



Black History Month

This painting was dedicated to the founders of Black History Month, the Black United Students at [Kent State University](#), by Ernie Pryor



Black History Month is an annual observance originating in the [United States](#), where it is also known as **African-American History Month**. It has received official recognition from governments in the United States and Canada, and more recently has been observed unofficially in [Ireland](#), the [Netherlands](#), and the [United Kingdom](#). It began as a way of remembering important people and events in the history of the [African diaspora](#).

It is celebrated in **February** in the United States and Canada, while in Ireland, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom it is observed in October.

United States: Black History Month (1970)

Black History Month was first proposed by black educators and the Black United Students at Kent State University in February 1969. The first celebration of Black History Month took place at Kent State one year later, from January 2, 1970 – February 28, 1970.

Six years later, Black History Month was being celebrated all across the country in educational institutions, centers of Black culture and community centers, both great and small, when President Gerald Ford recognized Black History Month, during the celebration of the United States Bicentennial. He urged Americans to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history".



The Black United Students first Black culture center (Kuumba House) where many events of the first Black History Month celebration took place.

United Kingdom (1987)

In the United Kingdom, Black History Month was first celebrated in 1987. It was organized through the leadership of Ghanaian analyst Akyaa Addai-Sebo, who had served as a coordinator of special projects for the Greater London Council (GLC) and created a collaboration to get it underway. It was first celebrated in London.

Canada (1995)

In 1995, after a motion by politician Jean Augustine, representing the riding of Etobicoke—Lakeshore in Ontario, Canada's House of Commons officially recognized February as Black History Month and honored Black Canadians. In 2008, Senator Donald Oliver moved to have the Senate officially recognize Black History Month, which was unanimously approved.

Republic of Ireland (2010)

Ireland's Great Hunger Institute, at Quinnipiac University in Connecticut, notes: "Black History Month Ireland was initiated in Cork in 2010. This location seems particularly appropriate as, in the 19th century, the city was a leading center of abolition, and the male and female anti-slavery societies welcomed a number of black abolitionists to lecture there, including Charles Lenox Remond and Frederick Douglass."

Stop Germs! Wash Your Hands.

When?

- After using the bathroom
- Before, during, and after preparing food
- Before eating food
- Before and after caring for someone at home who is sick with vomiting or diarrhea
- After changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has used the toilet
- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After touching an animal, animal feed, or animal waste
- After handling pet food or pet treats
- After touching garbage



How?



Wet your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap.



Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Be sure to lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.



Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice.



Rinse hands well under clean, running water.



Dry hands using a clean towel or air dry them.

Keeping hands clean is one of the most important things we can do to stop the spread of germs and stay healthy.

LIFE IS BETTER WITH

**CLEAN
HANDS**



www.cdc.gov/handwashing



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New Employees

Angelica Hayes
Detention Officer

Casie Louis
Culinary Specialist

Victoria Miller
Detention Officer

Mariah Brannan
Detention Officer

Johnathan Spencer
Detention Officer

Jennifer Bradley
Detention Officer

Breauna Bullock
Detention Officer

Promotions

Brooke Smith
Administrative Analyst

David Mugisha
Probation Officer

DETENTION OFFICER OF THE MONTH FEBRUARY 2020



Detention Officer II Jethro Cammon

Jethro Cammon was born in Buffalo, New York about 15 minutes away from Niagara Falls, Canada. Jethro moved to Los Angeles, California with his mother and brother when he was 13 years old. He attended Bret Hart Junior High School. After graduating from George Washington High School, Jethro enlisted into the United States Marine Corp. After receiving an honorable discharge from the Marine Corp, he re-enlisted into the United States Air Force where he was honorably discharged as well. Mr. Cammon moved to Oklahoma in 2005 and in 2010, he met Denise who became his wife in 2011. Jethro Cammon started working at the OCJDC in 2017 as a Detention Officer and after a short time received a well-deserved promotion to DOII.

Mr. Cammon has always been an active member of the churches he has attended. Now he is serving God through Prison Ministry. Jethro and his wife Denise are volunteers at Kate Barnard Correctional Facility and were former anger management instructors at the Lexington Correctional Facility. Now Jethro and Denise volunteer here at the OCJDC twice a month. Mr. Cammon tries to live his life the very best way that he can and would like to thank everyone who voted for him to be Detention Officer of the Month for February 2020!

