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Founded in 1915, the Dayton Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the oldest and largest Civil and Human Rights organization in the Dayton Region. Our members, volunteers, office staff, organizers, committee chairs, X and Facebook friends continue to fight for social justice for **ALL** Americans. We hope you will be enlightened as you view our latest edition of The Dayton Branch Chronicle.

The Dayton Branch NAACP **vision** is to fulfill the Dream of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by capitalizing on the **2nd "A"** of the NAACP, which stands for **ADVANCEMENT**. We encourage you to join us and participate fully in this work for a better, stronger, engaged community.

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Message From The President

Fellow Citizens,

This month, I devoted a significant portion of my time to advancing several capital improvement projects at NAACP Dayton Headquarters, proudly known throughout the community as the House of Justice. This historic space stands as a beacon for civil rights advocacy, community organizing, and the ongoing pursuit of equality in Dayton. Maintaining and strengthening the House of Justice ensures that it continues to serve as a welcoming and dignified home for justice-centered work.

One of the key projects completed this month was the repair of the building's chimney, which now includes a five-year warranty. Exterior painting has also begun to address areas where the gray paint has chipped around the building, helping to preserve the appearance and integrity of this important civil rights landmark. Once the painting is completed, masonry work in the basement will begin to further stabilize and protect the structure. In addition, I met with representatives from Dayton Door Sales to finalize the selection of new security screen doors. Three of the doors are expected to be installed during the first quarter of 2026, while installation of the front screen door may take up to six months. These upgrades will enhance both the safety and accessibility of the House of Justice as it continues to welcome community members, organizers, and advocates.

As part of these ongoing improvements, I also met with a representative from Kastle Electric to review the electrical plan for the new marquee sign. Additionally, I met with the City of Dayton Zoning Department, and zoning approval has been granted. The project remains on schedule in preparation for the installation of the new marquee sign. I also met with a representative from KAP Signs to finalize the design of the marquee, which is expected to be completed by the end of 2025. Once installed, the new marquee will serve as a recognizable landmark along the Salem Avenue Corridor.

Finally, I coordinated with Morris Furniture Company regarding the delivery of a new curio cabinet that will proudly display the branch's national awards. These honors represent the dedication and impact of the Dayton branch's civil rights work. I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to the members of the Dayton NAACP Youth Council for assisting with arranging the awards in the display, helping preserve and showcase the legacy of justice and leadership that continues to define the House of Justice.

Your community servant,

Dr. Derrick L. Foward



Dr. Derrick L. Foward, President
 "Our Success is Influenced by Your Actions!"
 "Zero Dollars, Zero Cents!"

"Move Forward With Foward"

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Membership & Life Membership

The Dayton Branch NAACP membership continues to grow, up 1.31% vs previous year.



Adrian Baker
Silver Life Member



Pamela O. Baker
Silver Life Member

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FOR EQUALITY
FOR CIVIL RIGHTS
Join the **oldest** **boldest** **and** **baddest** civil rights organization in the nation.
Join the NAACP



Dinah M. Williams
Chair, Membership and Life Membership Committee



Reggie Terrell
Silver Life Member

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Civil Rights Complaints



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Advisor



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Investigator



David K. Greer, Sr.
Investigator

The Labor and Industry Committee and the Criminal Justice Committee worked together to investigate 9 complaints of discrimination, down 62.50% vs previous year MTD.

The top 5 types of complaints were as follows:

- Employment - 22.22%
- Children Services - 11.11%
- Elderly Abuse - 11.11%
- Healthcare - 11.11%
- Housing - 11.11%

Veteran Discrimination

Discrimination against Black veterans has deep historical roots, extending as far back as the Civil War era, when African American soldiers who fought bravely for the nation were routinely denied equal treatment, benefits, and recognition. Although progress has been made over time, disparities and discriminatory practices have persisted in various forms, whether in access to healthcare, compensation, housing programs, or general treatment within the Veterans Affairs system.

If any veteran, caregiver, family member, or individual who uses VA benefits or services believes they are being subjected to discrimination, it is essential to take proactive steps to protect their rights. This includes keeping all relevant paperwork, records, emails, and correspondence, as well as documenting each incident in detail, what happened, when it occurred, who was involved, and any witnesses present.

