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African-American Military History, Education and Culture.

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*African-American military service from the time of the
United State conception through to present day.*

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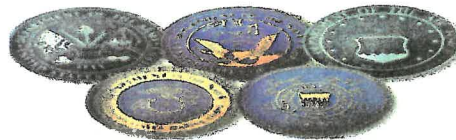
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- Amendment 1 - Freedom of Religion, Press, Expression. Ratified 12/15/1791.
- Amendment 2 - Right to Bear Arms. Ratified 12/15/1791.
- Amendment 3 - Quartering of Soldiers. Ratified 12/15/1791.
- Amendment 4 - Search and Seizure. Ratified 12/15/1791.
- Amendment 5 - Trial and Punishment, Compensation for Takings. Ratified 12/15/1791.
- Amendment 6 - Right to Speedy Trial, Confrontation of Witnesses. Ratified 12/15/1791.
- Amendment 7 - Trial by Jury in Civil Cases. Ratified 12/15/1791.
- Amendment 8 - Cruel and Unusual Punishment. Ratified 12/15/1791.
- Amendment 9 - Construction of Constitution. Ratified 12/15/1791.
- Amendment 10 - Powers of the States and People. Ratified 12/15/1791.
- Amendment 11 - Judicial Limits. Ratified 2/7/1795.
- Amendment 12 - Choosing the President, Vice-President. Ratified 6/15/1804.
- Amendment 13 - Slavery Abolished. Ratified 12/6/1865.
- Amendment 14 - Citizenship Rights. Ratified 7/9/1868.
- Amendment 15 - Race No Bar to Vote. Ratified 2/3/1870.
- Amendment 16 - Status of Income Tax Clarified. Ratified 2/3/1913.
- Amendment 17 - Senators Elected by Popular Vote. Ratified 4/8/1913.
- Amendment 18 - Liquor Abolished. Ratified 1/16/1919. Repealed by Amendment 21, 12/5/1933.
- Amendment 19 - Women's Suffrage. Ratified 8/18/1920.
- Amendment 20 - Presidential, Congressional Terms. Ratified 1/23/1933.
- Amendment 21 - Amendment 18 Repealed. Ratified 12/5/1933.
- Amendment 22 - Presidential Term Limits. Ratified 2/27/1951.
- Amendment 23 - Presidential Vote for District of Columbia. Ratified 3/29/1961.
- Amendment 24 - Poll Tax Barred. Ratified 1/23/1964.
- Amendment 25 - Presidential Disability and Succession. Ratified 2/10/1967.
- Amendment 26 - Voting Age Set to 18 Years. Ratified 7/1/1971.
- Amendment 27 - Limiting Congressional Pay Increases. Ratified 5/7/1992.

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INTRODUCTIONS

Gloria Perkins - Founder Of 'Perky's Personal Cheerleader,' A Low Impact Inspiration Fitness Program, Seniors Benefits Proponent And Military Sexual Assault Survivor Advocate. (VFW Post 8399)

Ted Wilson - Recipient Of Two Purple Hearts, Sits On The Board Of The Berkeley Food And Housing Project and Co-Director Of 'The Clemency Entreaty,' An Advocacy Group For Incarcerated Veterans. (VFW Post 8399)

Leon Watkins - Founder And Executive Director Of 'The Walking Ghosts Of Black History' And President of the 'Armed Forces Service And Support Group,' A Veteran Students Club At Contra Costa College. (VFW Post 8399)

Will Delaney - Founder And Executive Director Of 'Vets4Chess Project,' A Chess Program Comprised Of Veterans Teaching Children, Adults And Other Veterans How To Play Chess. Commander Of The NABVETS Chapter 92, Senior Vice Commander Of 761st Tank Battalion VFW Post 8399 Of Richmond California And Volunteer Staffer For The Contra Costa College Veterans Center.

Dedan Kimathi Ji Jaga - Commander 761st Tank Battalion VFW Post 8399, Vice Commander Of NABVETS Chapter 92, Volunteer Staffer At The Contra Costa College Veterans Center And Head Coach For The Richmond Grinders Track & Field Club.