DOII Jethro Cammon has always been committed to helping others and brings peace and joy to our shift. His energy and joyful spirit just spreads to everyone on shift as well as our residents. Residents in detention request Mr. Cammon to be in their dayroom as their dayroom. DOII Cammon has so much knowledge and experience; he is truly an asset to the team. Thank you for all you do!

**Congratulations to Jethro Cammon for being Detention Officer of the
Month for February 2020!!**

Funky Friday Fashion



Probation Officer Jennae Hodge

Check out those tennis shoes...



Margie Byrd-Dean

Displaying Black History Month pride ...





Condolence goes out to **Vickie Goodin** and **Kim Everly** in their time of lost.

Erica Christner

KUDOS TO YOU

Kudos to **Ms. Emily Fees** and **Ms. Hajr Hamin** for taking time out of their busy schedules to come down to detention and facilitate nurture groups. You both are amazing and very appreciated.

Kudos to **Ms. Delma Harding, Ms. Elizabeth Rose, Mr. Tommy Brown, Dr. Clifton Thomas, and Mr. Andre Hayes** for facilitating nurture groups each week in detention. You all are super awesome and I thank them very much.

Kudos to **Ms. Erin McConnell** for handling anything that comes up in detention with grace and always being a listening ear.

Kudos to **Mr. John Black** for handling all of our ACA stuff while also training new staff.

Kudos to **Ms. LaToya Moore** for training new staff and also for helping me facilitate activities when I am busy and hosting groups with residents.

Kudos to **Ms. Alecsis Davis** for making herself available to do groups with residents whenever I ask her.

Antonio Windham

Kudos to **all 3 shifts** for all their hard work.

Kudos to **Blanca Juarez, Shawn Clewis, David Mugisha, Joshua McDaniel, Hannah Dix, Keisha Kearney, David Swan and Matthew Hankins, Medical Administration and all Detention staff** for assisting detention with one crazy Tuesday!

Kudos to **Andrea Hayes** for working her regular assigned shift and coming back up to work all night long to monitor several residents over night!

Kasandra West

Big KUDOS to **Hannah Dix** for serving as Acting Director during my absence, in what turned out to be an extremely difficult week. Thank you!

KUDOS to **my team** for all working together and ensuring all was being taken care of during my absence. Thank you!

J'me Overstreet

“Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.” —Booker T. Washington

KUDOS TO YOU

Kudos to **Heather Neunlist** who is working hard in her new role here at OCJB!

Kudos to **Napoleon Washington**, who, through his attention to and care for, his coworkers are still making a positive difference here at OCJB.

Kudos to **Richard Lewis**, whom we expect to get back this week; his absence is always felt throughout the building and is a testament to how much he does each and every day that he's here.

Kudos to **Darick Whitehorn** for going above and beyond in helping with a sprinkler issue during our recent inspections.

Thank you for all that you do!

Gene Frantz

Detention Officer Bryson for being amazing and being helpful! Excellent work ethic and eager to assist when needed, true leader!

Delma Harding

Thank you **Carlotta Meeker** for being such a good help to me when I needed it. You are amazing!

Thank you **Blanca Juarez** for being so positive and bubbly everyday no matter what is going on. You are awesome!

Jonathan White —thank you for always bringing nice treats for Intake and being so funny. You are great!

Thank you **Erica Carter** for doing what you do and keeping me laughing. You are funny!

Vicki Cargill —I love that you are the mama bear of Intake. You are so kind!

Matthew Hankins— thank you for always being thoughtful and checking to see if everyone is ok. You are super sweet!

Thank you **Diana Elston** for always encouraging me and helping me come up with great ideas. You are creative!

Hajr Hamin you have been such a great inspiration to me and you always make me want to strive to do better. You are an amazing leader!

Winnie Strong

"Never be limited by other people's limited imaginations."

Dr. Mae Jemison, first African-American female astronaut

Congratulations!



Kamari is currently a freshman at Harding Fine Arts Academy and is ranked number one of her freshman class. She is also a part of the choir, plays the piano, and enjoys art. I wanted to share my oldest daughter's accomplishments and let everyone know how proud I am of her for doing such a great job in her first year of high school. Keep shooting for the stars Kamari! I am a very proud mom!

She is the daughter of **Keisha Kearney** in the HR Department.

