



NAACP Creek Connection June 2018 Newsletter



Living While Black

BALTIMORE (May 23, 2018)—The NAACP, the nation’s foremost civil rights organization, issued the following statement regarding the proliferation of #LivingWhileBlack incidents:

“The NAACP sees a direct relationship



Derrick Johnson

between the racist language and policies emerging from the White House and the growing number of hate crimes and blatant attacks on the humanity of Black People. It does not come as a shock that President Trump recently called immigrants ‘animals.’ Neither are we shocked by recent news reports revealing that the firm used by his presidential campaign actively sought to suppress the Black vote.

“According to the FBI, the day Trump was elected racial hate crimes increased, and he has continued to divide people by using his platform to create space for the public expression of racism and bias. His dog-whistle politics has served as inspiration for others to express their own racism and bias. We say whenever this happens, those of good will must challenge it, regardless of whether it’s reported or actually caught on video. Challenging #LivingWhileBlack incidents are the responsibility of all people, not only communities of color.”

Derrick Johnson, NAACP President and CEO @NAACP and @DerrickNAACP

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PRESS RELEASE

NAACP STATEMENT ON MARKING FIFTY YEARS SINCE THE ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY

BALTIMORE (June 6, 2018)—Today marks a sad day in the nation’s history. On June 6, 1968, the nation mourned the death of one of

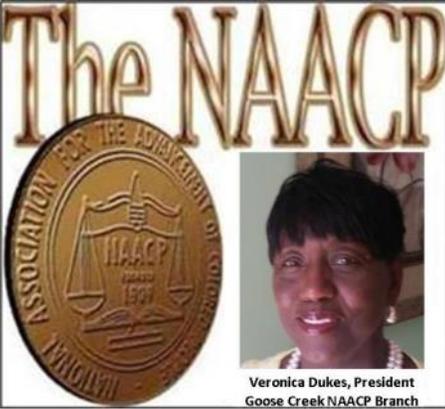
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ATTENTION: BERKELEY COUNTY VOTERS TEMPORARY CHANGE IN POLLING LOCATION FOR SOME PRECINCTS FOR THE JUNE 26, 2018 STATEWIDE PRIMARY RUN-OFF ELECTION See Page 3 for More Information

YOUR VOTE COUNTS City of Goose Creek Special Election July 31, 2018

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Veronica Dukes, President  
Goose Creek NAACP Branch

### BRANCH MEETINGS

Goose Creek NAACP meets at  
Berkeley Electric Cooperative Building  
2 Springhall Drive, Goose Creek, SC 29445

#### Upcoming Meetings

Monday June 25, 2018

7:00 PM to 8:00 PM General Meeting

Monday July 23, 2018

**Goose Creek Branch NAACP**  
PO Box 1356  
Goose Creek, SC 29445-1356  
Telephone: 843-425-9098

#### Officers

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# SAVE THE DATE

## Goose Creek Branch of the NAACP

*2018 Annual Freedom Fund Celebration*

*Theme:*

*A Vote in the Ballot Box is a Vote for Freedom*

### Saturday

**OCTOBER 6, 2018**

At

**Crowne Plaza Hotel**

**4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd**

**N. Charleston, SC 29418**

### Guest Speaker



Rev. Anthony T. Waymyers, Pastor  
Grace Temple Fellowship Church  
Wallace, South Carolina

*Cocktails - 5:45pm - 6:30pm*

*Seating at 6:30pm*

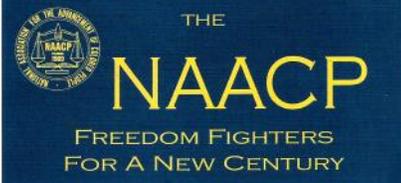
*Tickets \$60*

**DINNER | ATTIRE: BLACK TIE**

**For ticket purchases and more information contact:**

**Shirley Martin (843)-607-1750 or Lavone Holbert (843) 513-3769**

THE LARGEST  
AND THE OLDEST,  
THE BADDEST  
AND THE BOLDEST,  
THE MOST LOVED  
AND MOST HATED,  
THE MOST FEARED  
AND REVERED,  
THE MOST CUSSSED  
AND DISCUSSED  
CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION  
IN AMERICA...





**TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2018 IS  
STATE OF SOUTH  
CAROLINA PRIMARY RUN-OFF  
ELECTION DAY**

Please take notice, per the Berkeley County Board of Elections & Registration Office, the below polling locations have changed. This is a TEMPORARY change only in effect for the June 12 and June 26, 2018 Elections. Voters will return to their regular Polling Place for all future elections. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Precinct	Vote at this location	Address
Cypress	Abiding Way Ministries	302 Abiding Way, Moncks Corner
Fox Bank	Abiding Way Ministries	302 Abiding Way, Moncks Corner
Westview 1	Westview School	100 Westview Blvd, Goose Creek
Westview 4	Westview School	100 Westview Blvd, Goose Creek

**Voters will be asked to provide one of the following Photo IDs at their polling place:**

S.C. Driver's License, ID Card issued by S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles, S.C. Voter Registration Card with Photo, Federal Military ID, or U.S. Passport. If you have one of these IDs, you are ready to vote.

Voters without Photo ID can get one free of charge from the Department of Motor Vehicles or their county voter registration office.

Voters who encounter an obstacle to getting a Photo ID should bring their paper voter registration card without a photo with them to their polling place. These voters can then sign an affidavit swearing to their identity and to their obstacle to obtaining a Photo ID and vote a provisional ballot. This ballot will count unless the county board of voter registration and elections has grounds to believe the affidavit is false.

**For more information on Photo ID, visit [www.scVOTES.org](http://www.scVOTES.org) or contact Your county board of voter registration and elections. ■**

**CITY OF GOOSE CREEK SPECIAL ELECTION**

**Special Election for the City of Goose Creek to be held Tuesday the 31st day of July 2018.**

The following office shall be included in this election: City Council – Unexpired Term

The polling place for this election will be the Goose Creek Municipal Court, located in the Marguerite H. Brown Municipal Center, 519 N. Goose Creek Blvd, Goose Creek, SC, as set by law.

City Council is an unexpired term, expiring April 2020.

**People desiring to vote in the upcoming election must be registered by June 30, 2018.** To register, one must contact the Berkeley County Board of Elections & Registration, 843-. This office is located at 6 Belt Drive, Moncks Corner, SC 29461.

Registered electors who cannot vote in person may be eligible to vote by absentee ballot. Voters wishing for more information concerning absentee voting should contact The Berkeley County Board of Elections & Registration.

**This is a nonpartisan election and no party affiliation shall be placed on the ballot.**

The polls will open at 7:00 AM on Election Day and close at 7:00 PM.■



### HEALTH COMMITTEE NEWS

Christine Walker, Health Committee Chairperson

The mission of the NAACP is to ensure equal political, educational, social, and economic rights for all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination. This mission includes a focus on the right of African Americans and other people of color to have optimal health outcomes and access to timely, quality, affordable health care. African Americans continue to have the highest incidence, prevalence and mortality rates from chronic diseases like cardiovascular disease, diabetes and obesity, and issues like HIV/AIDS continue to overwhelm the Black community more so than any other racial or ethnic group.

The NAACP is committed to eliminating the racial and ethnic inequities that exist within our health care system that undermine communities of color, their life opportunities, and their ability to contribute fully to the common good. □

### Health Corner



June is Men's Health Month

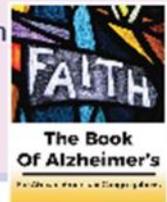
#### A HEALTHY BRAIN

Your heart, your brain, your body - the health of all three are connected. Here are a few steps you can take to maintain your overall health and reduce your risk factors for dementia:

- 1. Get Active** - Since African Americans have a higher rate of stroke-related disease - which may be a risk factor for cognitive impairment - it's important to engage in physical activity.
- 2. Watch your blood pressure numbers** - Prevention or control of high blood pressure helps maintain a healthy brain and promotes overall health.
- 3. Manage your cholesterol levels** - A healthy brain and heart depend on maintaining normal cholesterol levels.
- 4. Prevent or control diabetes** - Take steps to reduce your risk for diabetes by maintaining a healthy weight and being physically active.

African Americans are at greater risk for high blood pressure, diabetes and high cholesterol. Because brain and heart health are so closely linked, it is important to take good care of both.

[www.brainhealthcenterforafricanamericans.org](http://www.brainhealthcenterforafricanamericans.org)



Continue the conversation with us on social media!

@thebalminglead @hc2020



[www.balminglead.org](http://www.balminglead.org)



Want to see these stats change?

- On average, men live about 5 years less than their female counterparts
- Men have a higher death rate for most of the leading causes of death, including cancer, heart disease, diabetes and suicide
- 1 in 2 men will develop cancer in their lifetime
- Men make 1/2 as many physician visits for prevention as women

Schedule a checkup today!