LEASE AND /OR BY-LAWS VIOLATIONS

- Allows Non-Veteran Non-Profit To Operate Out Of Hall
- Unlicensed Daycare Operation
- Refuses To Provide Banking and Contract Disclosures
- Non-Veteran Performing Governing Board Member Duties
- Misappropriation Of Funds (Default Of Lease)
- Refuses To Recognize And Work With Governing Board
- Preventing The Inclusion Of Other Veterans Organizations
- Safety And Fire Hazards
- Compromised Property And Personal Security
- Post Member Assaulted In Open Meeting Session
- Veiled Threats Disseminated

REQUEST FOR COMPASSIONATE INTERVENTION

REF: Sherisha LaShelle Hatchett-Lewis (DOC #P57591)
Lowell Correctional Institute-Arrest (W.D. 2102)
11120 NW Schaeffer Rd
Coaldale, FL 34432-1479

My name is Dedan Kimathi Ji Jaga and I am a 100% permanent and totally disabled Marine Corps Vietnam Veteran. I am also the current 701st Tank Battalion Vietnam Post 2833 Commander and Vice Commander for the National Association of Black Veterans Chapter 33, both located in Richmond California. For the last 33 years I have been a staunch advocate for Veterans rights, benefits, entitlements and causes. The father of a female Veteran reached out to me for assistance and counsel regarding the troubling dilemma facing his daughter. As a Veteran I am all too familiar with the ravages of war, the torment of PTSD and the demanding obligations of the military. So when I say that I can relate in great part to most of the unfortunate turn of events that have befallen Sherisha Hatchett-Lewis, I say it with a sincere degree of conviction.

On behalf of the members of my Veteran Service Organization affiliations we want to voice our unconditional support for Veteran Hatchett-Lewis and appeal for the considerations of Executive Privilege of distinguished Politicians, State and Federal representatives and the empathetic charity of heartfelt forgiveness to assist us in our campaign to have this ailing Veteran relocated from a State Prison setting to a Mental Facility that is equipped and staffed to render the help this Veteran is owed.

Please allow this communication to represent a Formal Declaration requesting the Administrative, Executive and Legislative authority of all available influences to facilitate an accommodating intervention which would assist in the relocating of Sherisha Hatchett-Lewis from the Ocala Florida State Prison to a Mental Rehabilitation Treatment Institution. It is desired that due cogitations be expeditiously afforded in order to secure desperately needed clinical and therapeutic treatment. Sherisha's suffering from the debilitating effects of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, complications stemming from military sexual trauma and other diagnosed mental maladies all originating during her army service enlistment, has been years in the making and ongoing without adequate professional care. The degree of negligent or incomplete attention provided this ailing veteran after two institutional confinements is alarmingly distressing on all counts and matters associated.

The fairness of the rule of law will hopefully be realized through the appeals process. We trust that the courts review of all the factors and rights granted afflicted veterans in such dire situations will mitigate the sentence that we all feel is far too harsh a penalty under the prevailing circumstances.

Our heart wrenching concern now more than ever is that Sherisha receives the best possible opportunity to preserve her life, to be treated, to recover and to assume a productive existence when she is able to return to society and the loving embraces of her family and friends. From all identified indications the Ocala State Prison does not contain within its complex the necessary staff nor mental medicinal required to address the elevated sensitivity of Mrs. Hatchett-Lewis' failing condition.

From: will delaney vets4chess@gmail.com
Subject: Re: The New York Times: At Least 9 Are Dead After Fire at Warehouse Party in Oakland
Date: December 3, 2016 at 5:49 PM
To: Dedan (Naja)(Amadi) Ji Jaga jijaga@me.com



IF THIS AIN'T THE POTENTIAL TRAGEDY WE'RE FACING AT THE HALL I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY...

On Sat, Dec 3, 2016 at 10:41 AM, Dedan (Naja)(Amadi) Ji Jaga <jijaga@me.com> wrote:

At Least 9 Are Dead After Fire at Warehouse Party in Oakland
The New York Times

At least nine people were dead and emergency responders were searching for at least a dozen more after a fire broke out during an electronic music party. [Read the full story](#)

Shared from [Apple News](#)

Sent from my iPhone

36 LIVES LOST...

VETERANS MEMORIAL HALL COMMUNITY WALK THROUGH

Please use this form to record any observations, concerns, questions or recommendations regarding the overall safety, health and functionality of the hall. This is an attempt to bring all existing conditions of usage and habitation up to acceptable compliance standards. Your presence and input is sincerely appreciated.

