

HONORING LONGTIME MEMBERS

The NALC honors its retirees in a unique way. Our retirees are an integral part of our organization and, as such, retain both their membership and union rights. But more than that, when they have belonged to the NALC for 50 years or more, we honor them with either a gold card membership card, a lapel pin or a plaque. The gold cards are present to our 50-year members (since 1939); the

lapel pins are given to our 60-year members (since 1954), 65-year and 55-year members (since 2012); and the plaques are awarded on the members' 70th and 75th anniversaries (since 1974). A number of 80-year plaques have also been awarded (since 2014).

Most of our branches make quite an occasion of the actual presentations, and the national president writes a letter to the retiree expressing their per-

sonal gratitude for the member's continuing support of NALC over the years.

The following presentations of life membership awards and above have been made since the Detroit convention:

75-year plaques	32
70-year plaques	249
65-year pins	530
60-year pins	1,438
55-year pins	2,675
50-year gold cards	7,958