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Richards Serves as Veterans Day Parade Marshal



David F. Richards, Jr.

US Army CW4 David F. Richards, Jr. was the Parade Marshal in Chatham County's Veterans Day celebration.

David F. Richards, Jr. is a native Missourian. He is a World War II, & Vietnam Veteran. He is retired from the United States Army, with thirty(30) years of distinguished and creditable service; with numerous awards and decorations. Richards' most outstanding award was his induction as the first African-American in the Parachute Rigger Warrant Officer's Hall of Fame in 1993 in Fort Lee, Virginia,

Distinguished Order of Saint Martin, Quartermaster Corps, U. S. Army. He was also employed with the City of Savannah Police Department as a Crime Prevention Analyst for twelve (12) years.

Richards graduated from Park College, Kansas City, Missouri, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration, and a Master of Arts in Human Resources Management from Pepperdine University, Los Angeles, California. He currently serves as a Senior Adjunct Professor at St. Leo University of Florida - Savannah Center, teaching business and human resources management/administration courses at the United States Army Education Center, Hunter Army Airfield, in Savannah, Georgia. Previously, he has taught at Savannah State University, Central Texas College and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Richards is an active member of St. Philip A.M.E. Church in Savannah, Georgia. He serves as President, Pro-Tem of the Trustee Board; 6th District African Methodist Episcopal Church Strategic Planning Initiative Representative. He has been married to Swannie M. Richards for Forty-Eight (48) years and they

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Inauguration Tickets, the Hottest in Town



President-elect Barack Obama with family, First Lady-elect Michelle Obama, Sasha and Mahalia.

Photo Credit: David Katz/Obama for America

By Zenitha Prince

Special to the NNPA from the Afro-American Newspapers

WASHINGTON (NNPA) - Washington, D.C., will be bursting at the seams come January.

With President-elect Barack Obama poised to become the first African-American president of the United States, and with continuing interest in the charismatic man and his family whose vision birthed a movement,

people from around the world are clamoring for access to the never-to-be-seen-again inauguration on Jan. 20. For updates about the 2009 presidential inauguration events, visit the official site at <http://inaugural.senate.gov>. No tickets are available yet. "All of us who voted have earned a right to see this take place so make sure that you have your analog cable and all the media you can find because one way or the other,

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Larry Chisolm: Making History in Savannah

The Chatham County district attorney's race was tight, but in the end, Larry Chisolm won by a decisive margin and became the first African American to hold that position in Chatham County. Chisolm beat out David Lock by more than 9,000 votes. He says he excited about the opportunity to be able to help provide some improvements to the criminal justice system in Chatham County.

Chisolm, a longtime prosecutor and non-profit leader, serves currently as University Counsel and on the leadership cabinet of Savannah State University, where he provides in-house legal counsel to the university. Chisolm served nineteen years as an assistant district attorney. He ran his own law practice in Savannah after leaving the district attorney's office.

Over the years, Chisolm has been involved in many non-profit and civic and professional organizations and committees. He serves as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the King-Tisdell Cottage Foundation, which owns and operates the Beach Institute, the King-Tisdell Cottage, and the renowned, Ulysses Davis Folk Art Collection. He has led this organization through two, million dollar capital improvement projects.

Chisolm received both his bachelors and law degrees from Duke University. He is a member of Overcoming By Faith Church in Savannah.



Larry Chisolm

Savannah Branch NAACP Calls for Intervention in the Troy Davis Case

The Savannah Branch NAACP expresses hope that the Federal Court of Appeals will order the examination of the new evidence in the Troy Anthony Davis murder conviction case. Speaking on behalf of the local NAACP, Dr. Prince Jackson, Jr. called on all churches and persons to pray for God's intervention until all discrepancies in the case has been examined thoroughly.

Jackson noted, "The recantations of seven of the nine key witnesses in the case present a serious challenge to "beyond reasonable doubt" in this case."

Jackson continued, "Because of these recent "quirks," the Branch believes that a re-examination of the *corpus delicti* is mandated."

Jackson said that while the Branch cannot unequivocally declare that Davis is innocent or guilty of the murder of officer



Dr. Prince Jackson, Jr. (right) is joined by Troy Davis' mother, Virginia Davis (seated left), and other Davis supporters.

Mark McPhail, it can declare that with all of the clouds surrounding this case, any application of a sentence based on the *lex talionis* cannot be justified. He said, the

murder of officer McPhail must be vindicated but only the "guilty beyond a reasonable doubt" perpetrator must be made to pay for this heinous crime.

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