Exposed Elec. WIRES

Locked doors - NO ONE had keys

Locked exit door - chained

clogged air vents

dirty restrooms - stinks

building neglected in many areas

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Clean light covers or use brighter bulbs

Exposed nails & screws next to speaker in corner

Tape around electrical outlets, next to stage

Wires held by string, inside door to the right in storage area

Clean vent screen

Ask PG&E to do an energy efficiency survey for the building

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VETERANS MEMORIAL HALL COMMUNITY WALK THROUGH

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Need Fire Extinguishers

exposed nails

Electrical outlets Gapped

hanging wires

HVAC

~~Stage blocked in center~~

Repainting

Splinters

Exposed ~~wire~~ wiring

handles on cabinets

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VETERANS MEMORIAL HALL COMMUNITY WALK THROUGH

Please use this form to record any observations, concerns, questions or recommendations regarding the overall safety, health and functionality of the hall. This is an attempt to bring all existing conditions of usage and habitation up to acceptable compliance standards. Your presence and input is sincerely appreciated.

Chained locks on emergency exit

Exposed wires along wall in general room

Loose screws and exposed screws

Clean air vents

Repaint storage room behind kitchen

Hole in wall under ~~men's~~ sink in men's restroom

New baby-changing station in women's bathroom

Exposed ~~at~~ wires in bar area and room

Mold in custodian room

Light and fixture in upstairs bathroom

No sink in upstairs bathroom (men)

Toilets in upstairs bathroom (women)

Lots of exposed wire in ~~men's~~ downstairs storage room

Need new wall sockets ~~there~~ throughout building

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From: Dave Silva Dave.Silva@pw.cccounty.us
Subject: RE: Scheduling of Facility Repair Assessments Walk Through For Richmond Veterans Memorial Hall
Date: July 20, 2016 at 11:11 AM
To: Dedan (Naja)(Amadi) Ji Jaga djijaga3@comcast.net
Cc: will delaney vets4chess@gmail.com, Veronica Whitfield Veronica.Whitfield@pw.cccounty.us

Hi Dedan,

It was a pleasure meeting with you yesterday and discussing the Richmond's Vet building. I have copied Veronica Whitfield, as associate, in my office who will set up the walk around and meeting date/time in Richmond. She will also be your contact hence forth and she can be reached at 925-313-2130.

She will get back to you and Will about the July 26 date and 11 am meeting time. She has to coordinate that with our Facilities staff who will also attend the walk around.

Thank you.

David Silva, RPA
Supervising Real Property Agent
Public Works - Real Estate
255 Glacier Drive
Martinez, CA 94553
(925) 313-2132

-----Original Message-----

From: Dedan (Naja)(Amadi) Ji Jaga [mailto:djijaga3@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2016 10:45 AM
To: Dave Silva
Cc: will delaney
Subject: Scheduling of Facility Repair Assessments Walk Through For Richmond Veterans Memorial Hall

Dave Silva
Supervising Real Property Agent
Real Estate Division
255 Glacier Drive Martinez , CA 94553
July 20, 2016

Hello Dave

First of all please allow the 761st Tank Battalion VFW Post 8399 Vice Commander Will Delaney and myself to thank you of your prompt response to our request to meet with you regarding existing challenges at the Richmond Veterans Memorial Hall. As per our conversation we would like to request that the locks on all doors interior and exterior be immediately replaced with the most reliable tamper proof locking and security mechanisms available within the current budgetary allowance. We think this would be the most expedient first step measure to take towards addressing the overall state of condition at the 968 23rd street location.

In addition we are requesting the presence of an official from the Contra Costa County Public Works Department, Real Estate Division to escort and assist us in conducting a tactical 'Walk Through' of the interior structure of 968 23rd street location and 'Walk Around' of the exterior building and grounds. The purpose of this proposed exercise is to make and record observations that reflect areas in need of repair and or enhancements of conditions which may represent potential health, safety and fire hazards. And have determinations made as to the most efficient manners needed to bring the building and grounds into accepted compliance.

We would like to schedule a meeting on July 26, 2016 at 11:00AM at the 968 23rd street location. If this date works for you or an other official from your agency please confirm and we can proceed accordingly. I can be reached at 510-815-0491 should there be any cause to reschedule.

Again, thank you for your timely considerations.