Harding Fine Arts Academy Official Transcript

STUDENT NAME: [REDACTED]
 GRADE: 9 [REDACTED]

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 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111
 (405) 702-4322

	SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2
19-20 Harding Fine Arts Academy		
ENG1150 English 9	A 0.5	
FAC1151 Choir - Contest	A 0.5	
FLS1150 Spanish I	A 0.5	
IMP1150 Piano I	A 0.5	
MAG2150 Geometry	A 0.5	
SCP1150 Physical Science	A 0.5	
SSO1150 OK History	A 0.5	

OKLAHOMA CCR RESULTS (OSTP ASSESSMENTS)

ACT SCORES

Compositer:	Compositer:	Compositer:
English: Reading: Writing: Date:	English: Reading: Math: Science: Writing: Date:	English: Reading: Math: Science: Writing: Date:

IMMUNIZATIONS

Polio: : : :
 DTP: : : :
 MMR: : : :
 Hepatitis B: : : :
 Hepatitis A: : : :
 Varicella: : : :

GRADUATION PLAN

College Preparatory/Work Ready Curriculum (Foreign Language)

GRADE SCALE

A = 90-100%
 B = 80-89%
 C = 70-79%
 D = 60-69%
 F = 0-59%

AP=+1 weighed points
 I=Incomplete
 NC=No Credit

GPA: 4.0000
 A: 4.0000

Signature of School Official: [Signature] Date: 01/28/2020





Congratulations



Jessica and Adam Keller

They were married on February 20, 2020. Jessica is the daughter of J'me and Craig Overstreet.

Resolution No. 2020-546

A Resolution accepting the following donations made in January of 2020, for use by Oklahoma County:

WHEREAS, the following citizens of Oklahoma County donated clothing to the Clothing Closet: Oklahoma County Commissioner Brian Maughan, Coach Luke Orvis and his Edmond Memorial High School football team, Ms. Lenora Burdine of the Oklahoma County Public Defender's office, Ms. Candice Pace of the Oklahoma Bar Foundation, Mr. Ryan Weber, Ms. Kathleen Himmler, and Ms. Debbie Fife; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kathleen Himmler also donated a television and games for the youth in detention; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vance Valvo, retired employee of the Oklahoma County Juvenile Bureau donated snacks and bottled water for the youth in detention; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma County accepts these donations with gratitude.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Board of County Commissioners of Oklahoma County does hereby accept these generous donations and expresses great appreciation for all of the support received by the citizens of Oklahoma County and the numerous city, county, and state leaders who have given of their time to invest in the success of the at-risk youth of Oklahoma County.

APPROVED this 12th day of February, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Kevin Calvey

Kevin Calvey, Chair

Carrie Blumert

Carrie Blumert, Vice-Chair

Brian Maughan

Brian Maughan, Member

ATTEST:

David B. Hooten

David B. Hooten, County Clerk



Celebrating December 2019 and January 2020 Birthday's



The More We Share, The More We Have.
We Are The Change!





Maintenance Team

Recognized for the construction of the Referee courtroom.

David Mugisha, Probation Officer

Recognized for helping during a critical incident within the detention center. Your help is really appreciated and you showed what teamwork is truly about. "Teamwork makes the Dream work".



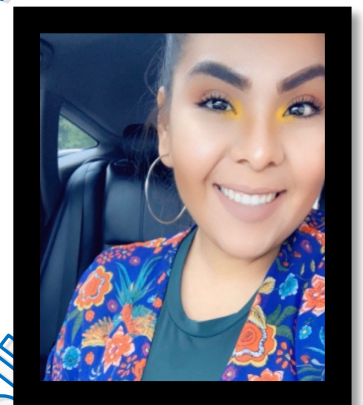
Shawn Clewis, Probation Officer

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Blanca Juarez, Intake Officer

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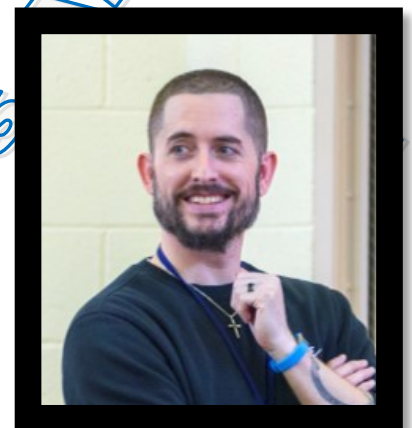
Matthew Hankins, Intake Officer

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Joshua McDaniel, Internal Affairs