The Veterans Affairs Civil Rights Department provides a formal avenue for filing complaints and seeking resolution. Additionally, individuals may explore support from local advocacy organizations, legal assistance programs, or civil rights groups that specialize in veterans' issues. Speaking up not only helps address the individual situation but also strengthens broader efforts to ensure fairness, dignity, and equitable treatment for all who have served our country.

Rev. Dr. David I. Fox
Chair, Criminal Justice Committee

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Chair, Labor & Industry Committee

Gary J. Leppla, Esq.
Chair, Legal Redress Committee

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Armed Services and Veterans Affairs

Resources for Veterans Who Served
PANELISTS:

R. BRIAN HAYES ACTING MEDICAL CENTER DIRECTOR U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS	KIMBERLY D. FRISCO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION	CAROL T. ROBINSON CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE VA GIFT SHOP DEPARTMENT OF OHIO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY FORMER PRESIDENT, AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, POST 776	GWENDOLYN SMITH-WARREN CEO, LILY OF THE VALLEY WELLNESS CENTER	MARIAN MONTGOMERY VETERAN AFFAIRS CHAIR OF GREATER DAYTON REALTIST ASSOC. FOUNDER AND CEO INVITE-A-VET FOUNDATION	TERRENCE WILLIAMS NAACP DAYTON CHAIR OF ARMED SERVICES AND VETERAN AFFAIRS

ARMED SERVICES AND VETERAN AFFAIRS PRESENTATION

Please join our panel from area agencies and organizations who will share impactful information regarding programs and resources available to our veterans in the local community.

**MONDAY, NOV 24, 2025
6:45 PM**

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1001 Harvard Blvd., Dayton, OH 45406

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

12/12 - 12/13 - Ohio Conference NAACP Executive Committee Meeting & Quarterly Training	12/15 - Annual Meeting	Inform / Educate / Empower Dr. Derrick L. Foward, President 915 Salem Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45406 naacpdayton3181@sbcglobal.net / naacpdayton.org
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Terrence Williams, Chair, Armed Services and Veterans Affairs, moderated a panel discussion titled, *“Resources for Veterans Who Served!”* This monthly community meeting was held at Grace United Methodist Church on November 24, 2025.

The distinguished guest panelists were *Dr. Lora Cox-Vance, Chief of Staff Dayton Medical VA; Kimberly D. Frisco, Executive Director Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission; Carol T. Robinson, Chief Representative for the VA Gift Shop Department of Ohio American Legion Auxiliary; Gwendolyn Smith-Warren, CEO Lily of the Valley Wellness Center; Marian Montgomery, Veteran Affairs Chair of Greater Dayton Realtist Assoc., and Founder and CEO Invite-A-Vet Foundation.*

Educated over 854 citizens during this town hall via in-person and online.



Armed Services and Veterans Affairs

Chairman Terrence Williams Speaks During American Legion Post 613 Veterans Day Luncheon