Regards,

Dedan Kimathi Ji Jaga
Commander 761st Tank Battalion VFW Post 8399
Vice Commander NABVETS Chapter 92

WALK Through Conducted
ON August 18th 2016.

From: Dedan (Naja)(Amadi) Ji Jaga jjjaga@me.com
Subject: Fwd: Request For Fiscal Audit
Date: October 21, 2016 at 9:29 AM
To: michele.wara@pw.cccounty.us
Cc: will.delaney@vets4chess@gmail.com, Dedan (Naja)(Amadi) Ji Jaga djjjaga3@comcast.net



Good Morning Michelle

As is reflected below I submitted a request for a comprehensive Fiscal Audit on October 12, 2016 and I did not receive an acknowledgement so I am submitting that request again. Your acknowledgement of this request would be greatly appreciated and any enlightenment that the County may be able to share with us about this process would certainly assist us in our attempts to correct situations outside of factors of agreement between all parties concerned. Thank you.

Dedan Kimathi Ji Jaga
510-815-0491

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Dedan (Naja)(Amadi) Ji Jaga" <jjjaga@me.com>
Subject: Request For Fiscal Audit
Date: October 12, 2016 at 9:11:20 AM PDT
To: Admin <admin@pw.cccounty.us>

Director Bueren:

After further review of the evolving situation at the Richmond Veterans Memorial Hall, I want to request the initiation of an Official Fiscal Audit covering the time I have been Commander of the 761st Tank Battalion VFW Post 8399 which commenced in November of 2015. This action could possibly bring some interesting disclosures but more than that it should clear the names of Post members not involved in this controversy. If your office is not the site to establish such a request, it would be greatly appreciated if you could direct or connect me to the proper authority associated with this type of activity. Again thank you for your time.

Regards,

Dedan Kimathi Ji Jaga
510-815-0491

From: Dedan (Naja)(Amadi) JI Jaga djijaga3@comcast.net
Subject: Re: Upcoming (6-30-2016) Contra Costa College Veterans Stakeholders Meeting
Date: July 26, 2016 at 11:31 PM
To: will delaney vets4chess@gmail.com
Cc: LWATKINS@YAHOO.COM, vets4chess@gmail.com

On Jun 25, 2016, at 5:39 PM, Franco, Dennis <DFranco@contracosta.edu> wrote:

Good afternoon gentlemen:

Are you free the afternoon of the 30th? I can try to reschedule for that afternoon

Dennis Franco
Dean, Enrollment Services
Contra Costa College
dfranco@contracosta.edu

-----Original Message-----

From: Dedan (Naja)(Amadi) JI Jaga [djijaga3@comcast.net]
Received: Saturday, 25 Jun 2016, 12:13AM
To: Franco, Dennis [DFranco@contracosta.edu]
CC: LWATKINS@YAHOO.COM [LWATKINS@YAHOO.COM]; will delaney [vets4chess@gmail.com]
Subject: Upcoming (6-30-2016) Contra Costa College Veterans Stakeholders Meeting

Hi Dennis

Hope all is well. I'm writing to see if there can be some arrangement made to ensure that Leon Watkins (Veteran/Student Advocate) is present when we convene on the 30th. Leon has been working with the 761st Tank Battalion VFW Post 8399 and NABVETS Chapter 92 very diligently and we are currently assisting him to territorially expand his community outreach resource base for Contra Costa College. We are also coordinating our combined efforts and strategies to afford a more viable presence at three major Veteran Services STAND DOWNS (Clearlake, Dixon & Pleasanton) this year. If you recall last year we circulated 100 comprehensive Contra Costa College information packages to an attending population of over 400 Veterans at the three day Dixon California Stand Down.

During our CCC Veterans Stakeholders meetings one of the issues that we talked about and looked at addressing was how we could best assist Veteran/Students with their unique conflict scenarios with the least distress possible for all parties concerned. It was my understanding (and I could be mistaken) that the 'Rapid Response' Team was created to remedy an array of situations both like and unlike this one Leon is facing. I think this particular instance represents the type of non-ordinary matter that in the minds of many may not seem important. However when Veterans are striving to help other Veterans they are often the only ones who can understand and appreciate the associated dynamics that make some small things monumental. Leon's counsel, dedication and organizational intelligence has served us well, his incomparable work ethic is inspirational and I feel that it would be a disservice to our collective expectations of accomplishment to not have him in attendance. Thank you.

