently during a USPS Board of Governors meeting that the agency intends to consider pursuing legislative reform to "remove the mandates that ensure the Postal Service loses money... [like] days and levels of service, the ability to close unprofitable post offices."

UNI's worker demands call into question the message that the expense of universal service is the cause of financial crisis, or at least the sole cause. As this debate heats up in the United States, the country will need to consider what kind of Postal Service it wants. NALC, like UNI, can help shape this debate.