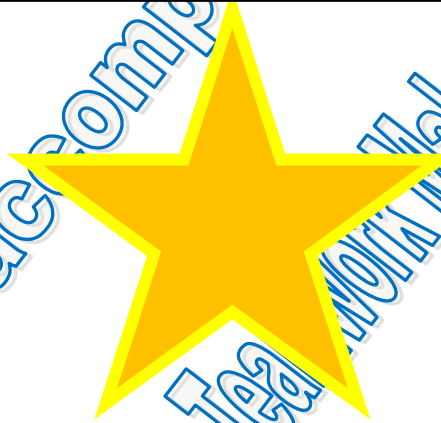
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Lee Gonzales, Detention Officer

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Andrea Hayes, Medical Staff

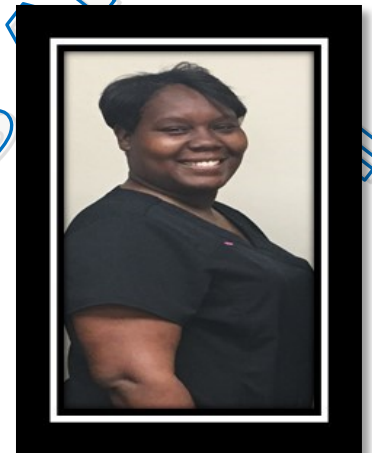
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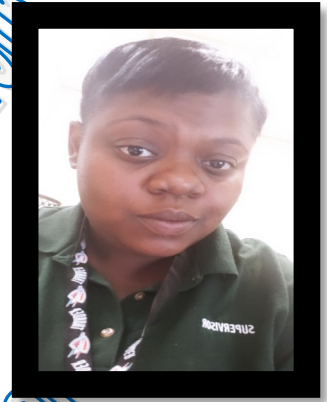
Keisha Travis-Adams, Medical Staff

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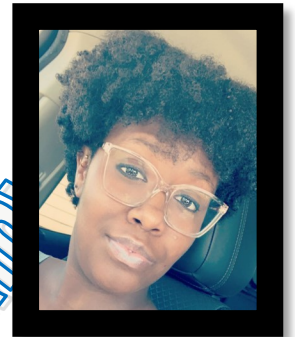
Alecsis Davis, Shift Supervisor II

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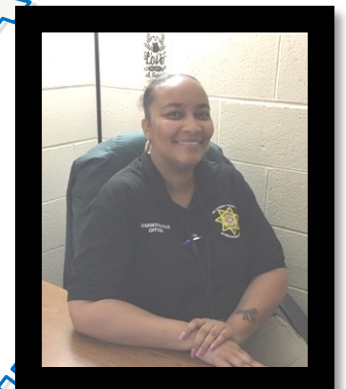
Zakeria Chism, Shift Supervisor I

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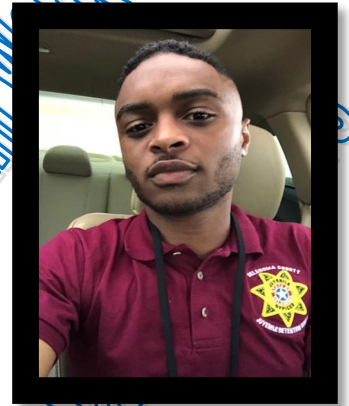
Elizabeth Rose, Administrative Officer

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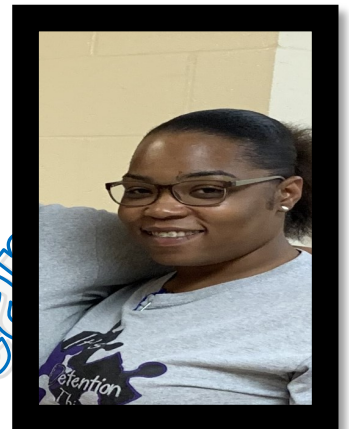
Antonio Windham, Activities Volunteer Coordinator

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LaShell Smith, Detention Officer

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Cassie Aiello, Detention Officer