Yours in Service To Our Veterans,

Dedan Kimathi JI Jaga
Commander 761st Tank Battalion VFW Post 8399
Vice Commander NABVETS Chapter 92

From: Wilkinson, Linda lwilkinson@wccusd.net
Subject: Special Invite

Date: March 8, 2016 at 6:57 PM

To: Emily Wilson (wilson-emily@sbcglobal.net) wilson-emily@sbcglobal.net, Rochelle Muffett (shellbe88@yahoo.com) shellbe88@yahoo.com, Christine Todd Pta (christineatodd@yahoo.com) christineatodd@yahoo.com, familymailbox@gmail.com, Heather Jackson (heatherj1975@fibermailbox.com) heatherj1975@fibermailbox.com, Geri Gauten@wccusd.net, MacLean, Alicia AMacLean@wccusd.net, O'Neal, Susan SO'Neal@wccusd.net, JJan_Knutsen (josephine1tran@gmail.com) josephine1tran@gmail.com, Johnson, Shabana SJohnson@wccusd.net, Holdredge, Kelsey kelsey.holdredge@wccusd.net, Lequive 528@gmail.com, gabbydeviss@yahoo.com, DeJan Ji Jaga (djjaga3@comcast.net) djjaga3@comcast.net

Dear "Esteemed" PTA Board, SSC, ELAC, Coach De Dan and our Retired Veterans,

I would like to invite you to one of our districts LCAP Town Hall meetings. As a PTA Board, ELAC, Site Council members, mentors, teachers, and parents, this is an opportunity for you to represent Tara Hills and our students, staff and community. Many things will be discussed regarding funding and our children's needs. You will also be given an opportunity to give your input and prioritize recommendations.

I will be attending tomorrow night at De Jean Middle. You do not need to stay for the entire meeting.

Please let me know if you need more information and if you will be attending one of the meetings.

Thank you for doing Whatever It Takes to ensure the success of all our students.

Linda

De Dan,

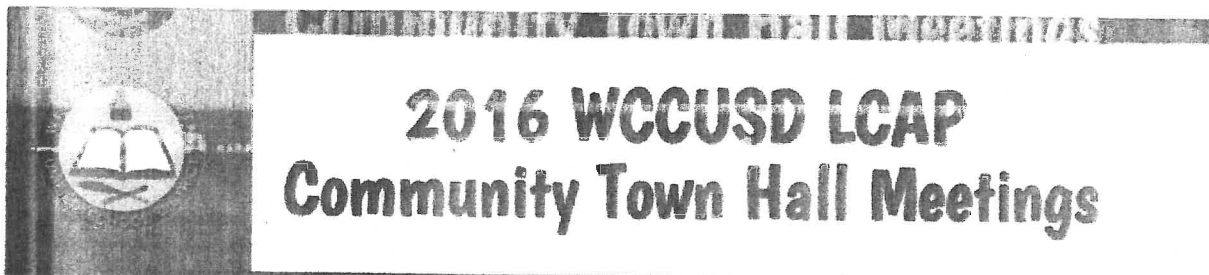
Would you please pass this invite on to our Chess Vets? De Dan, you may also have Janet's email. She is Chris Perkins mother.

Susan,

Please pass this on to Viktoria Bernier and any other ELAC members!

Emily,

Please pass this on to Josh Cleberg and Janet Bush!



WCCUSD welcomes students, families, staff, and community members

From: Bailey, Andrea (BFHI) andrea.bailey@chevron.com
Subject: RE: Re: Contact With Chevron's Veteran Liasion
Date: August 8, 2016 at 7:21 PM
To: Dedan (Naja)(Amadi) Ji Jaga jijaga@me.com

AB

Thank you Dedan! Have a great night!

Andrea Bailey
Community Engagement Manager
Policy, Government and Public Affairs

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-----Original Message-----

From: Dedan (Naja)(Amadi) Ji Jaga [mailto:jijaga@me.com]
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2016 7:02 PM
To: Bailey, Andrea (BFHI)
Subject: [**EXTERNAL**] Re: Contact With Chevron's Veteran Liasion

Thank you Andrea

Absolutely that works for me, your timely update is welcome news and answers many questions regarding this matter. I will forward this updated information on to the District 10 Commanders for their edification. I will also follow your recommendation and check in again in a few months to see what has developed. You are so appreciated...