Do it for yourself and for those who count on you.

**TAKE THE TEST TAKE CONTROL**  
**National HIV Testing Day**  
 June 27

**Palmetto Community Care Provides**

**Free, Confidential HIV Testing.**

**No appointment needed.**

**Results in 20 minutes.**

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday**

**8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday – 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

**Lowcountry AIDS Services is now Palmetto Community Care**

**Palmetto Community Care**  
 3547 Meeting Street Road  
 Charleston SC 29405  
 Phone: 843-747-2273  
 Email: [information@palmettocare.org](mailto:information@palmettocare.org)

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its leaders. A family—a wife, 10 children, parents, and a host of siblings, nieces, nephews, and others—had to mourn the loss of a promising life cut short. Just two months after informing an Indianapolis crowd that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had been assassinated, Robert Kennedy's life was tragically cut short. Today, we pause to mark fifty years since the assassination of Senator and Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, Sr.

As the 64th Attorney General of the United States, Robert F. Kennedy used his power to ensure that black students were able to safely enter formerly all-white University of Mississippi.

When an angry white mob firebombed the Freedom Riders' bus and mercilessly beat them, Mr. Kennedy sent federal troops to Alabama to escort those activists to relative safety.

After the death of his brother, Jack, Attorney General Kennedy remained in office to champion President Kennedy's vision—the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Upon his election to the Senate, Mr. Kennedy advocated for the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and thus had a hand in passing the two most significant laws of the twentieth century. As Attorney General, he evolved as a civil and human rights champion as a Senator and continued this work until his untimely death.

As we reflect on the life and legacy of Robert F. Kennedy, we should recommit ourselves to a cause that he worked for his entire adult life—the strengthening of this American republic. During this all important election year, we should demand that Congress work to restore Section 4(b) of the legislation he voted for—the Voting Rights Act. Let us continue the work of Senator Kennedy to secure a living wage for all persons in this nation; to protect our military from fighting unnecessary wars; and to bring people from all walks of life together to perfect our union.

The NAACP sends its deepest condolences to Mrs. Kennedy and the family of Robert F. Kennedy on this most somber of anniversaries.■



*Join Us For The*

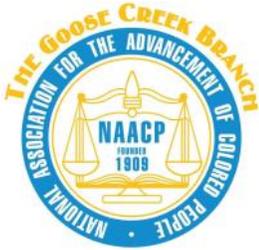


**ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY**

**Clean Up**  
**Saturday, June 16, 2018**  
**8 - 11 A.M.**

**Help clean up trash on Redbank Road from Henry Brown Blvd to Fletcher Street on the Naval Weapons Station. Trash bags and supplies will be provided. Bring gloves, wear comfortable walking shoes, and meet us at 7:30 A.M. in the Navy Exchange Parking lot.**

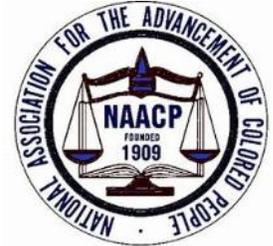
**For more information or to RSVP, contact Charles Shuster at 843-509-6027 or Veronica Dukes at 843-425-9098**



**Goose Creek Branch**

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVACEMENT OF  
COLORED PEOPLE

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*Goose Creek Branch of the NAACP Requests Your Support  
As a Sponsor of the 14th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet*

The 14th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet will be on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd, North Charleston, SC 29418.

This banquet is held annually to raise funds to support our community outreach initiatives. We are proud that we have sponsored scholarships, community forums, HIV AIDS Awareness and testing events, and donated funds for school supplies.

This is a great opportunity for you to participate as a sponsor, and you will receive full recognition at our 2018 Freedom Fund Banquet for your sponsorship.

*We invite you to become a sponsor:*

**W. E. Dubois Sponsor Level** - \$1,000 or more includes seating for 8, inclusion in the Press Release and Advertising Signage on the Crowne Plaza Electronic Marquee.

**Gold Sponsor - \$800.00** includes seating for 4 and Advertising Signage on the Crowne Plaza Electronic Marquee.

**Silver Sponsor - \$500.00** includes seating for 2 and Advertising Signage on the Crowne Plaza Electronic Marquee.

Donations - All amounts appreciated.

