



House passes Social Security Fairness Act

On Nov. 12, in a 327-75 vote, the House of Representatives passed the Social Security Fairness Act (H.R. 82), legislation that would repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO). The WEP and GPO are parts of Social Security law that reduce or sometimes eliminate earned benefits for Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) retirees, including letter carriers.

The vote came after a decades-long fight to repeal these unjust provisions. The bill, led by Reps. Garrett Graves (R-LA) and Abigail Spanberger (D-VA), has had broad bipartisan support for years, but leadership from both parties have been hesitant to bring the bill to the floor. The full vote details are available on nalc.org.

“This is a major win for letter carriers and other federal annuitants who have been victimized by the WEP and GPO for decades,” NALC President Brian L. Renfroe said.

“We appreciate Reps. Graves and Spanberger’s steadfast leadership and commitment to finally get this bill to the floor, and we commend every House member who voted ‘yes’ on this critical bill.

“With House passage, we are one step closer to finally righting this wrong that impacts so many CSRS retirees. We must keep up the momentum. NALC calls on the Senate to pass the Social Security Fairness Act as soon as possible and send it to the president’s desk.

“I want to thank every NALC member who lobbied their representative to support H.R. 82. I urge them to keep up the work and contact their senators. It’s time to finish the job.”

Branch Officers Training set for Los Angeles, Minneapolis

NALC Secretary-Treasurer Nicole Rhine has announced that two Branch Officers Training seminars will be held in January.

Branch Officers Training sessions consist of three and a half days of educational seminars tailored to assist branch presidents, vice presidents, treasurers, recording secretaries, financial secretaries and trustees in the performance of their duties.

Branch Officers Training covers the basics for financial officers: reporting to the Department of Labor; fiduciary duties under the Landrum-Griffin Act; bonding and IRS reporting requirements.

Additional training topics include the *NALC Constitution* and branch bylaws; branch operations and identifying branch policies; maintaining accurate and complete meeting minutes; member notification requirements; record-keeping; branch elections; and branch dues and how to read a dues roster.

One session of Branch Officers Training is set for Jan. 6-9 in Los Angeles. Room rate (single/double) is \$209 plus tax.

The other session will take place Jan. 27-30 in Minneapolis. Room rate (single/double) is \$159 plus tax.

The classes do fill up fast, so officers interested in attending should submit the registration form as soon as possible, but no later than Dec. 11.

The registration form for both Branch Officers Trainings is below. Branches must use the registration form to register for the class. Note: Please do not make airline reservations until you receive an acceptance letter.

Branch Officers Training registration form

Please register me for one of the following NALC Branch Officers Training seminars:

Jan. 6-9 in Los Angeles

Room rate [single/double] is \$209 plus tax.*

Jan. 27-30 in Minneapolis

Room rate [single/double] is \$159 plus tax.*

If your chosen seminar is already full, check here if you’d like to be registered for the other one.

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Branch # _____ Branch city _____ State _____

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Send to:

**Secretary-Treasurer Nicole Rhine
National Association of Letter Carriers
100 Indiana Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20001-2144**

**Or email a copy of the form to:
BOT@nalc.org**

*** Please do not make airline reservations until you receive an acceptance letter.**

