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Headline News

USAA accused of favoring military officers over enlistees sparks class action lawsuit.

Courtesy of The San Diego Union Tribune.



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Greetings District 5 Family! As a 20 year employee of the Department of Veterans Affairs, I recognize and celebrate the significance of our Veteran brothers and sisters with AFGE.

The newsletter was designed to inform, educate and empower the leaders of District 5, featuring articles and general information that is pertinent to all District 5 members. However, our hope is that this newsletter will grow as a resource for our Veteran members, specifically detailing political/legislative announcements, representational news, and community events that specifically affect **our Veterans**.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office. It is my honor to welcome the District 5 family to the **2nd Edition** of the "Fearless 5th Veterans Newsletter."

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Port Leadership Academy
April 27- May 4
Galveston, TX

Upcoming Events

D5 Delegates Meeting
June 20-23, Orlando, FL

National Convention
August 12-16, Las Vegas, NV

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THE  *"Helping those who've protected and served this country."*
eteran's Corner

Senator Ossoff to reduce VA wait times and enhance transparency through legislation.



Courtesy of WGXA News.

"This is a huge ongoing problem my office is helping Veterans every day who are having to wait months to get a medical appointment. Imagine you have a potential cancer diagnosis, and you have to wait 3 to 4 months to see a doctor that can be literally a matter of life or death," said Ossoff.

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The Department of Veteran Affairs Homeless Prevention Program.



Courtesy of militaryonesource.mil

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The Veteran's Coordinator Mission Statement

Our Mission is to serve as a Congressional liaison and provide resources for every United States Armed Forces Veteran within AFGE for the purpose of membership retention, recruitment and community engagement. Our goal is to support and promote better working conditions, justice for Veterans on the job, work/life balance, benefits, ensuring fair wages, for the diversity and equality for all Veterans.

Ben Crump files Class Action Lawsuit against Navy Federal Credit Union.



Attorney Ben Crump filed a class action lawsuit against Navy Federal Credit Union accusing it of racial discrimination.

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Celebrating the contributions African American Military Veterans made throughout US History.

Hiram Rhodes Revels
Civil War Army Veteran & Union Champlain



On February 25, 1870, Revels was sworn in the U.S. Senate - representing the former Confederate state of Mississippi. Senator Revels was the **first Black American to serve in either chamber of the U.S. Congress.**

After his first term in the Senate, Revels served as Mississippi's Secretary of State and the first president of Alcorn State University.

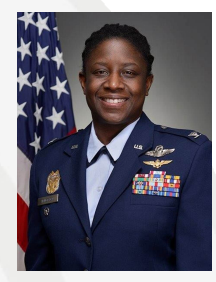
His election by the Mississippi legislature marked one of the greatest triumphs of Reconstruction - the Union project to build the democracy that the leaders of the abolitionist movement and the late President Lincoln had envisioned.

Brig. Gen Hazel Johnson-Brown



The first black female General in the United States.

Col. Merryl Tengesdal



First and currently the only Black woman to fly a U-2 spy plane.

Lt. j.g. Madeline Swegle



The Navy's first Black female tactical fighter pilot.

Sgt. 1st Class Alwyn C. Cashe

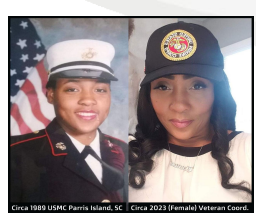


In Iraq in 2005, Sgt. Cashe drove back into a burning vehicle 3 times while under enemy fire to rescue trapped soldiers.

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Gen. Lloyd Austin



First African American Secretary of Defense.

Gen Daniel "Chappie" James Jr.



A former Tuskegee Airman, was the first African American promoted to the rank of four-star general in 1975.

"We Are One"... **We Are AFGE!**



AFGE LegCon 2024 Washington, DC

First time AFGE attendees (Kim Alexander & Peter Farruggia-L2883, D5 and Dawn Snider-L0138, D7) marched in solidarity.



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Call to Action



New Members (232)
Total Members (11,016)



New Members (105)
Total Members (6,972)



New Members (131)
Total Members (4,702)



New Members (27)
Total Members (1,930)



New Members (513)
Total Members (16,761)



New Members (39)
Total Members (2,523)



New Members (0)
Total Members (38)



Become a member today!



By becoming an AFGE member, you'll join the 750,000 government employees represented by AFGE who are fighting for better pay, retirement, and job security.

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Habitat For Humanity's Veterans Build Program



Volunteer your local to partner with Habitat for Humanity's Veterans Build Program, to help repair homes of veterans.

[Click here to volunteer.](#)

* New member totals updated quarterly.



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