**ORDER FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**W. E. Dubois Sponsor - \$1000.00 or more \$ \_\_\_\_\_**     **Gold Sponsor - \$800 \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Silver Sponsor - \$500.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_**     **Donation - All Amounts Appreciated \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please make checks payable to: Goose Creek Branch NAACP**

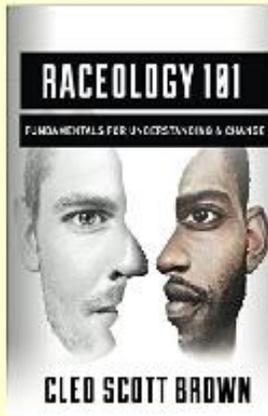
*Thank You For Your Support!*

Please contact Dr. Shirley P. Martin, 843-607-1750 or James Dukes, 843-425-9098 if you have any questions.



*Book Signing and Light Refreshments Will be Served.*

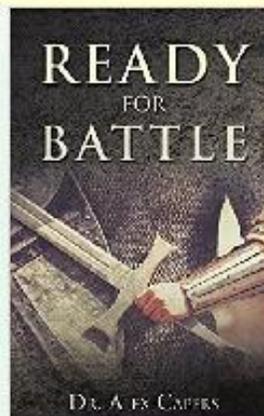
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*What Grandma Forgot to Tell You*

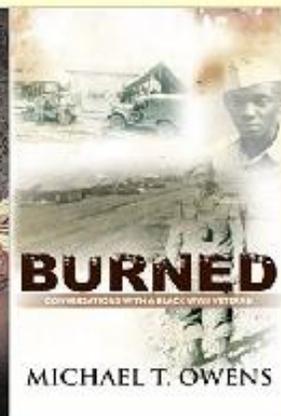
A Story of Forgotten Treasures in St. George, South Carolina

BY EDITH MARTIN WILLIAMS-OLDHAM



READY FOR BATTLE

DR. ALEX CAPERS



**BURNED**

CONVERSATIONS WITH A BLACK WWII VETERAN

MICHAEL T. OWENS

**Monday June 25, 2018 At 7 PM**

At the Berkeley Electric Cooperative Building ♦ 2 Springhall Drive ♦ Goose Creek, SC 29445

**Cleo Scott. Brown**

Why do we have difficulty having meaningful conversations about race?

Raceology 101 addresses and illuminates fundamental issues that impede progress in race relations today using stories along with insight from the past. Raceology 101 represents a storehouse of wisdom for a generation now being forced to confront America's past and its continued impact on America's future. It is only in confronting and understanding the past that today's problems can be solved.■

**Edith Martin Williams-Oldham**

"What Grandma Forgot to Tell You: A Story of Forgotten Treasures in St. George, South Carolina."

This narrative is filled with an abundance of history; it is a story about a forgotten people (who had so little, but gave so much) and the contributions they made to their communities during the 1940s and 1950s in St. George and surrounding communities.■

**Dr. Alex Capers**

Ready for Battle is a Christian book written to help prepare readers for the spiritual war that is raging in the world today. Christians need to be spiritually equipped to fight this battle against the devil, who knows his time is short and tries to get us in any way he can. This book will help you gather the weapons of warfare, most importantly prayer, so you will discover how to become an overcomer in Christ and never give up on His plans and purposes for your life.■

**Michael T. Owens**

Burned: Conversations with a Black WWII Veteran provides gruesome details of the torture and discrimination WWII veteran Rollins Edwards faced while serving his country. Edwards served in both European and Pacific theaters. He was threatened with jail time if he spoke about his experience of being an experimental guinea pig in chemical warfare tests. His story had been hidden for 50 years before investigations brought to light the injustices he and other African Americans underwent.■

**For more information contact  
Veronica Dukes: 843-425-9098**

**SAVE THE DATE AND GET YOUR TICKETS**

**Saturday, July 14, 2018**

**8:00 am - 10:00 am**

**Goose Creek NAACP Branch Scholarship  
Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser**



**Includes: Pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, and beverage.**

**At**

**O'Charley's Restaurant**

**2150 Northwoods Blvd**

**North Charleston, SC 29406**

**For tickets and more information contact: Sharina Haynes 843-615-5363**



JULY 14-18, 2018

HENRY B. GONZALEZ CONVENTION CENTER  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

