Black Resistance -God's Unchanging Hand



Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Gospel Service
Black History Month
Keeper of the Community Celebration
Chaplain (Colonel) Willie Mashack, U.S. Army, Pastor
Saturday, February 25, 2023, 1:00 p.m.



WELCOME

Chaplain (Colonel) Willie Mashack Pastor, JBM-HH Gospel Service

Grace and peace to each of you family, friends, Fort Myer Chapel Community, and guests from throughout the National Capital Region of the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall (JBM-HH) Gospel Service. As Pastor, I greet you in the sovereign Name that is above every name who has revealed Himself during these uncertain conditions of existence.

What a joy and privilege to gather as a diverse population to celebrate, to be inspired, to be reminded, and to reconnect on things that really matter. This year's *Black History Month Keeper of the Community Award Celebration* promises to be a tremendous blessing as we honor men and women trailblazers whose impact and influence will continue to shape future generations. I am excited to be in your presence today.

Since we last gathered, COVID-19 has disturbed our personal and public interactions limiting our social strength and resolve. However, through diligent prayer and determined faith, we convene today for a few hallowed moments creating sacred space to recognize God's work in and through the lives of others.

This year's theme. "Black Resistance – God's Unchanging Hand", speaks to those who are called to withstand and resist the onslaught of injustices, and indignities of systematic oppression in all forms that threaten the civility of our communities, our nation, and the world. I implore, do not become imprisoned by these threats and adversarial actions we are witnessing. Yet I admonish all, do not become the catalyst that perpetuates behavior that will breach "good trouble" and halt goodwill. The spiritual connection of the collective consciousness of humanity is stronger than any divide or deterrent of humanity. Conscious individuals are the "sine qua non" for the soul of society. For we all are "keepers of the community." Thank you for attending and I am certain this event will be a wonderful demonstration and celebration of humanity's love for humanity.

Sincerely,

Willie Mashack

Chaplain (Colonel) Willie Mashack, Pastor JBM-HH Gospel Service

Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall (JBM-HH) Gospel Service Black History Month Celebration

Black History Month Message Video Presentation from Barry Black Chaplain of the United States Senate

Musical Prelude The Vintage Gospel Singers of Washington, DC

Welcome Sister Anita Laury

Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing Dr. Jacqueline M. Pressey

Evangelist, Hospital Chaplain, Inspirational Author

Invocation Chaplain (Captain) Timothy Bowser, U.S. Army

Scripture Reading Miss Gabrielle McDonald

Musical Selections The Vintage Gospel Singers of Washington, DC

Award Ceremony

2023 Keeper of the Community Award Honorees

Caleb Smith, JROTC Cadet 1st Lieutenant

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Omicron Eta Lambda Chapter Mount Zion Baptist Church Creative Arts Ministries Lieutenant General Donna Martin, The Inspector General, United States Army

Andrea Joe, Usher Ministry President, JBM-HH Gospel Service

Firm Foundation Praise Dance

Zion Church Dance Ministry

2023 Living Legends

Joan Trumpauer Mulholland, Civil Rights Icon, Freedom Rider Chaplain (MG) Matthew A. Zimmerman, U.S. Army Retired First African American Chief of Chaplains

Musical Selection SFC Adiza Jibril

The Message Chaplain (BG) Andrew R. Harewood

Deputy Chief of Chaplains United States Army Reserves

Special Acknowledgements Chaplain (Colonel) Willie Mashack, U.S. Army

Pastor, JBM-HH Gospel Service

Closing Remarks/Benediction Chaplain (Colonel) Willie Mashack, U.S. Army

Dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall



GUEST SPEAKER

Chaplain (Brigadier General) Andrew R. Harewood Deputy Chief of Chaplains, U.S. Army Reserve and Director of Strategy, Plans, Policy, Resources and Soldier/Family Spiritual Readiness

Chaplain (Brigadier General) Andrew R. Harewood is the Deputy Chief of Chaplains, U.S. Army Reserve, and the Director of Strategy, Plans, Policy, Resources and Soldier/Family Spiritual Readiness (SPPRS) at the Office of the Chief of Chaplains (OCCH), The Pentagon. He directs all staff functions, including, Policy, Law, and Doctrine; Government Affairs; Religious Accommodation; Religious Diversity; Force Management; Strategic Plans and Studies; Executive Leadership Council; Mobilization and Contingency Operations. He collaborates with ACOMS, ASCCs, and DRUs to achieve religious support unity in meeting Army spiritual readiness requirements. Serves as the authoritative advisor to the Chief of Chaplains (CCH) in leading a branch of 5,866 Active Duty Chaplains in delivering Total Army Soldier-focused Religious Support (RS).

