Dear NALC member,

The Domestic section of the NALC Bulletin is not a call to arms, but an update on what the Members of the House of Representatives have signed on to. If your representative is not listed, please call them at the U.S. Capitol phone number listed at the bottom of each fact sheet.

To Support House Res. 22

February 27, 2009 No. 09-04

Young asked Members to Phone Their Representatives

NALC President William H. Young has made it clear that passage of the bipartisan legislation (House Resolution 22) to keep Federal Employees Compensation Act (FECA) health benefits costs under control is essential. If we choose to do nothing, health benefit costs over the next 8 years will be future of USP and all letter carriers, and he has said that message to Congress.

Now, President Young needs all letter carriers to help out.

"HR. 22 won't solve all the Postal Service's problems. We all have a lot of work to do," Young said. "But make no mistake about it: Without HR. 22, the continued viability of the Postal Service is in serious trouble." Young said. "HR. 22 will not solve our financial problems. But it will keep health benefit costs under control. And that is the only way we can hope to move forward.

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"HR. 22 is not a perfect answer, but it is a start," Young said. "We have a lot more work to do, but we need to get HR. 22 signed into law."

NALC members can determine whether their branch is registered to participate in the May 9 Letter Carriers Food Drive by calling the NALC headquarters.

For additional information, go to the NALC website at www.nalc.org.

Atlantic City Assailant Get Lenient Sentence

NALC member Maureen DeStefano of Atlantic City, New Jersey, 370 lost both of her legs and her sight when a vehicle driven by Alan Adler who had been drinking and had been asleep, smashed into the back of the postal van in 2006, piercing her between two vehicles. For that, Adler was sentenced on February 19 to only 18 months in jail, with credit for time served.

NALC President William H. Young expressed outrage at the lenient sentence handed down by Judge Michael Davis. "It is not right and justice has not been served," Young said. "Sister DeStefano will suffer for the rest of her life from this tragedy. This sentence is insufficient within a couple of years. In this case, the punishment surely did not fit the crime."

To make an online hotel reservation, go to: https://reservations.nalc.com/ or call 888-848-2527 or (702) 466-2450. When booking, be sure to mention the group code NALC/3 to ensure you get the group rate. Book by March 30 to reserve a room. For more information, go to: www.hotlex.com.

 shuttles and taxi service are available at McCarran International Airport, located about two miles from the hotel. For additional information on ground transportation, visit the McCarran website: www.mcctc.com/3/index.asp.

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MBA Launches New Insurance Options

The union’s Mutual Benefit Association has rolled out a new line of life insurance products aimed in real cases at lowering the premiums for policyholders.

For those who are interested in a super-sized your life insurance options without increasing the cost, said director of Life Insurance Myra Warren, "The MBA could save you big money on your premiums."

In addition, the MBA has increased its $5,000 to $15,000 the best on the market.

No Adjustment for Fourth COLA Period

There will be no pay adjustment for the fourth regular class of living adjustment (COLA) period under the 2006-2011 Agreement, nor is there any projected adjustment yet toward the 2010 retiree COLA.

The fourth COLA is based on inflation as determined by the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) between July 2008 and January 2009. The CPI-W was released on February 26, 2009. The 2008-2011 COLA is based on the increase in the average CPI-W between the third quarter of 2008 and the third quarter of 2009.

If there are to be a further adjustment during the 2006-2011 contract period, the CPI-W at the end of any COLA period must now exceed the 443.43 mark recorded last July. The fifth COLA period under the 2006-2011 Agreement will be based on the July 2006 CPI-W through July 2009, and any adjustment will be based on the July Index, which will be announced by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in August. There also will be no adjustment yet toward the 2010 retiree COLA release of the January CPI-W. The 2010 retiree COLA will be based on the increase in the average CPI-W between the third quarter of 2009 and the fourth quarter of 2010.

The projected accumulation toward the 2010 COLA for Federal Employees Compensation Act (FECA) participants, including employees of the Postal Service, was 2009 cost of living adjustment for FECA participants because of no inflation during the past year. FECA COLAs are applicable only in cases where the employee remained within the effective date.

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