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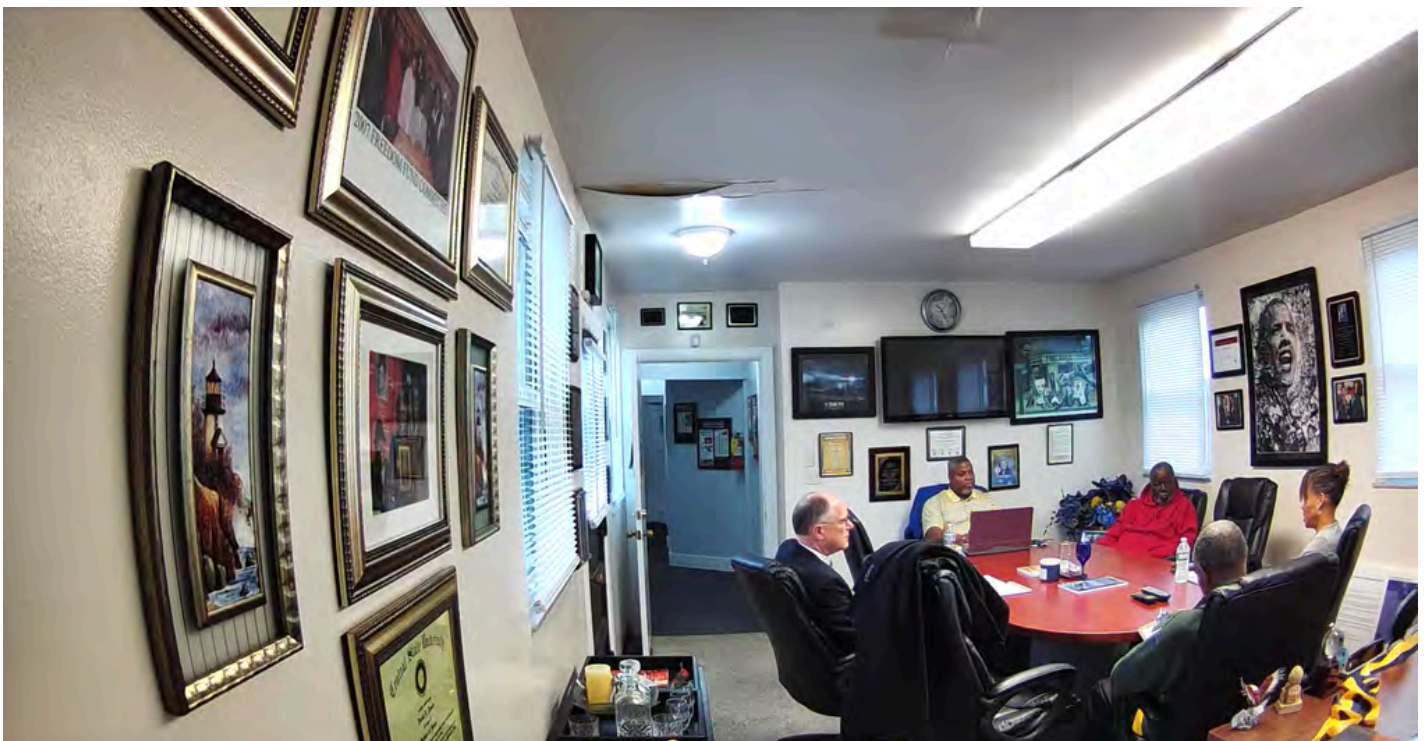
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**President Foward and Lady Tiwona
Supports the Re-Grand Opening of The Flavor House**



President Foward Holds Meeting With UD Officials, Dr. Eric Spina and Dr. Tiffany Taylor, to Discuss Shooting on UD Campus



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Scholarship

***Renard D. Allen, III (Brookville High School & Miami Valley CTC),
LaVerne B. Gooding Scholarship; Ramah Lindsey (Stivers School for the Arts),
Jessie O. Gooding Scholarship; Alvens Lubin (Thurgood Marshall STEM High School),
Lorenzo "Mr. Ren" Harris Scholarship***



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Deliver Thanksgiving Gifts to Mary Scott Nursing Home Residents*



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NAACP Dayton giving away free turkeys this week



Resources for Veterans: Dayton NAACP event coming ...

DAYTON, Ohio (WDTN) – The Dayton NAACP will have a town hall for veterans this Monday. The “Resources for Veterans Who Served!” event will be on Nov. 24 at 6:45 p.m. at the Grace United Methodist Church. Panelists will include: The moderator will be Terrence Williams, the Chair of the Dayton Branch NAACP Armed Services [...]

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1,000 turkeys handed out for Thanksgiving by Dayton NAACP

People say they are grateful to receive a free turkey before Thanksgiving. The Dayton NAACP handed 1,000 turkeys for Thanksgiving on Friday.

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Upcoming Events

December 12-13, 2025

Ohio Conference NAACP Executive Committee Meeting
& Quarterly Training

December 15, 2025

Annual Meeting



President Foward & Lady Tiwona

As we celebrate this joyful season, we extend our warmest wishes to you and your loved ones. May this Christmas bring you peace, love, and moments of happiness shared with those who matter most. We are grateful for the continued strength and resilience of our communities, and we look forward to the opportunities ahead to make a difference together.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from our family to yours!



Now Is The Time!

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