

## Past National President and Chapter Historian

# NABMW Mission

- ▶ Logo: “To Tell Herstory”
- ▶ Preserve and keep alive the history of military service “Herstory”
- ▶ Maintain the heritage of African American women who have served and continue to serve
- ▶ Remember and honor the service of early black women who served under segregated and discriminatory conditions
- ▶ Provide network for mentorship and scholarship
- ▶ Maintain artifacts

# Charter Members NYC Chapter NABMW

## May 15, 2009

- ▶ Cheryl Adams\*
- ▶ Stephanie Dawson - President
- ▶ Blossom Ferguson - Membership
- ▶ Delores Frazier
- ▶ Hattie Harris
- ▶ Christine Lewis
- ▶ Annie Malone
- ▶ Glennie Millard
- ▶ Louise Nixon
- ▶ Annette Tucker Osborne - Secretary
- ▶ StanLee Richards
- ▶ Carol St. Pierre - Vice President
- ▶ Bernice Simmons - Treasurer
- ▶ Lorraine West+
- ▶ Paulette Williams

\* National Exec. Board - Secretary

+ National Exec. Board - Northeast Regional Chair

# NABMW NYC Chapter

## Key Programs

- ▶ Strengthen partnerships with women and minority veteran organizations in the local area
- ▶ Be an advocate for “Herstory”
- ▶ Champion Veterans causes particularly those impacting women veterans
- ▶ Support key chapter initiatives for deployed military (adopt a platoon, care packages, holiday cheer)
- ▶ Support on-going 6888th Postal Unit Members/Recognition
- ▶ Enhance local Veteran family support activities
- ▶ Provide local scholarships
- ▶ Provide speakers for local veteran’s events
- ▶ Provide informal mentorship

# Collaboration & Coordination (selected)

- ▶ NYC Department of Veterans' Services
- ▶ United War Veterans' Council
- ▶ Black Military Women Foundation
- ▶ Women in Military Service Association (WIMSA)
- ▶ Black Veterans for Social Justice
- ▶ Veterans of Foreign War
- ▶ American Legion
- ▶ 369<sup>th</sup> Historical Society/369<sup>th</sup> Veterans Association
- ▶ MOAA
- ▶ VA Center for Minority Veterans
- ▶ VA Center for Women Veterans

# We Are Chapter Leaders





# Supporting NABMW National Officer Installation 2023



# NYC Chapter Leaders Welcome New President





# Support NYS Legacy

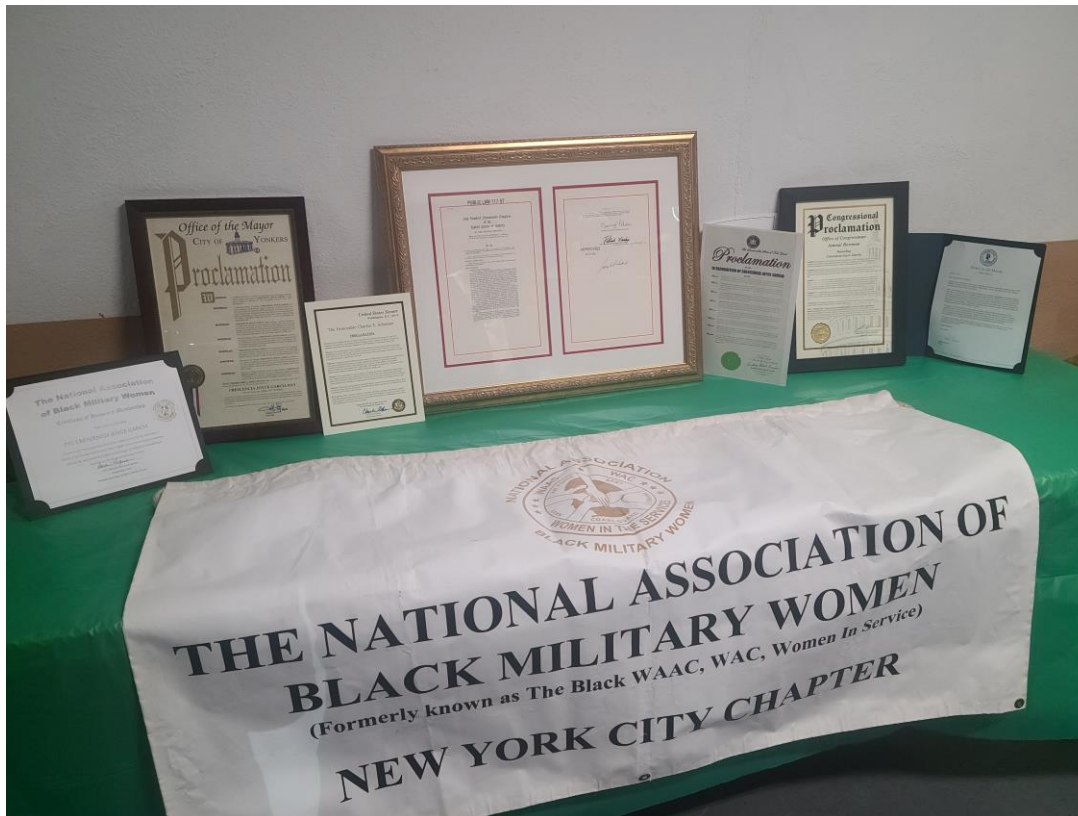
## 6888<sup>th</sup> Central Postal Directory Battalion