## 109th NAACP Annual Convention NAACP: Defeat Hate – VOTE

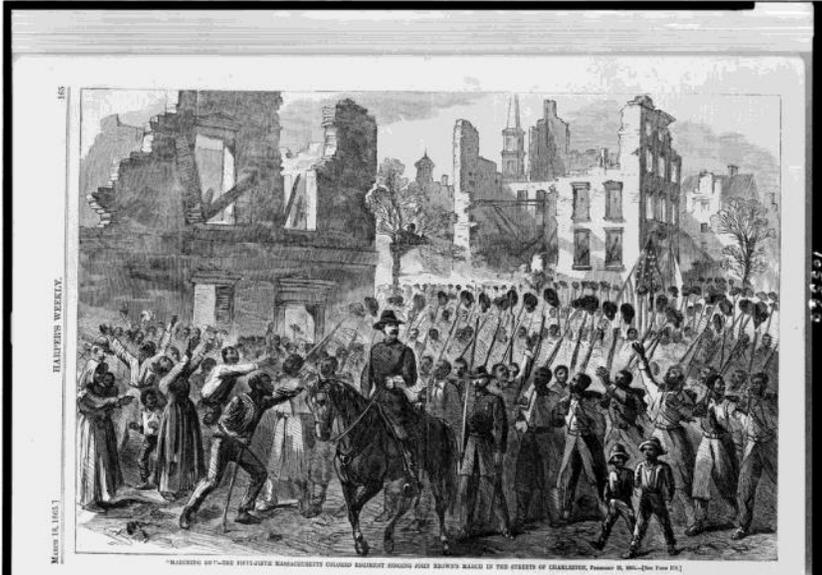
The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will hold the 109th Annual Convention in San Antonio, Texas in the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center on July 14-18, 2018.

Known as one of America's friendliest cities, San Antonio is a culturally rich and exciting city with plenty to do and see. It's home to the Alamo, the famous River Walk, the Buffalo Soldiers and St. Philip's College, the only college in the U.S. with distinct dual designation as a Historically Black College and a Hispanic Serving Institution.

San Antonio is one of two cities in the U.S. to be named a UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy. So be sure to come with a big appetite as this grand city has a large variety of amazing restaurants and cuisines to enjoy. San Antonio will provide an unforgettable convention experience and is the perfect city to host our 109th Annual Convention.■

## The Unofficial History of Memorial Day

By Sewell Chan



The 55th Massachusetts Colored Regiment singing in the streets of Charleston S.C. on Feb. 21, 1865. Union soldiers who advanced into Charleston, most of whom were members of the 21st United States Colored Infantry, were welcomed by former slaves celebrating their freedom. Credit Library of Congress

The [official history](#) of Memorial Day goes like this: In 1868, three years after the Civil War ended, a group of Union veterans established a Decoration Day for the nation to adorn the graves of the war dead with flowers. A retired Union major general, John A. Logan, set the date of the holiday for May 30, and the holiday's first observance was at Arlington National Cemetery.

David W. Blight, a historian at Yale, has a different account. He traces the holiday to a series of commemorations that freed black Americans held in the spring of 1865, after Union soldiers, including members of the 21st United States Colored Infantry, [liberated](#) the port city of Charleston, S.C.

Digging through an archive at Harvard, Dr. Blight found that the largest of these commemorations took place on May 1, 1865, at an old racecourse and jockey club where hundreds of captive Union prisoners had died of disease and been buried in a mass grave. The black residents exhumed the bodies and gave them proper burials, erected a fence

around the cemetery, and built an archway over it with the words, "Martyrs of the Race Course."

Some 10,000 black people then staged a procession of mourning, led by thousands of schoolchildren carrying roses and singing the Union anthem "John Brown's Body." Hundreds of black women followed with baskets of flowers, wreaths and crosses. Black men, including Union infantrymen, also marched. A children's choir sang spirituals and patriotic songs, including "The Star-Spangled Banner."

"The war was over, and Memorial Day had been founded by African-Americans in a ritual of remembrance and consecration," Dr. Blight [wrote](#) in a 2011 essay for The New York Times. "The war, they had boldly announced, had been about the triumph of their emancipation over a slaveholders' republic. They were themselves the true patriots."

The African-American origins of the holiday were later suppressed, Dr. Blight found, by white Southerners who reclaimed power after the end of Reconstruction and interpreted Memorial Day as a holiday of reconciliation, marking sacrifices — by white Americans — on both sides. Black Americans were largely marginalized in this narrative.

"In the struggle over memory and meaning in any society, some stories just get lost while others attain mainstream recognition," Dr. Blight wrote.

His claim is not universally accepted; the fact-checking website Snopes says of the 1865 remembrance: "Whether it was truly the first such ceremony, and what influence (if any) it might have had on later observances, are still matters of contention."