Chaplain Harewood serves as the CCH primary representative to HQDA Senior leadership, in all matters related to RS advisement, the free exercise of religion, provides advice and counsel to the Chief of Army Reserve and Commanding General. He oversees the policy and training for more than 700 USAR Chaplains serving nearly 190,000 Army Reserve Soldiers, their Families, and Army Reserve Civilians.

Chaplain Harewood first enlisted in the U.S. Army as a chaplain assistant in 1990. Following five years of service, he completed both Master's and Doctoral Degrees at Howard University, Washington, D.C. He is the Howard University 1995 recipient of the Henry G. Maynard Scholastic Award.

Chaplain Harewood's assignments include: 310th TAACOM; 323rd MI; 109th CH Det. TM; 656th ASG; 453rd FG; 413th AG; Force Management Officer, the Pentagon; Deputy Pentagon Chaplain, Pentagon; Logistics, Information and Resources Manager, USARC; JBDML; Command Chaplain, 80th Training Command (TASS), Richmond, Virginia; Senior Chaplain Advisor, IMCOM –Readiness, FORSCOM HQ, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Chaplain Harewood deployed to Central America (1994), Operation Iraqi Freedom (2003), and Combined Forces Command Afghanistan (2006).

Chaplain Harewood is a graduate of Primary Leadership Development Course (1995), Basic Course (2000), Resource Manager Course (2001), Captain Career Course (2003), Force Management Staff College (2007), Command and General Staff College (2009), Harvard University Kennedy School of Government, Strategic Framework for Non-Profit and Non-Governmental Organizations program. Chaplain Harewood holds certifications in Theology, Clinical Pastoral Education, Trauma Counseling, Crisis Management/Intervention, Mental Health Counseling, Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST), Myers Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI), Trainer of The Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program (P.R.E.P.) and the Emotional Quotient Inventory Certification (EQ-i).

Chaplain Harewood's military awards and decorations include Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, NATO Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and numerous citations from the White House, Pennsylvania Senate and various other civic and Denomination awards.

Chaplain Harewood is married to Karen Annette, a Medical Doctor. They have four sons; Andrew, Jason, Aaren and Jalon. His hobbies include reading, distance running, billiards, Scuba diving, and devising creative and educational methods of comprehensive leadership.

Living Legend

Joan Trumpauer Mulholland might seem like an unlikely civil rights hero: a white teenage girl with a conservative upbringing in Arlington, Virginia, during the Jim Crow era of segregation.

But by the time she was 19 years old, she had participated in over three dozen sit-ins and protests in the South against the treatment of black Americans.







Mulholland (left) participating in a 1960 sit-in demonstration at a Virginia drugstore. (© AP Images)

Joan Trumpauer Mulholland, a recipient of the 2015 National Civil Rights Museum Freedom Award, is a Civil Rights Icon who participated in over 50 sit-ins and demonstrations by the time she was 23 years old. She was a Freedom Rider, a participant in the Jackson Woolworth's Sit-in, the March on Washington, the Meredith March and the Selma to Montgomery March. For her actions she was disowned by her family, attacked, shot at, cursed at, put on death row and hunted down by the Klan for execution. Her path has crossed with some of the biggest names in the Civil Rights Movement: Martin Luther King, Medgar Evers, Fannie Lou Hamer, John Lewis, Diane Nash and Julian Bond. She has appeared in numerous books and documentaries and has received numerous awards and recognition for her work in the Civil Rights Movement including the 2019 International Civil Rights Museum Trailblazer Award, the 2018 "I Am a Man" Award, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Annual Award of Honor and the Anti-Defamation League Annual Heroes Against Hate Award.



Martin Luther King Jr. (right) with Mulholland (center) at Tougaloo College in 1962. (Joan Trumpauer Mulholland Foundation)



Mulholland revisits the Mississippi prison cell where she was confined in 1961. (Joan Trumpauer Mulholland Foundation)

Living Legend



Chaplain (Major General) Matthew Augustus Zimmerman Jr. U.S. Army (Retired)

Chaplain Zimmerman is a native of South Carolina, where he received an undergraduate degree (pre-med) from Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina (1962). In 1965, Chaplain Zimmerman, who originally wanted to attend medical school, enrolled instead in the Duke University Divinity School on a scholarship. In 1965 he became the first African American to earn a Master of Divinity degree from Duke University. Chaplain Zimmerman earned a Master of Science degree in Guidance and Counseling from Long Island University, Brooklyn, New York (1975). Chaplain Zimmerman served as a campus pastor at Idaho State University, Pocatello, Idaho. He then returned to his home state to continue his ministry as campus pastor/instructor at Morris College, Sumter, South Carolina.

