

DAYTON BRANCH NAACP #3181

# The Dayton Branch

# Chronicle



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*Dayton Branch*



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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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## President's Cabinet

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**President**  
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Membership and Life Member

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ACT-SO

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*Mycah A. Pollard*

*Communications, Press, Publicity & Technology*

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Young Adult

*Scott E. Barwick*  
Prison Branch

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**Vice President**  
**Community Coordination**

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Criminal Justice

*Atty. Gary J. Leppla*  
Legal Redress

*Roland Winburn*  
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*Atty. Gary J. Leppla*  
Environmental & Climate Justice

*David L. Montgomery*  
GOTV

*Terrence Williams, SMSgt USAF (Ret)*  
Armed Services and Veterans Affairs

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**3rd Vice President**  
**Scholarship**

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Health

*Ayokunle O. Ogunduyile*  
International Affairs

*Gerry E. Griffith, Sr.*  
Education

*Traci Martin*  
Housing



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Secretary

*Dinah M. Williams*  
Assistant Secretary

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Treasurer

*Harvey C. Bolden*  
Assistant Treasurer

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President, Dayton Youth Council

*A'Mariyana Bennett-Crowder*  
President, Move Foward Thurgood Marshall

*Lloyd M. Martin*  
President, LJYC

*Pamela D. Sloan*  
Co-Advisor, Littlejohn Junior YC

*Valerie R. Hayes*  
Co-Advisor, Littlejohn Junior YC

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Chaplain

*Chris R. Cortner*

*Lu Dale*

*Eric L. Ellington, Sr.*  
Sergeant-at-Arms

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*Chris R. Cortner*

*Rev. Dr. David I. Fox*

*Arnetta G. Gary*

*David K. Greer, Sr.*

*Rev. Renee Sheppard*

### President Emeritus

*Jessie O. Gooding*

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## Message From The President

Fellow Citizens,

In October, we celebrated the 74<sup>th</sup> Dayton NAACP Hall of Freedom Awards, honoring several distinguished community members. This year, I secured new funders to ensure the success of the event, including McDonald's Owners of Miami Valley and Richmond, Indiana; Cox Media Group Ohio; EveryDay Financial Allstate Agency; Legends Global; and Patio Covers Ohio. We deeply appreciate their support.

Additionally, I had the distinct honor of presenting a Citation of Honor to Pastor Scott E. Logan in recognition of his well-deserved retirement and his elevation to the esteemed position of Suffragan Bishop. This recognition acknowledges his years of faithful service, unwavering leadership, and significant contributions to the community and the church.

I had the privilege of delivering remarks at the grand opening of WesTrafo in Trotwood, Ohio, as well as during the WDAO 61st Gala Banquet. I also participated in the Twentig, Inc. Denim & Diamonds Fundraising event, the Miami Valley Urban League's Conversation on the State of Black Dayton and attended both the Chief's Advisory Council Meeting and the Kettering Foundation Democracy Summit.

I am pleased to welcome Mycah A. Pollard as the new Chair of the Dayton Branch NAACP Communications, Press, Publicity, and Technology Committee. Mycah holds an Associate of Science in Behavioral Science and a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism & Digital Media from Central State University.

As we approach the November election, I urge all citizens to get out and vote. The upcoming races for Dayton Mayor, City Commission, and our school board will have significant consequences for our daily lives, including the future of our children. Your vote is not just a right, it is a responsibility that shapes the policies and decisions that impact our community, our schools, and our future. Let's make our voices heard and ensure that we elect leaders who will work for the betterment of our families and our city.

Lastly, I met with several contractors to discuss upcoming capital improvement projects scheduled over the next several months.

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 3.27% vs previous year.



Dr. Amy Acton  
Silver Life Member

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

### Subscribing Silver Life Members

Jean Newby Al-Nasir	Maya Dunson	Damon Smith	Tonya C. Williams
Athea M. Cranford	Ronnie Moreland	Mary Tyler	



Dinah M. Williams  
Chair, Membership and Life Membership Committee



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## Civil Rights Complaints



Dr. Morris L. Brown  
Investigator



Chris R. Cortner  
Investigator



Gary J. Leppla, Esq.  
Advisor



Rev. Dr. David I. Fox  
Investigator



David K. Greer, Sr.  
Investigator

The Labor and Industry Committee and the Criminal Justice Committee worked together to investigate 15 complaints of discrimination, down 34.78% vs previous year MTD.