What is clear is that the holiday is about freedom. Speaking at Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day in 1871, Frederick Douglass laid to rest what today we would call a false equivalency — the notion that both sides were engaged in righteous struggle.

"We must never forget that victory to the rebellion meant death to the republic," Douglass said. "We must never forget that the loyal soldiers who rest beneath this sod flung themselves between the nation and the nation's destroyers." ■

Sewell Chan is a news editor on the international desk at The New York Times. This is the web version of our the New York Times Race/Related Newsletter ([www.nytimes.com/newsletters/race-related](http://www.nytimes.com/newsletters/race-related)) that posted on May 26, 2018.



## NAACP Membership

Van Williams, Chairperson  
Membership Committee

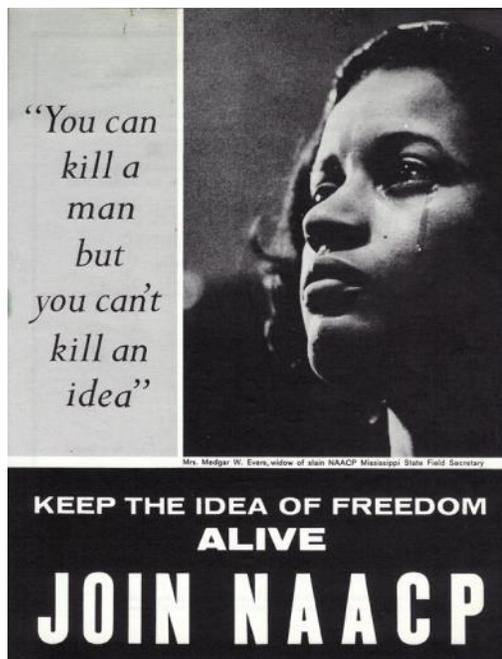
**Here's your opportunity to do something that will  
Impact The Community!**

**THE NAACP  
IS TODAY**

# JOIN TODAY

### REASONS TO JOIN THE NAACP

1. The fight for freedom is not free! Your membership will help fund initiatives and programs to support our mission of racial equality and equal justice.
2. A membership in the NAACP is your opportunity to give back to the organization that has done more to change this country for the betterment of people of color, women, and the disenfranchised than any other in the nation's history.
3. Your membership in the NAACP makes you a part of a force of 300,000 people who stand for the freedoms guaranteed in our nation's constitution.
4. Your membership in the NAACP makes a direct and positive impact in your community when you join your local Unit .





## WHAT TO DO IF STOPPED BY THE POLICE



### If You're Stopped By Police...

- You have a right to remain silent. If you wish to remain silent, tell the officer.
- Stay calm. Don't run. Don't argue, resist or obstruct the police. Keep your hands where police can see them.
- Ask if you're free to leave. If yes, calmly and silently walk away.
- You do not have to consent to a search of yourself or your belongings.

### If You're Stopped In Your Car...

- Stop the car in a safe place as quickly as possible. Turn off the car, turn on the internal light, open the window part way and place your hands on the wheel.
- Upon request, show police your driver's license, registration, and proof of insurance.
- If an officer asks to search your car, you can refuse. But if police believe your car contains evidence of a crime, they can search it without your consent.
- Both drivers and passengers have the right to remain silent. If you're a passenger, you can ask if you're free to leave. If yes, silently leave.

### If The Police Come To Your Home...

- You do not have to let them in unless they have a warrant.
- Ask them to show you the warrant. Officers can only search the areas and for the items listed on the warrant. An *arrest warrant* allows police to enter the home of the person listed on the warrant if they believe the person is inside.
- Even if officers have a warrant, you may remain silent. If you choose to speak, step outside and close the door.

### If You're Arrested...

- Do not resist arrest.
- Say you wish to remain silent and ask for a lawyer. If you

can't afford a lawyer, you have the right to a free one.

- Don't say anything, sign anything, or make any decisions without a lawyer.
- You have the right to make a local phone call. The police cannot listen if you call a lawyer.

### If You Feel Your Rights Have Been Violated...

- As soon as you are able, write down the officers' badges and patrol car numbers, which agency the officers were from, and any other details.
- Get contact information for witnesses.
- If you're injured, seek medical attention immediately and take photographs of your injuries.
- File a written complaint with the agency's internal affairs division and civilian complaint board.

This information is not intended as legal advice. Some state laws may vary. Separate rules apply at checkpoints and when entering the U.S. (including at airports). Updated Dec 2015. ■

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**Post Office Box 20998**  
**Charleston, SC 29413**  
**www.aclusc.org**



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