Dedan

On Aug 8, 2016, at 2:43 PM, Bailey, Andrea (BFHI) <andrea.bailey@chevron.com> wrote:

Dedan,

Thank you for your email. I know that there are new and ongoing conversations going on right now about re-establishing an active Chevron Employee Veteran's Network but currently there is no one at the Chevron that has been identified to take the lead and restart the Network. So while I think your email is timely, it is also a little premature as we are still flushing out how this will work.

Lastly, Michelle Gorun works out of our San Ramon office, not the Refinery and she has been involved in the conversations with getting an Employee Veterans Network established in Richmond but she would not be leading the Richmond network.

Why don't you check back in with me in a few months and I can provide an update to you on where we are in re-establishing a local Veteran's Network group?

Does that work for you?

Andrea Bailey
Community Engagement Manager
Policy, Government and Public Affairs

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-----Original Message-----

From: Dedan (Naja)(Amadi) Ji Jaga [mailto:jjaga@me.com]
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2016 11:14 AM
To: Bailey, Andrea (BFHI)
Cc: Dedan (Naja)(Amadi) Ji Jaga
Subject: **[**EXTERNAL**]** Contact With Chevron's Veteran Liasion

AUGUST 8, 2016

Hi Andrea,

Hope you and all your loved ones are well, we all send our best to you as always. Several months ago I was elected Commander of the 761st Tank Battalion VFW Post 8399 in Richmond. We meet and function out of the Richmond Veterans Memorial Hall on 23rd Street. You're aware of the community volunteer work I embrace around children and much of the success that I have achieved is directly due to the the resourceful help and encouragement I have received from you and Chevron. The only thing more important to me than our children is our Veterans.

I attended the Northern California District 10 Veterans of Foreign Wars (19 VFW Posts) Quarterly Conference this past Saturday and the District Commander Richard Brugger shared with me that at some point a partnership between Chevron and District 10 or one of its Post (had taken the lead) was established at the Richmond Refinery site. The premise of the partnership, as I understand it was to allow VFW Veteran Service Representatives scheduled access to the Refinery in order to institute a Veterans Service Organization presence there to serve, assist and provide for all Veterans within Chevron's employment ranks. The Chevron representative whose name was mentioned with is Michelle Gorun.

This communication is an attempt to re-establish the partnership and work with Chevron to make any necessary adjustments that permits the resumption of a progressive VFW support relationship for our Veterans at Chevron. Forgive my humble imposition, but would it be possible for you to reach out to Michele Gorun or whoever currently oversees matters of this nature for Chevron's Refinery Veteran population and put us touch with me so our VFW operatives can continue to serve those remarkable Chevron Veterans. Thank you Andrea, for any measure of assistance you may be able to accommodate, looking forward to seeing you soon.

Best Regards,

Dedan Kimathi Ji Jaga
Commander 761st Tank Battalion VFW Post 8399
Vice Commander National Association of Black Veterans Chapter 92

From: June Pangelinan pangelinanjune@gmail.com
Subject: Re: 761st Tank Battalion VFW Post 8399/Writers Coach Meeting
Date: August 4, 2016 at 7:24 AM
To: Dedan (Naja)(Amadi) Ji Jaga djijaga3@comcast.net

Good Morning Dedan,

Thank YOU so much for inviting me. I was grateful to be there. I did see several members arrive as I was leaving and appreciate that you told them about WCC. I would love to follow-up with them if they are interested. Feel free to let me know who they are, and I of course will contact them.

I never realized you had such a good year coaching and was heartened to hear about your coaching experience. I could bring you along to every presentation I do and get folks to sign up without saying a word. Your testimony about your experience would bring people in and is the goal for all of our coaches. I will follow-up with you again about other veterans interest, as it would be amazing to have a group of veterans coach together ~ and join the WCC coaching corps. It would also be important for the students to see and meet you all.

I saw your veterans hall in National Night Out pictures on Facebook, I saw my friend Vinay Pimple (coach at Richmond High) and Myrtle Braxton in the photos. I see you had a large and robust gathering for National Night Out on Tuesday, congratulations as that's an important community event. You do so much in our community, and I am grateful to know you and partner with you!