Chaplain Zimmerman entered military service in 1967, and served in a number of positions both in the United States and abroad. In August 1990, he became the first African-American to serve as Chief of Chaplains of any military service. In this position he carried the rank of Major General, U.S. Army. Also, as Chief of Chaplains, he was responsible for the management, training and assignments of more than 6,400 chaplains and chaplain's assistants of both active and reserve components. While in the military, Chaplain Zimmerman earned a number of awards and decorations, including the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, three Meritorious Service Medals, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Vietnam Honor Medal, 1st class. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College.

Chaplain Zimmerman was a 1990 recipient of the NAACP's Roy Wilkins Meritorious Service Award, and in 1992, he was selected to the South Carolina Black Hall of Fame. From 1994 to 1998, he served as the first African-American Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs National Chaplain Center, located at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Hampton, Virginia. In this capacity, Chaplain Zimmerman directed Department of Veterans Affairs Headquarters level chaplain activities, including the Chaplain Education Center, and provided leadership to the Department's National Chaplain Service, which is responsible for all chaplains of all denominations in 171 Medical Centers.

Chaplain Zimmerman is married with three children and three grandchildren. He is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.



Chaplain (MG) Matthew A. Zimmerman U.S. Army (Retired) 18th Chief of Chaplains (1990-1994)



Chaplain (retired Maj. Gen.) Matthew Zimmerman speaks during a celebration of the 242nd anniversary of the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps at Arlington National Cemetary's Chaplains Hill. Photo by Francis Chung / JBM-HH PAO

IN RECOGNIZING THE HUMANITY OF OUR FELLOW BEINGS, WE PAY OURSELVES THE HIGHEST TRIBUTE. THURGOOD MARSHALL

Keeper of the Community Award



Chaplain (LTC) C. Wayne Brittian United States Army May 7, 1963 – May 3, 2016

The Keeper of the Community Award was established in 2006 under the pastorate of Chaplain (LTC) C. Wayne Brittian, United States Army. Chaplain Brittian's legacy has an eternal impact and his memory will endure in the hearts of those who knew him.

The Keeper of the Community Award honors individuals and organizations that are devoted to making a positive change within their community and demonstrate exceptional leadership in their personal or professional spheres. Keeper of the Community Honorees improve the faith, health, education or quality of life of others. This year's honorees are business leaders, faith leaders, advocates, Servicemembers, and seasoned citizens who use their influence and resources to make a difference for others.

Edgar A. Brookins, Jr. Keeper of the Community Award



The Edgar A. Brookins, Jr. Keeper of the Community Award is given in honor of Brother Edgar Brookins for serving as Chairman of the Black History Month Planning Committee for over two decades. This award recognizes a member or members of the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Gospel Service for outstanding service and support. This year's recipient is Sister Andrea Joe.

Edgar Allen Brookins, Jr. November 23, 1947 – December 1, 2021

2023 Keeper of the Community Award Honorees



Caleb Smith JROTC Cadet 1st Lieutenant Nation's Youngest Glider Pilot

Caleb Smith, a phenomenal young man in the DC, Maryland Virginia area has a promising future as a certified advanced pilot before his 18th birthday. Caleb has numerous professional accomplishments and is a rising star in the DC and Maryland region. He is a teen role model in his community.

Caleb became interested in being a pilot at a very young age. He was focused, trained, and studied along required school subjects to earn his Private Glider Pilot license issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). He has flown Cessna 172, 182, Piper Cherokee 140/160, Arrow III, Schleicher ASK-13, ASK-21, and L-13 Blanik Gliders.

His discipline is remarkable as a member of AFJROTC holding the rank as a Cadet Tech Sergeant (C/TSgt) and JROTC Cadet 1st Lieutenant. He is also an honor roll student. He has been on the honor roll and President's List from elementary through high school. His vision for the future is one that not only involves him advancing as a pilot and attending the US military academy but also as a Christian that demonstrates his passion to help others understand their purpose in life and soar high to reach success in life. Caleb's pursuit of excellence is guided by the spiritual affirmation.