- ▶ Mass in Thanksgiving for Crecencia Garcia -
  - ▶ Chapter member established and maintains on-going collaboration with family
  - ▶ Chapter orchestrated Mass in Thanksgiving for Crecencia Garcia to celebrate 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday and World War II service
  - ▶ Chapter hosted recognitions at the Thanksgiving service
  - ▶ Chapter hosted elected officials at the Thanksgiving Service
  - ▶ Chapter coordinated and funded feast with family
  - ▶ Chapter provided Mistress of ceremony
  - ▶ Chapter provided Thanksgiving Service pen as memento

# Thanksgiving Celebration for 6888<sup>th</sup> Member Crescencia Garcia 2023



# Thanksgiving Celebration & Crescencia Garcia Awards on 102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday



# Thanksgiving Celebration Crescencia Garcia's Birthday Cakes



# Collaborations

- ▶ Tuskegee Airmen
- ▶ Honor House
- ▶ American Legion - Rosedale Chapter
- ▶ Annual Black, Hispanic and Asia Caucus Meetings
- ▶ Ongoing Collaboration with NYC Department of Veterans Affairs
- ▶ Annual U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Hamilton Retiree Appreciation Day
- ▶ Annual U.S. Army Birthday and Flag Day coordinated by former Northeast Regional Chair and NYC Chapter member



# Juneteenth Celebration

- Received special invitation to staff float to celebrate the new holiday and service day from NYC Commissioner of Veterans Affairs



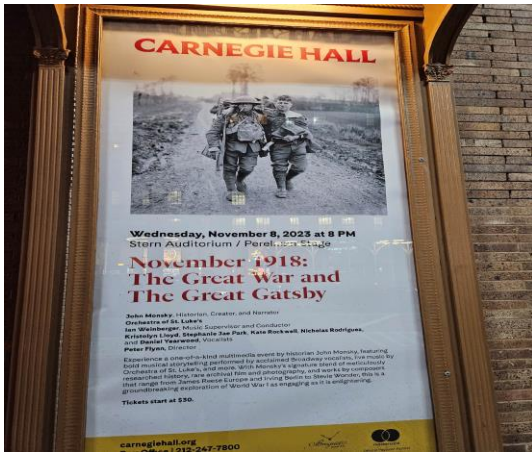


# Various Citywide Collaboration

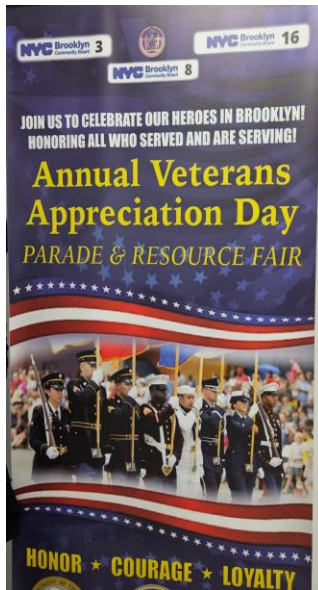
- ▶ NYC Parade (40,00 attendees from 5 boroughs)
  - ▶ Chapter Marches annually since chapter creation in 2009
- ▶ Attend annual breakfast with NYC Mayor attendees
- ▶ Juneteenth celebration
  - ▶ Staffed floats
  - ▶ Joined Commissioner of Veterans Services Department

# The Great War and the Great Gatsby at Carnegie Hall

- ▶ NABMW was invited to attend and support the 369<sup>th</sup> Sustainment Brigade and its former commander COL (Ret) Stephanie Dawson