Warmly,
June

June Pangelinan
Volunteer Recruitment Coordinator
WriterCoach Connection
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june@writercoachconnection.org
<http://www.writercoachconnection.org/>

On Wed, Aug 3, 2016 at 9:12 AM, Dedan (Naja)(Amadi) Ji Jaga <djijaga3@comcast.net> wrote:

Good Morning June

Thank you so much for taking time out of your busy schedule to visit the 761st and presenting to our Veterans Service Organization. As I mentioned before when we spoke, our intention is to encourage Veteran members of our Post to become involved with the Writer's Coach program. Several members joined us after your departure and we briefed them and passed out the program information. There were a couple of others who expressed an interest and once they have reviewed the WC information they will let me know and I, you. Again, thank you and the Writer's Coach organization for providing this remarkable opportunity for the 761st Tank Battalion VFW Post 8399 to give back to our children.
Please keep us advised and connected.

Regards,

Dedan Kimathi Ji Jaga
Commander 761st Tank Battalion VFW Post 8399
Vice Commander National Association of Black Veterans

From: Darlene Rios Drapkin darlene@urbantransformation.com
Subject: RE: Referred By Cesar
Date: August 31, 2016 at 12:10 PM
To: Dedan (Naja)(Amadi) Ji Jaga jijaga@me.com
Cc: Cesar Zepeda cesarz13@hotmail.com

Hi Dedan:

I look forward to meeting with you on Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 11.

Yes, I am excited to collaborate with you on clean up on 23rd and In addition, a family-oriented afternoon Halloween Trick or Treat event along 23rd, on Monday, Oct. 31.

Thank you for your service!

Sincerely,

Darlene Rios Drapkin – Contra Costa SBDC Advisor
www.urbantransformation.com
510-459-7780

-----Original Message-----

From: Dedan (Naja)(Amadi) Ji Jaga [mailto:jijaga@me.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 10:14 AM
To: darlene@urbantransformation.com
Subject: Referred By Cesar

Hi Darlene

My Name is Dedan Kimathi Ji Jaga and I am the current Commander for the 761st Tank battalion Post 8399 at the 968 23rd Street Richmond Veterans Memorial Hall. My good friend Cesar has suggested that we establish contacts with each other and I am doing just that. My phone number is 510-815-0491 and I would like to invite you to present at our next monthly business meeting on September 6, 2016 at 11:00AM if you are available. If not we can make other arrangements. I am interested in the project that Cesar mentioned regarding the cleaning up of 23rd Street, that sounds right in line with the work that our 'Veterans Community Outreach Initiative' does and I feel encouraged about the possibility of forming a partnership or working collaborative. Looking Forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

Dedan Kimathi Ji Jaga
Commander 761st Tank Battalion VFW Post 8399 Vice Commander National Association of Black Veterans Chapter 92

From: djijaga3@comcast.net
Subject: RE: Contra Costa College Veterans Tribute
Date: November 4, 2016 at 1:56 PM
To: Irene Perdomo <Irene_Perdomo@ci.richmond.ca.us>

Hi Irene

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Dedan

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From: Irene Perdomo <Irene_Perdomo@ci.richmond.ca.us>

Date: 11/4/16 10:23 AM (GMT-08:00)

To: djijaga3@comcast.net

Subject: RE: Contra Costa College Veterans Tribute

Hi Dedan,

I forgot to ask: how do I request for a parking pass for this event? And also, is this an exclusive event, or are members/veterans from the public welcome to attend? I have a longtime family friend that is a Vietnam veteran (Army Paratrooper, 100% disabled) that is local and would like to extend the invitation to him and his wife, if it is deemed appropriate.

Thank you again,

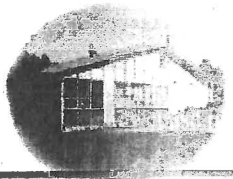
Irene Perdomo

Director of Projects and Programs
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Tara Hills Elementary School

2300 Dolan Way, San Pablo, CA. 94806

Principal: Linda Wilkinson
lwilkinson@wccusd.net

510-231-1428
Fax 510724-3224

May 31, 2016

Dear Mr. Will Delaney,

On behalf of our entire Tara Hills School Community, I would like to extend our deepest gratitude to you and the Vets4Chess Program. Bringing people together to form positive connections, to inspire, to learn, to teach, and to be a part of the greater good is what Tara Hills is all about. Vets4Chess does that and more. It is a heartwarming sight to see adults and students sitting together, strategizing, and playing chess. You can see students beaming with confidence and smiling because they know that someone from the Vets4Chess will be on campus just for them. During recess you can see herds of students rushing to get to the chess boards. I don't know of any other program in my career where I have seen so many students skip all of the ongoing recess games to get involved in something new.

