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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK MILITARY WOMEN NYC 2/2024

HOT TOPICS

BLACK HISTORY FACTS

Gladys West by Michael Tobius Simmons
 Gladys West was born, Gladys Mae Brown, on October 27, 1930 on a sharecropping farm in Dinwiddie County, Virginia, a suburb of Richmond. A three-mile walk through woods and over streams brought her to a one-room schoolhouse for the first seven years of her education. In 1948, Ms. West was valedictorian of her high school class and that came with a scholarship to Virginia State College, babysitting supplemented the cost of room and board. She excelled in all subjects, but was encouraged to focus on mathematics. A work ethic forged on the farm took her to the heights of globally impactful achievement! She began her professional career as a math teacher, while saving money for graduate school. Shortly after Receive her master's in mathematics, Ms. West was offered a position as a programmer at the Dahlgren naval base in Virginia, doubling her former salary as a teacher. On her first day as only the second black woman with her position on the base, she met fellow mathematician, Ira West, who would eventually become her husband. Ms. West's illustrious 42-year career with the U.S. Navy culminated with becoming a project manager for the SEASAT radar altimeter project. Under Ms. West's leadership and computer wizardry, she cut the team's processing time in half. This project laid the groundwork for the Global Positioning System or GPS. GPS is now used by billions of people from all walks of life using all modes of transportation from walking and cycling, to driving and flying! Twenty years after retirement from the Navy, Ms. West was inducted into U.S. Air Force Hall of Fame for her contribution to the development of GPS. In 2021, she was awarded the Prince Philip Medal by the UK's Royal Academy of Engineering, their highest individual honor. Ms. West and her husband Ira of 67 years have three children and seven grandchildren

VET NEWS

Happy BDAY

♌ *Aquarius* (Water Bearer): ♋ *Pisces* (Fish):

New Member for February 2024 None

Membership dues for 2024, deadline Feb 29, 2024

PRAYER CALL-MONTHLY FEBRUARY 3 @ 7PM, EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG -FEBRUARY 6 @ 7PM, NYC CHAPTER MTGS - FEBRUARY 19, 7PM

Congratulations to **Major (Ret) Tracee Y Millard Esq., JD., L.L.M** who was selected as an honoree for the **Caribbean Impact Awards 2024**, hosted by Caribbean Life.

Fundraising: Courageous Six Triple Eight 6888th for fundraising good discussion during February for Black History Month

Support and acknowledge NYC members who are entrepreneur/small business /Stakeholders Vanessa lee and Detrel Howell

LTC Joseph Lee, who is deployed at FWD Theater Medical Command Camp Arifjan mailed Certificate of appreciation to the NYC Chapter for care package and Xmas trees received December 2023

SAVE THE DATE February Workshop

Topic: Alzheimer

When: February 29, 2024

Time: 6PM

Meeting ID: 880 2157 4517

Passcode: 257206

JOURNAL for 23rd Convention 2024 Tracee Milliard & Michael Tobius Simmons, POC deadline March 22, 2024

NYC chapter Get together Celebration Location: VFW 483, 240-08 135 Rosedale, Queens, NY 11422 Dates: TBD LTC(Ret) Bernice Simmons POC

Family-Friendly Black History Month Events in New York State

<https://www.iloveny.com/blog/post/family-friendly-black-history-month-events-in-new-york-state/>

Honoring The History and Contributions of The Tuskegee Airmen Thursday, February 22, 2024 6:30pm, 8:30pm 718 244-3834, Need to register

NYS Legislative Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic & Asian Caucus **Weekend Feb 17, 2024. The Annual Bus Trip**.to Albany provided by Senator Comrie and leaving from his office is set for Saturday,

ABENY 2024 scholarships for graduating HS seniors, living in the Five Boroughs and information about our Service Awards for students to be nominated **in grades K-12**; The applications are time sensitive with a deadline date of April 2024.

Manhattan District Attorney's Office High School Internship Program Accepting application Jan 1-March 8, 2024 Eligibility: attend a Manhattan school Interns will work Monday Thru Friday for five weeks 9:30 am-4:30PM Main office @ 212 335-9000 or Harlem Office, 163 West 125th Street, NY 10017 212 864-7884

National Association of Black Military Women

2023 Biennial Convention

Invisible Warriors Living The Dream

When: **September 18-22, 2024**

Where: Chicago, IL

Please go to the website to register NABMW.org

INNER PEACE Service

Pray for Others

I entrust my loved ones to the spirit of God within.

When I pray for another person, I am releasing them into the care and keeping of the Divine within them. God is the healing, prospering, guiding power that lifts them up and meets their every need. This realization frees me to love and support them without worry. I pray, affirming God's presence and power. I then release my concerns for and about my dear ones, entrusting them to their inner strength and guidance. As I affirm their highest good and best result, I pray with a peaceful heart and untroubled mind. I am fully and lovingly connected with them, yet detached from wanting specific outcomes. I yield to the wisdom of God as I pray, let go, and trust the highest and best outcomes are already on their way.

Pray for one another.—James 5:16