The top 5 types of complaints were as follows:

- Employment - 26.67%
- Housing - 20.00%
- Education - 13.33%
- Police Misconduct - 13.33%
- Pretextual Stop - 6.67%

### Race-Based Discrimination in Education

Race-based discrimination in education has played a significant role in shaping the experiences and opportunities of African Americans in the United States. During the era of Jim Crow, Black students attended separate schools that were severely underfunded and poorly equipped compared to white schools. Even after the Supreme Court's decision in *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954), which declared school segregation unconstitutional, many schools remained segregated in practice due to housing patterns and unequal funding systems. Other barriers include: fewer resources, larger class sizes, and less access to advanced coursework; implicit bias and low expectations from educators; and discipline practices. By addressing systemic inequalities and committing to educational equity, society can help ensure that African American students receive the fair and high-quality education they deserve.

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

David K. Greer, Sr.  
Chair, Labor & Industry Committee

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

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## Housing

**NAACP Dayton Branch**  
**Zoning & Housing Solutions for a Stronger Dayton!**  
**PANELISTS:**  
 City of Dayton - Tony Kroeger  
 City of Trotwood - Tyler S. Hauck  
 Harrison Township - Chad Adkins  
 Integrity & Trust Builders - Khalid & Dana Joshua  
 ModFab Homes - Kémo A'akhutera  
 Sessions Lending Group - DJ Sessions  
 Greater Dayton Realist Association - Kim Williams  
 Moderator / Housing Chair - Traci Martin

**HOUSING COMMITTEE PRESENTATION**  
 Discuss Zoning Priorities, Affordable Housing, and Opportunities for Equitable Development

**MONDAY  
 OCT 27, 2025  
 6:30 PM**

**GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 1001 Harvard Blvd., Dayton, OH45406

UPCOMING MEETING & EVENTS:  
 11/5 - General Election  
 11/17 - Executive Committee Meeting  
 11/24 - General Membership Meeting

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Traci Martin, Chair, Housing, moderated a panel discussion titled, **“Zoning & Housing Solutions for a Stronger Dayton.”** This monthly community meeting was held at Grace United Methodist Church on October 25, 2025.

The distinguished guest panelists were **Tony Kroeger, City of Dayton; Tyler S. Hauck City of Trotwood; Chad Adkins, Harrison Township; Khalid & Dana Joshua Integrity & Trust Builders; Kémo A’akhutera, ModFab Homes; DJ Sessions, Sessions Lending Group; and Kim Williams, Greater Dayton Realist Association.**

Educated over 1,070 citizens during this town hall via in-person and online.



## Youth and Young Adult Engagement

### Sergeant-at-Arms Eric Ellington Receives Check From VFW to Support our Youth Programs



# 74th Dayton NAACP Hall of Freedom Awards

## Luncheon With Ed Gordon, Award-winning Journalist, and Local Journalist



# 74th Dayton NAACP Hall of Freedom Awards

Rev. Dr. Lloyd D. Hayes  
Lifetime Achievement Award



Rev. Dr. Benjamin E. K. Speare-Hardy II  
Miley O. Williamson Award of Distinction

