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## Convention Update!

# June 15 Deadline Nears To Register Delegates Also for Amendments and Resolutions

**Thursday, June 15** is a critical date for any NALC member planning to attend the 65<sup>th</sup> Biennial NALC Convention this August in Las Vegas, Nevada. That is the deadline by which delegate registration forms **must be received** at NALC headquarters, along with housing requests and deposits.

All branches were mailed in February a three-part "Delegate Registration & Hotel Reservation Form" along with a delegate eligibility list and housing booklet. **Branch secretaries are reminded that the white registration/reservation sheet copy MUST be returned to NALC Headquarters, even if the branch is not making housing reservations.** Failure to send in the white form could mean the branch delegation will be denied credentials and be unable to participate.

**June 15** is also the deadline for submission of proposed amendments to the NALC Constitution to have them considered at the Convention, and also is the deadline to have any proposed resolutions printed in the *Resolutions and Amendments* book that will be provided to Convention delegates.

- **Constitutional amendments** must be submitted to national headquarters by the June 15 deadline – 60 days in advance of the convention. Proposed amendments are printed in *The Postal Record* in advance of the convention.
- **Resolutions** received or proposed after June 15 may still be considered by delegates, but will **not** be in the *Resolutions and Amendments* book.

Proposed amendments and resolutions must conform to the provisions set in Articles 12 and 19 of the NALC Constitution. Any resolution considered and approved by a previous convention will not be considered at Las Vegas unless the motion is to disapprove or rescind a previously approved action.

Proposed amendments and all resolutions should be sent to: Secretary-Treasurer Jane E. Broedel, NALC Headquarters, 100 Indiana Ave. NW, Washington DC 20001-2144.

To purchase tickets to the **Retiring Officers' Dinner** on Thursday, August 17 at the Las Vegas Hilton Hotel, see the form in the May issue of *The Postal Record* or the April 28 edition of the *NALC Bulletin*.

For information and reservation form for **Las Vegas tours**, see the April issue of *The Postal Record*.



# Another Great Drive! Branches Report Solid Success In Effort to 'Stamp Out Hunger'



Top left shows Upland, CA Br. 2168 Secretary Lily Marino holding the popular Campbell Soup inflated can that dotted the Nation's landscape on food drive day, and at right Br. 689 letter carriers (l-r) Mike Fann, Julie Gustavson, Ardie Dolan, Jason Quinn, Mark Furlong and Judy Chilly with their haul in St. Augustine, FL. At bottom left, Br. 6119 members Larry Booksh and Ernest Rogers unload van in Metairie, Louisiana; in center, Wichita, KS, Br. 201 member Sharlene Shaffer unloads her LLV for delivery to the Derby Community Food Bank; and at right New Hampshire Merged Br. 44 member Jim Fucella sloshes through rain and puddles to pick up donation in Bedford, NH.

Letter carriers always deliver and that was the case on Food Drive Day 2006 despite unrelenting rain in much of the Midwest and New England. Donations were collected at mailboxes all across America as city and rural letter carriers delivered the mail May 13 and the citizenry came through.

Reports received at NALC headquarters as the *NALC Bulletin* went to press indicate another strong drive that will help supply community food banks and pantries throughout the summer months.

**The national total will be announced June 6 in conjunction with National Hunger Awareness Day.**

This year saw many innovations - the huge Campbell Soup inflatable cans, the Harlem Globetrotters starring in a PSA for television, 8 million plastic bags for Florida residents compliments of the Publix grocery chain, and a new excitement that brought in scores of NALC branches and rural-only post offices that never participated before.

NALC President William H. Young expressed the appreciation of the union's national officers for the spirit of volunteerism displayed by so many to make the drive a success.

**"The past year has been a particularly difficult one for many pantries and shelters as more and more families rely on them to make ends meet,"** Young said. **"Hopefully the hard work and unselfish dedication of letter carriers, along with rural carriers and other postal employees, will allow millions of American men, women and children in need have a more enjoyable summer."**

"Our thanks also go to our national partners in this effort – the U.S. Postal Service, Campbell Soup Company, Cox Target Media - Valpak; America's Second Harvest; United Way of America and local United Ways; the AFL-CIO and its affiliated unions, and of course, our favorite cartoonist, Bil Keane," Young added.

Throughout the nation, letter carriers, the NALC and the Postal Service were praised for the humanitarian effort, which is recognized as the largest one-day food drive in the United States.

"It's amazing," Br. 3223 carrier Pam Pease said of food collected in Yreka, California. "And I'm talking about quality food items. People gave us food that they would buy for their own families."

"We're already looking forward to next year's drive," Pease told the *Siskiyou (CA) Daily News*.

"This is awesome," exclaimed Bobbi Meng of Caring Ministries in Fort Morgan, Colorado, watching the donations come in. And it also pleased Cody Simon of Greeley, Colorado Br. 324.

"While we never get as much as we hope for, it seems like we got quite a bit this year," he told the *Fort Morgan Times*.

And in Wisconsin, the *Appleton Post-Crescent* was among the first newspapers in the nation to editorially praise the NALC this year for helping Stamp Out Hunger.

"When it comes to helping their communities, these letter carriers surely delivered," the newspaper said.

## Totals, Photos Needed

Branch coordinators should submit food drive totals immediately to NALC headquarters for inclusion in *The Postal Record*. Results must be **received** at NALC Headquarters by June 1.

Photos, videos, publicity, letters of commendation and other materials should also be sent to Headquarters as soon as possible.

## Eighth COLA at \$499

With fuel prices skyrocketing, the projected accumulation for the eighth and final regular cost-of-living adjustment under the 2001-2006 National Agreement increased to \$499 following release May 17 of the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) for April.

The eighth COLA will be based on inflation between January and July 2006 and will be payable in the second full pay period following release of the July 2006 index. The \$499 annual accumulation equals 24 cents per hour or \$19.20 per pay period.

The projected accumulation toward the 2007 retiree COLA was 2.3 percent following release of the April CPI-W. The 2007 COLA is to be based on the increase in the CPI-W between the third quarter of 2005 and third quarter of 2006.

The 2007 COLA for Federal Employees Compensation Act (FECA) participants, to be determined on the rise in the CPI-W from December 2005 to December 2006, stands at 2.4 percent based on the April data.



**Memorial Day – May 29**  
**Remember Those Who Sacrificed!**