Vets4Chess is so much more than just a game, it is a gift. Thank you for coming to Tara Hills.

Sincerely,

Linda J. Wilkinson
Principal
Tara Hills

From: Sports Illustrated Play outbound-mail@splay.com
Subject: Upcoming Game for Naja (NA), Amadi (MADI), Dedan (Coach Dedan)
Date: July 8th 2016 @ 9:14 AM
To: Dedan (Coach Dedan) JJ Jaga djijaga3@mmcast.net

SP



Richmond YMCA
JUNIOR GIANTS



There is an upcoming Game for Naja (NA), Amadi (MADI), Dedan (Coach Dedan):

July 9th 2016 @ 9:00 AM

Montara Bay Baseball Diamond
Montara Bay Park
2250 Tara Hillis Dr.
San Pablo, CA 94806

Game 2 of 5

Will Naja (NA) be able to attend the Game?

YES, Naja (NA) Will Be There.

NO, Naja (NA) Will Not Be There.

Will Amadi (MADI) be able to attend the Game?

YES, Amadi (MADI) Will Be There.

NO, Amadi (MADI) Will Not Be There.

As of the time of this email, here is the summary of attendance for Teal Giants.

Attending: 0

Not Attending: 1

Unknown: 16

ATTENDING

NOT ATTENDING

Jacob Porter

From: Dedar (Naja)(Amadi) Ji Jaga jjjaga@me.com
Subject: 761st Tank Battalion Contribution - CCC Veterans Resource Manual
Date: August 26, 2016 at 10:36 PM
To: Dona De Russo DDeRusso@contracosta.edu

DJ

761st TANK BATTALION VFW POST 8399

Richmond Veterans Memorial Hall
969 23rd Street Richmond, CA 94806
Commander Dedar Kimathi Ji Jaga 510-515-0491

Founded in 1889 the VFW is one of longest serving Veteran Service Organizations (VSO) on record with a dedicated mission to foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts. Our charge is to serve our veterans, their families, the military, our communities and advocate for all veterans entitlements. VFW Post 8399 partners with other VSO's and essential commodity providers to expand and enhance the range, cope and depth of raw resource allocations to Veterans while campaigning to minimize the tedious cycle of perpetual referrals. 'No one does more for Veterans' is the VFW motto and we vehemently strive to honor that commitment. Ask about our Veterans Community Outreach Initiative and VETS4CHNESS program.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK VETERANS

CHAPTER 9211

Commander Will Delaney 510-712-6222

NabVets is a congressionally sanctioned Veterans Service Organization created to address the needs of all Veterans, Black Veterans in particular and advocate on their behalf regarding claims, individual and family benefits. Traditionally Black Veterans and Veterans of color are disproportionately underserved in virtually every aid and assistance category provided for by the Department of Veterans Affairs. It was inadvertent neglect and inequitable health and medical attention that prompted Robert Conroft, Thomas Wynn Sr. and William Sims, three Black Veterans to found NabVets in 1973. Since then the organization has been amplifying the voices of the often ignored Veterans of color so that their pleas for shelter, help and parity are not only heard but provided for. Peer to peer, Vet to Vet social and incidental exchanges form the building blocks and trust factors often lost during military deployment.

From: Mark Alexander ajijic51@mac.com
Subject: Fiscal Agent Letter
Date: February 25, 2016 at 2:52 PM
To: Dedan Ji Jaga ajijaga3@comcast.net

Coach Dedan,

Find attached the letter confirming the 100 Black Men of the Bay Area as the fiscal sponsor of the Richmond Grinders.

Best,

Mark Alexander, PhD
Executive Director | Youth Movement

February 25, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to confirm that 100 Black Men of the Bay Area, Inc. is the fiscal agent for the Richmond Grinders Track Club (Dedan Ji Jaga, Coach). The Richmond Grinders is an independent track & field club associated with the 100 Black Men of the Bay Area's Youth Movement program. If you have any questions contact me at: 510-501-4331.

Sincerely,



Mark Alexander, PhD
Executive Director | Youth Movement