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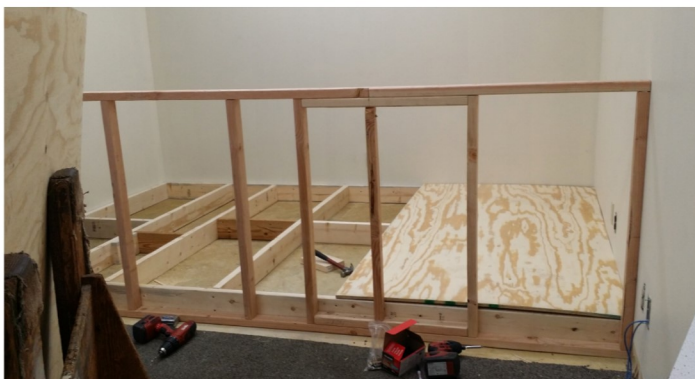
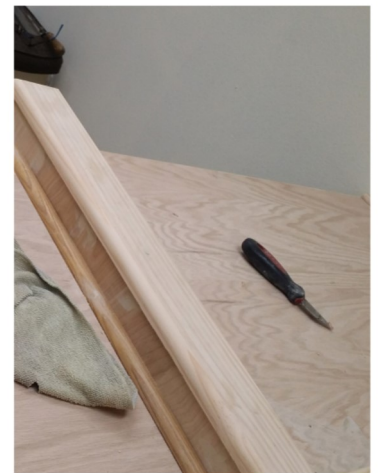
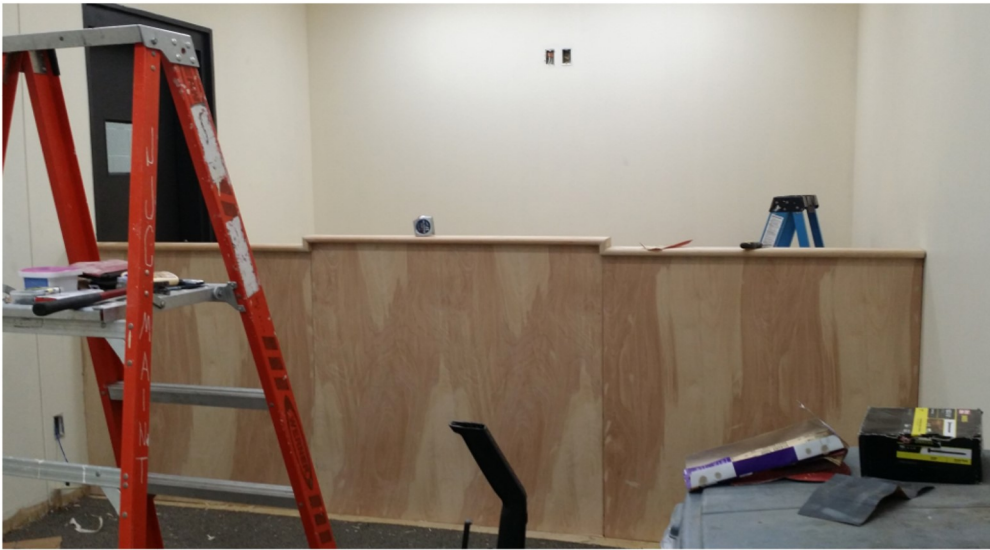
Did you know that you can request to have formal reprimands to be removed from your personnel file? Just make sure the following steps have been taken:

- **All expectations established for improved performance and/or conduct have been met;**
- **The employee received an overall score of “Meets Standards” or above on their most recent PER;**
- **A time period of twelve (12) months or more has passed since the employee met the expectations established for improved performance and/or conduct with no further disciplinary action taken; and**
- **The employee’s supervisor and department head approve of the request.**

If you believe you have met these requirements, contact your supervisor today!