"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me". Philippians 4:13



Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Omicron Eta Lambda Chapter

In 1906, Alpha Phi Alpha, Fraternity, Inc., the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African-Americans, was founded at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York by seven college men who recognized the need for a strong bond of Brotherhood among African descendants in this country. The visionary founders, known as the "Jewels" of the Fraternity, are Henry Arthur Callis, Charles Henry Chapman, Eugene Kinckle Jones, George Biddle Kelley, Nathaniel Allison Murray, Robert Harold Ogle, and Vertner Woodson Tandy.

Chartered in 1985, in Southwest Washington, DC, the Omicron Eta Lambda Chapter is a leading service organization within the Fraternity dedicated to fostering a sense of "brotherhood" among its members and providing quality community outreach projects/activities. We achieve these goals by continuing to facilitate the internal and external interaction of its members in order to further enhance "brotherhood" and maintain strong membership participation in chapter projects and programs, such as our Southwest Community Day, Block Clean Up, Turkey Drives, Alpha Phi-Nance Academy, and voter registration drives, among others.



Mount Zion Baptist Church Creative Arts Ministries Arlington, Virginia

The Creative Arts Ministries (CAM) of the Mount Zion Baptist Church is comprised of the music, fine arts and media ministries of the church. Included within the Creative Arts Ministries are five adult choirs, the Wee Choir for Children, the Praise Ministry, Drama Ministry, Dance Ministry and the Media Ministry. These various choirs and ministries participate regularly in the Sunday worship services and are responsible for leading the congregation in worship through the ministry of music, the arts and media, both virtually and in person. The Creative Arts Ministries also participates regularly in outreach ministry as they perform at the local retirement facilities, accompany the Pastor to outreach engagements and also at other civic engagements when invited. We are also proud to share that the Creative Arts Ministries Choir (formerly named the Senior Choir) is one of the oldest ministries in Mount Zion's 157-year existence. Rev. Yolanda Waller Darden has served as the Director of CAM for 15 years. The ministry is also supported by many skilled and committed musicians, ministry directors, choir members, singers and ministry members. The success of the ministry is largely attributed to committed volunteers who devote countless hours preparing to minister through music and the arts.



Lieutenant General Donna W. Martin The Inspector General United States Army

LTG Donna W. Martin assumed responsibility as The 67th Inspector General of the United States Army on September 2, 2021.

LTG Martin is a native of Yorktown, Virginia, and a graduate of Old Dominion University. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, and she was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Military Police Corps in 1988. LTG Martin also earned a Master's degree in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

LTG Martin was previously the Provost Marshal General of the U.S. Army, serving as the principal military advisor to the Secretary of the Army and the Chief of Staff of the Army on policing matters, including law enforcement, criminal investigations, criminal intelligence corrections, biometrics and forensics, physical security, high-risk personnel security, antiterrorism, and detention operations. Concurrently, LTG Martin served as the Commanding General, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, serving as the Department of the Army's independent criminal investigative authority.

LTG Martin has served in a variety of staff positions from Battalion to Combatant Command (USPACOM). In 2006, she commanded the 385th Military Police Battalion (Dragoons) at Fort Stewart, Georgia. The battalion headquarters deployed to Afghanistan from 2006-2008, providing command and control to seven Military Police units and a National Guard field artillery battery. After battalion command, she remained at Fort Stewart to serve as the Inspector General of the 3rd Infantry Division, and deployed to Iraq in October 2009.

LTG Martin has also commanded twice at the brigade level. She commanded the 202d Military Police Group (Criminal Investigation Division) at Kaiserslautern, Germany, from July 2011 until May 2013. In June 2013, she assumed command of the Rear Detachment of the 18th Military Police Brigade. One year later, in June 2014, she reported for duty as the Chief of Investigations, HQDA Inspector General Agency. From March 2015 until June 2017, LTG Martin assumed duties as the Deputy Commanding General, United States Army Recruiting Command at Fort Knox, Kentucky. From June 2017 to August 2018, she served as the Chief of the Military Police Corps Regiment and Commandant of the Military Police School. From August 2018 to July 2020, LTG Martin commanded the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. After command in July 2020, LTG Martin became the eighteenth Provost Marshal General and the fifteenth Commanding General of U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command.

LTG Martin's military awards include the Distinguished Service Medal; Legion of Merit with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters; Bronze Star Medal with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster; Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal with 4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters; Army Commendation Medal with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster; and an Army Achievement Medal.