Hosts  
Natasha Williams & Marsha Bonhart



# 74th Dayton NAACP Hall of Freedom Awards

Christopher R. Cortner  
President's Award



Gloria J. Courtney  
President's Award of Award



# 74th Dayton NAACP Hall of Freedom Awards

6888 Kitchen Incubator

Bob and Norma Ross Outstanding Leadership Award



Cora H. Diggs

Community Service Award



Beverly Adams King

Frederick Bowers Public Policy Award



Karla Goins

Louise Troy Excellence in Education Award



# 74th Dayton NAACP Hall of Freedom Awards

**Rev. Dr. Wilburt "Bill" O. Shanklin**

**W. S. McIntosh Courageous Activist Award**



**David R. Webb**

**Breakthrough Award**



**Kenny Wilkinson**

**Lt. Col. Charity Adams Earley Award of Excellence**



**Ro Nita B. Hawes-Saunders**

**Judge Arthur O'Neil Fisher Fair & Just Award**



# 74th Dayton NAACP Hall of Freedom Awards

**Ricky Robinson**  
Youth Development Award



**Melissa Stimac**  
Honorary Chair

**David L. Montgomery**  
Volunteer of the Year Award



**Jenell Ross, Charles "Skip" Hamilton,**  
**Phetheria Woodson Zachery, Dr. Bobby Cartwright**  
& **Jim Johnson**

President's Award of Honor

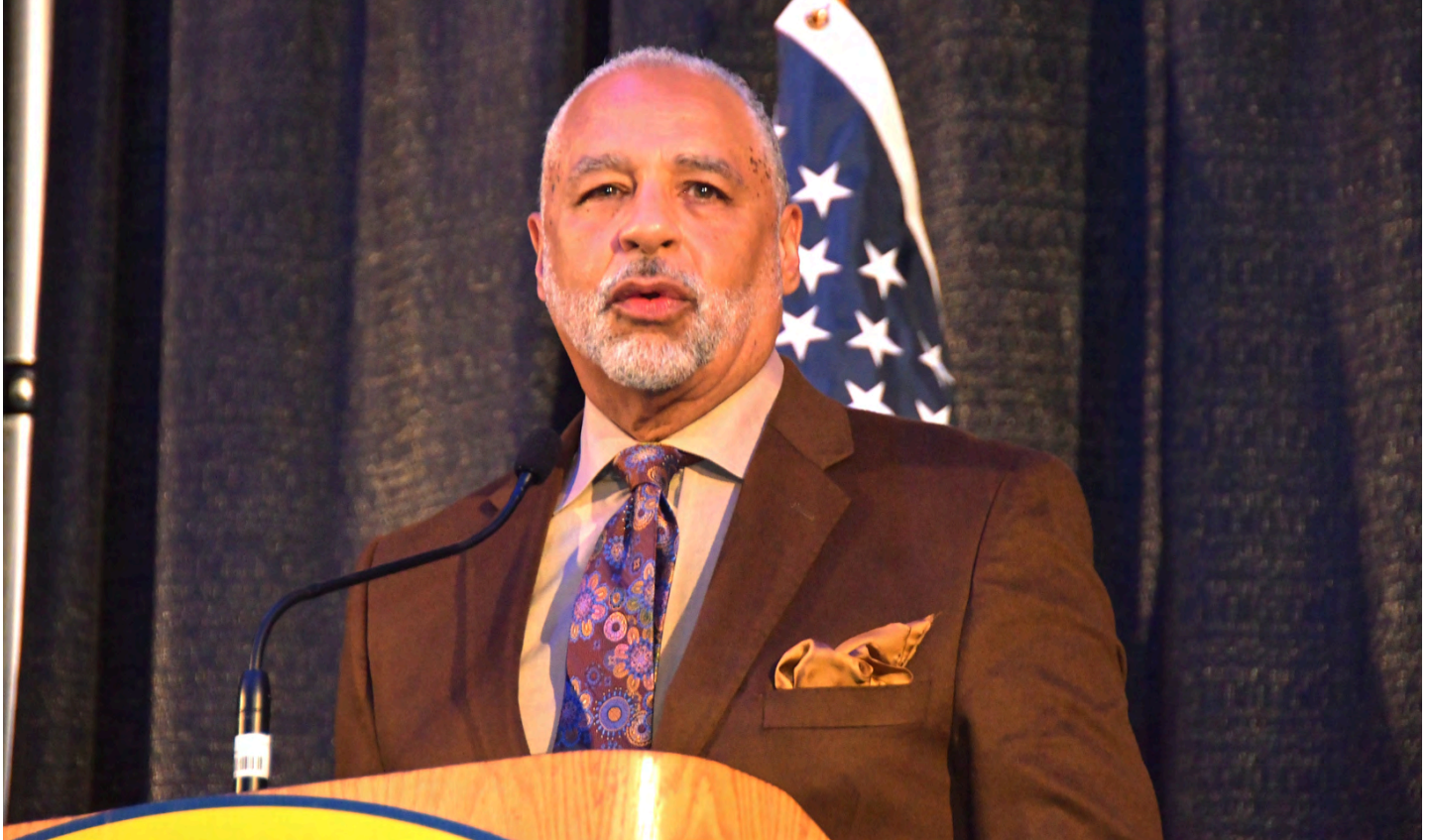


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# 74th Dayton NAACP Hall of Freedom Awards

Ed Gordon  
Award-winning Journalist  
Keynote Speaker



President Foward & Lady Tiwona  
Appreciate You Celebrating Black Excellence With Us!



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## Supporting Partner Organizations

Dayton Branch NAACP Participates in the  
Dayton Democracy Summit Hosted by the Kettering Foundation



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Dayton Branch NAACP Participates in the  
Teen Vote March Project Hosted by Dayton Montgomery County Black Elected Officials



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## NAACP Dayton Headquarters

In Conjunction with the Solar Panel Project, a New Flat Roof was Installed to Enhance the Building's Energy Efficiency and Provide a Reliable Foundation for the Solar Panels



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Upcoming Events

November 4, 2025

General Election

November 17, 2025

Executive Committee Meeting

November 24, 2025

General Membership Meeting

& Armed Services and Veterans Affairs Committee Presentation



President Foward & Lady Tiwona

To All Veterans,

Thank you for your unwavering service and sacrifice in protecting the freedoms and values we hold dear. Your bravery, dedication, and commitment have shaped the strength of our nation, and we are deeply grateful for all that you have done. Your contributions have ensured our safety, and your legacy continues to inspire us every day.

Now Is The Time!

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