# Annual Brooklyn Parade



NYC Chapter blood pressure screening

# Annual Brooklyn Parade

Recognition of NYC Department of Veterans  
Commissioner and NYC Chapter President





# Annual Black, Puerto Rican and Asian Caucus in Albany New York



# Memorial Day 2024 6888<sup>th</sup> With Family of Crescencia Garcia





# Memorial Day 2024

## Grant's Tomb

- Partnership with Harlem Youth Marines



# Laurelton Memorial Day



# Biennial Scholarship Dinner

- ▶ Created and host biennial college scholarships dinner since 2017
- ▶ Carol Everette Family Support Memorial Scholarship since 2021
  - ▶ Carol Everette, her children and grand children attended all chapter functions, assisted with set up for events, supported on-site National registration desk, etc.
  - ▶ This scholarship is a way to support vital role of our associates, families and friends
- ▶ Provide on-going recognition of Chapter members
  - ▶ Who served in Korea
  - ▶ Vietnam era members
  - ▶ Who held key national NABMW roles
    - ▶ Lorraine West - 2<sup>nd</sup> NorthEast Chair



# Scholarship Dinner



# Scholarship Honoree & Scholarship Winners



# Honor House

- ▶ Provide on-going support to African American Military veterans who live in the house.
- ▶ Annual Christmas dinners, gifts, etc





# Annual Happy Birthday Army!



# Mental Health Training and Certification


## Mental Health First Aid

A Free Certification Course

**Learn to recognize the signs and what to say to support and be helpful.**

Every year, 1 in 5 people will deal with a Mental Health issue.


Educate yourself and help end the stigma around getting help.



Hosted by **National Association of Black Military Women**  
NYC Health + Hospitals/Carter  
1752 Park Ave, New York, NY

Adult Certification: Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
9:30am-4:30pm

This class is for adults, 18 years old and older.




← To register, scan the QR code or visit: →

<https://NABMW.timetap.com>


**Mental Health First Aid is a FREE 8-hour course that will help you:**


- Identify signs and symptoms of anxiety, depression, and other mental illnesses
- Learn how to respond if you see these signs in youth, friends, and loved ones
- Connect persons to appropriate professional, peer, social, and self-help care

**All participants receive a 3-year certification in Mental Health First Aid!**



For more information about NABMW, visit  
<https://www.nabmw.org>





# Community Support



Mental Health Training  
and Certification



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# Impact Awards Caribbean Life



# Community Support



NYC Department of Veterans Affairs Pink & White Luncheon





# Supporting Leaders & Legacy

- ▶ Chapter members celebrate Lorraine West, Founding New York City Chapter Member, 2<sup>nd</sup> NABMW NorthEast Chair, and National Elections Chair. Currently in Nursing Home



# NYC Chapter Birthday Celebration for Lorraine West



# NYC Chapter Celebration for Lorraine West

- Patriotic cake





# Supporting Our Legacy

- ▶ Mother/ Daughter Members - Member LTC (Ret) Glennie Mallard, Member MAJ (RET) Tracee Mallard



- ▶ Mother/Son Members - Member LTC (Ret) Berniece Simmons, Associate Member Michael Tobius Simmons





# Fundraising

- ▶ Tea
  - ▶ At home tea program
  - ▶ In person tea program
- ▶ Roaring Twenties
- ▶ Biennial NYC Chapter Journals produced since 2018
  - ▶ Acknowledge chapter members (military and associate members)
  - ▶ Inform other chapters of best practices
  - ▶ Raise money for chapter

# Tea Fundraiser



# Chapter Members at Tea Fundraiser



# NYC Chapter Member Spills The Tea





# Attendees Pack The Tea Fundraiser



# Roaring Twenties Fundraiser



JOIN US  
FOR A  
ROARING 20'S  
PARTY

*Rag Time  
Melody*

IT'S A CELEBRATION

HOSTED BY THE  
NYC CHAPTER OF  
NABMW

LOCATION: POST 483 AML  
240-08 135TH AVE., ROSEDALE, QUEENS NY 11422

DATE: JUNE 29, 2024

TIME: 4PM TO 8PM

DONATION: \$60

PAY BY ZELLE TO NYCNABMW2009@GMAIL.COM  
OR BY CHECK TO  
NYC CHAPTER OF NABMW, 3300 CONNER ST., UNIT 684, BRONX, NY 10475

# Roaring Twenties Fundraiser





# Roaring Twenties (continued)



Singer - Associate member Michael Tobias Simmons



# Questions??

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