2023 Edgar A. Brookins, Jr. Keeper of the Community Award Honoree



Andrea Joe Usher Ministry President JBM-HH Gospel Service

Andrea Joe is a Special Education teacher in Arlington, VA Public Schools (APS). She taught for many years, Pre-k students and middle school English language arts, for Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS). She completed the Career Switcher Program in Northern VA, worked and retired as an Investment Banker for Bank of America, N.A. Andrea is a member of the North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA). She earned a Master's Degree in Education (Special Education endorsement) from the University of Virginia and a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration with a marketing minor from Strayer University.

Andrea is a member of the JBM-HH Gospel Service where she served and held three leadership posts over sixteen years. Caregiver, prayer intercessor, daughter, and mother to adult twin daughters who are the apples of her eyes.

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Galatians 6:9



Dr. Jacqueline M. Pressey Evangelist, Hospital Chaplain, Inspirational Author



Dr. Pressey is a passionate physician & facilitator of His inspiration for the soul! Her lifelong scholarly interest & passion are spiritual wellness foci: purpose/meaning in life, beliefs, and connectedness to each other, and this world. She has worked in the health, fitness, and wellness industry for forty plus years. Currently, she is an Assistant Adjunct professor at University of Maryland Global Campus teaching Academic Success in Student Affairs. During her Morgan State University tenure, she also served as an Assistant Campus Chaplain, the Liturgical Dance Advisor, and sung in the Morgan State Choir for 4 ½ years. Dr. Pressey currently sings in the Southern Maryland Regional Choir in Waldorf, MD. Her previous singing groups have included the Baltimore Symphony and the National Philharmonic. She was elevated in 2018, 2015, & ordained in 2010. As she continues to pursue lifelong learning, stewarding her God-given Apostolic gifting's, and inspirational authorship as a story catcher. She further served 8 years as a Pastoral/ Spiritual Care Hospital Chaplain.

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Info coming

The Vintage Gospel Singers of Washington, DC



In February of 1995, four ladies, Evangelist <u>Brenda Grice</u>, the late: <u>Shirley Shannon</u> (2017), <u>Jeannie Taylor</u> (2012), and <u>Jewell Griffin</u> (2011) were invited to sing "Old Time Gospel Music" at a Black History program. The music was such a blessing, especially to the "seasoned saints", that they continued receiving engagements. Soon the group of ladies needed a name, the Lord gave them, The Vintage Gospel Singers.

The group is comprised of solo artists, musicians, clergy, and a Historian of Black History and Gospel Music. Under "Vintage Unlimited", the group has an Outreach Ministry that ministers at Nursing Homes and other convalescent facilities.

After twenty-eight years, Vintage is still on a mission to preserve the legacy of "Pioneer Gospel Music", and the many legendary artists that paved the way for young artists and musicians today. Their first CD was released in 2012, and they look forward to a second project in the near future.

Zion Church Dance Ministry Greenbelt, Maryland



Zion Church Dance Ministry's, lead by Charisse Swann and Kadia Givner, mission is to minister to the saved and unsaved. With an offering of praise, we invite the Holy Spirit to not only inhabit within us but within all those watching and ignite through His Holy Spirit and Power, the recognition that Christ is the answer and hope for our lives. Each time we minister, we hope to tell a story of faith. Our goal is to bring non-believers to Christ and to bring Christians closer to God. We also hope that God's will be done through our dancing testimonies.

Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing

Lift ev'ry voice and sing,
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberties;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered.
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered;
Out from the gloomy past, Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam our bright star is cast.

God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might,
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray,
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our heart, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee,
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,
True to our God, True to our native land.

God of our weary years,

Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing - often called "The Black National Anthem" was written as a poem by James Weldon Johnson and then set to music by his brother John Rosamond Johnson in 1899. It was first performed in public in the Johnsons' hometown of Jacksonville, Florida, as part of a celebration of Lincoln's Birthday on February 12, 1900, by a choir of 500 schoolchildren at the segregated Stanton School, where James Weldon Johnson was principal.

