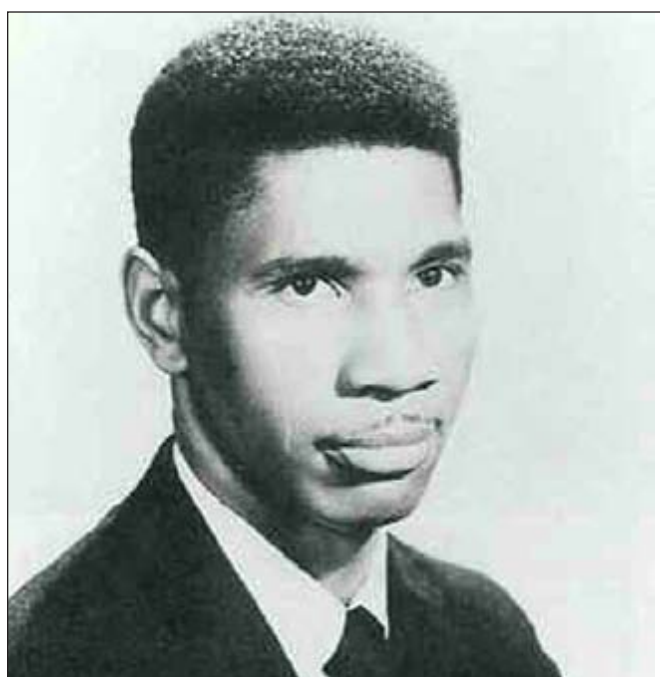


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Navy Names Ship After Civil Rights Activist Medgar Evers



Medgar Evers

The Navy announced today the newest Lewis and Clark-class dry cargo/ammunition ship (T-AKE) would be named USNS Medgar Evers. The announcement was made by Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus during a Jackson State University speaking engagement in Mississippi.

Continuing the Lewis and Clark-class tradition of honoring legendary pioneers and explorers, the Navy's newest underway replenishment ship recognizes civil rights activist Medgar Evers

(1925-1963) who forever changed race relations in America. At a time when our country was wrestling to end segregation and racial injustice, Evers led efforts to secure the right to vote for all African Americans and to integrate public facilities, schools, and restaurants. On June 12, 1963, the Mississippi native was assassinated in the driveway of his home. Evers' death prompted President John F. Kennedy to ask the Congress for a comprehensive civil rights bill.

Designated T-AKE 13, Medgar Evers will be the 13th ship of the class, and is being built by General Dynamics NASSCO in San Diego. As a combat logistics force ship, Medgar Evers will help the Navy maintain a worldwide forward presence by delivering ammunition, food, fuel, and other dry cargo to U.S. and allied ships at sea.

As part of Military Sealift Command's Naval Fleet Auxiliary Force, Medgar Evers will be designated as a United States Naval Ship (USNS) and will be crewed by 124 civil service mariners and 11 Navy sailors. The ship is designed to operate independently for extended periods at sea, can carry a helicopter, is 689 feet in length, has an overall beam of 106 feet, has a navigational draft of 30 feet, displaces approximately 42,000 tons, and is capable of reaching a speed of 20 knots using a single-shaft, diesel-electric propulsion system.

Additional information about the T-AKE class of ship is available online at www.msc.navy.mil/factsheet/t-ake.htm.

St. Paul C.M.E. Church to Celebrate Fall Revival and Church Anniversary



Rev. Da'Henri Thurmond

The Pastor and members of St. Paul C.M.E. Church, 1601 Barnard Street, invite you to join us for an exciting three days of renewal, restoration, revival, and rededication during our Fall Revival.

On October 19-21, 7:00 PM nightly, the Rev. Dr. Charles Goodman, of Augusta, Georgia, will deliver powerful messages of encouragement in our fall revival.

Pastor Goodman commenced his preaching ministry at the age of 21, and Pastoral ministry at 23. God has favored him by allowing tremendous and explosive growth to accompany his ministry. His first congregation became the fastest growing congregation in East Alabama in just three years. After faithfully serving at Pleasant View Baptist Church, God elevated Pastor Goodman to become Pastor/Teacher of The Historic Tabernacle Baptist Church of Augusta, GA in



Rev. Dr. Charles Goodman

December 2006 at the tender age of 27. Even though, Pastor Goodman has only been at Tabernacle Baptist Church for a short while, his tenure has been marked with success, including a membership which exceeds an excess of 3,000 people. As the Under-Shepherd of The Historic Tabernacle Baptist Church, Pastor Goodman is proud to follow in the footsteps of great Pastors and Preachers who preceded him, men such as: Dr. C. T. Walker, Dr. C. S. Hamilton, and Rev. Otis Moss III.

On Sunday, October 25, we will celebrate our 138th Church Anniversary. The Rev. Gregory Williams, of Atlanta, GA, will deliver the message of hope. Rev. Williams serves as the Pastor of Holsey Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Atlanta, Georgia. In addition, he also serves as President and CEO of The Institute for Community



Rev. Gregory Williams

Development (A nonprofit Faith Based Community Organization), President of ABLE (Atlanta's Building Leadership for Empowerment), a Community Organizing, civil rights organization advocating for healthcare and immigration reform, and serves on Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin's Faith Based Roundtable. He is a noted preacher, theologian, community activist and a respected pastor. He has preached and pastored across the country in states Georgia, Alabama, Texas, Wisconsin, and Minnesota.

Each service promises to be filled with reflection and rejoicing as we become "Stronger, Wiser, and Better".

For more information, you may contact the church office at 912-233-2849.

We look forward to seeing you there.

The Rev. Da'Henri Thurmond, Sr., Pastor.

United Negro College Fund Awards \$666,000 to Six HBCU's

UNCF—the United Negro College Fund—the nation's largest and most effective minority education organization—has selected six of its 39 private historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) to receive Faculty Enhancement Action Grants totaling \$666,000 to support the institutions as they implement plans to address faculty needs.

The action grants are awarded through the Curriculum and Faculty Enhancement Program (CFEP) of UNCF's Institute for Capacity Building.

The CFEP faculty development initiative is funded by the Ford Foundation. The six institutions awarded action grants were among the 15 UNCF institutions that received faculty enhancement planning grants last year to help them assess the needs of

their faculties and create implementation plans to address the identified needs.

Each of the six action grant institutions will be awarded a total of \$111,000 over two years to implement their plans for faculty development in areas including professional development, technology access and use, curriculum development and dynamic approaches to teaching and learning.

The six institutions selected to receive action grants under the UNCF/Ford Faculty Enhancement Initiative are: Edward Waters College - Jacksonville, FL; Florida Memorial University - Miami, FL; Johnson C. Smith University - Charlotte, NC; Morehouse College - Atlanta, GA; Saint Augustine's College - Raleigh, NC;

Tougaloo College - Tougaloo, MS

"HBCUs have always been, above all, teaching institutions," said UNCF president and CEO Michael L. Lomax, Ph.D. "These grants will enable our institutions to ensure that their faculties are engaged and equipped to prepare our students for graduate school, careers and leadership roles in the global workforce. Having a strong faculty is essential to reaching our goal of doubling the numbers of students that graduate from UNCF member institutions. President Obama has pledged that the U.S. will regain world leadership in the percentage of citizens with college degrees and these Faculty Enhancement Action Grants will be part of our effort to help the nation reach that goal."

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