Past Recipients of the Keeper of the Community Award

2006

Mr. Herb Jones, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children; Ms. Jeannine Scott; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; BG Belinda Pinckney, USA; Ambassador Bernard Herbert Sende, Republic of Malawi

2007

Jamaican Women of Washington; Volunteers of America Organization; LTG Michael D., Rochelle, USA; Ms. Naomi Earp, Chair, EEOC; Mr. Leon Harris, WJLA TV7

2008

Pastor and Co-Pastor Lyle and Debra Dukes; Joyce Henderson AKA Sorority; Dr. J. C. Hayward, Channel 9 News Anchor; MG Richard Rowe, Jr.; Benjamin Cumbo, IV; MG Larry Spencer, USAF; Gina Adams, President, Capital City Links

2009

MG Larry Spencer, USAF; Ms. Gina Adams, FedEx; Pastor and Co-Pastor Lyle Dukes, Mr. Ben Cumbo; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; Dr. Dorothy Height, President Emeritus, National Council of Negro Women

2010

Ms. Shelia Stewart, News and Community Affairs Director; MG Reuben D. Jones; Honorable Robert R. Rigsby, Associate Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia; White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities; Honorable Sonia Sotomayor, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court

2011

Mr. Michael Blake, White House; Dr. Elise Scott; Ms. Lesli Foster, WUSA9 News; Buffalo Soldiers

2012

William E. "Kip" and Joyce L. Ward; BG Barbaranette T. Bolden, USA (Retired); Captain Angela Cyrus, USN 2013

Ms. Darienne Page, White House; COL Gregory Gadson, USA, Former Commander, Fort Belvoir; Honorable (Rev Dr) Suzan Johnson Cook, Ambassador at Large International, Religious Freedom

2014

Ms. Fisayo Quadri, High School Student; Reverend Perry A. Smith, III; Carlton Kent, 16th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps; MG (Doctor) Nadja West, USA

2015

Ms. Allyson Carpenter, Howard University Student & Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner; Ms. Janice Chance, Gold Star Mother; LtCol David Everly, USMC, Junior Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense; LTG Robert S. Ferrell, USA, Army Chief Information Officer/G-6

2016

National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Prince William County Chapter; Kappa Epsilon Psi Military Sorority, Inc., Northern VA Chapter; Dr. Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, Prof of History and African American Studies, Harvard University & President, ASALH; M. Tia Johnson, Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, U.S. Dept of Homeland Security; RADM Sylvia Trent-Adams, PhD, RN, FAAN, Deputy Surgeon General

2017

Top Ladies of Distinction, Alexander, VA; The Links, Incorporated, Arlington, VA; Ginger Miller, Women Veterans Interactive; MCPO April D. Beldo, USN; LTG Aundre F. Piggee, USA

2018

Air Force ROTC, Detachment 130, Howard University, Washington, DC; Psi Alpha Alpha Chapter Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; Dr. Shakina Dunbar Rawlings, Pastor, Kingdom Fellowship Church; LTG Gwen Bingham, U.S. Army, Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management

2019

Maya Jai Pinson, High School Student, Motivational Speaker, Author; Prince Hall Freemasons and Eastern Star Charitable Foundation; Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers; Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Ronald L. Green; Major General Scott Dingle, Deputy Surgeon General and Deputy Commanding General (Support), U.S. Army Medical Command

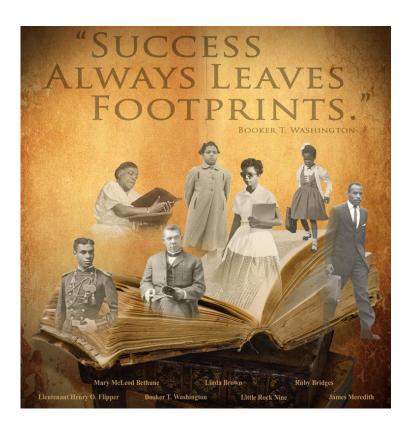
2020

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.; Dwayne Renal Sims, Founder and CEO, Negro League Legends Hall of Fame; Mercedes N. Kirkland-Doyle, Founder, The Good News Community Kitchen; Montford Point Marines, DC Chapter Six; Command Sergeant Major Michael L. Gragg, U.S. Army Medical Command

Colonel Edna Cummins, U.S. Army (Retired); Carla Moss, Acting Coordinator for Volunteers; Constance Burns, President, CEO, National Association of American Veterans, Inc.

2022

Nichole Hyter, Founder, Empowerment Tools for You, LLC; Corliss Udoema, President/CEO, Contract Solutions, Inc. and Founder and President, Agape Love in Action



Black History Month Planning Committee

The 2023 Black History Month Planning Committee extends a heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our Pastor, Chaplain (Colonel) Willie Mashack, to our congregation and all those in attendance. Thank you for your prayers, love and support of our Black History Month Celebration.

Anita Laury - Committee Chair, Renee Anderson, Roy Croom, Pam Douglas, Machelle Reynolds