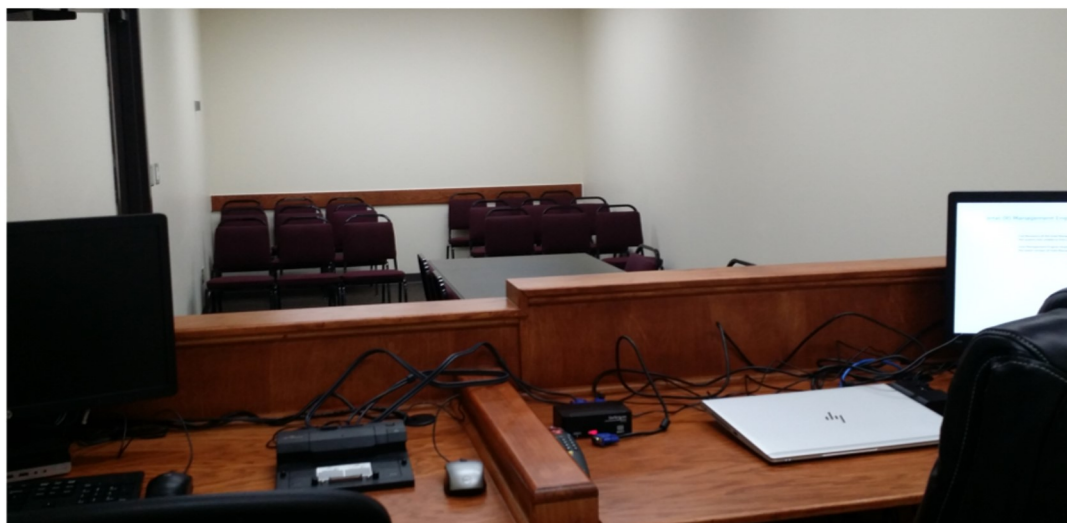
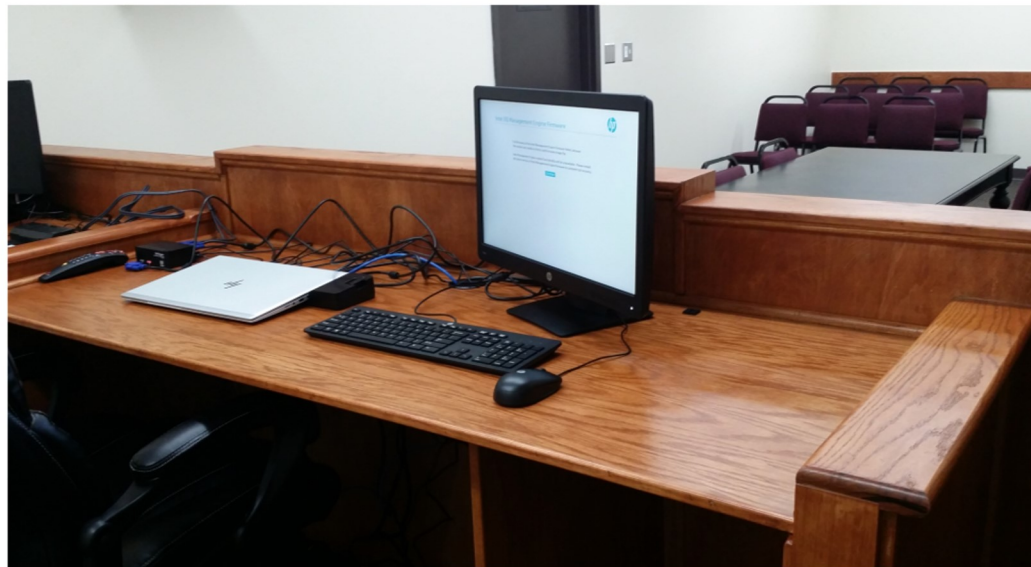


The Building of The Referee Court





Return of The Referee Court



Southern Kitchen

HOT WATER CORNBREAD

Pan fried cornmeal mixed with shortening and boiling water make these Hot Water Cornbread patties a delicious staple for all southern bites!!

Prep Time 5 mins

Cook Time 10 mins

Total Time 15 mins

Course: Easy

Cuisine: Southern

Servings: 7

INGREDIENTS

1 c. cornmeal mix

2 tsp. sugar

1 T. vegetable shortening

1 c. water boiled

Vegetable or Canola Oil for pan frying



INSTRUCTIONS

In a small bowl, mix cornmeal mix and sugar.

Add shortening and boiling water; stir until all of the shortening melts.

Pour enough oil to coat a large nonstick skillet and heat at medium-high heat.

When the oil is hot enough for frying, drop spoonfuls of the mixture into the oil and flatten slightly.

Fry for a couple minutes or until golden brown and flip to other side.

Once second side is browned, drain the patties on paper towel. Say Grace and enjoy!!

Great with beans, chili, greens, and a variety of southern foods.

Hot water cornbread is a **Native American** food item and is unique to the South. European explorers learned to make cornmeal into cornbread from the indigenous people. This food item was made for many years by natives, long before European colonization. It was often dipped or covered with fresh honey.

Black History Facts

The Idea of Vaccination Was Introduced to America by a Slave

Onesimus was an African-born slave who was gifted to a church minister named Cotton Mather in 1706. He told Mather about the tradition of inoculation practiced in Africa, which was a very early form of vaccination. In this practice, germs from a person infected with smallpox were scratched into an uninfected person to introduce a small amount of the virus to the well person's body. The healthy individual, therefore, would not become sick, but would become immune to the disease. During the smallpox epidemic of 1721, Onesimus and Mather helped inoculate over 240 people and potentially saved their lives. This practice was used later to inoculate American soldiers during the Revolutionary War.

The Father of Black History Was the Second Black Person to Earn a Harvard Degree

Carter G. Woodson was the son of former slaves, James and Eliza Riddle Woodson. He attended high school in West Virginia and then earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Chicago in 1908. Carter Woodson became only the second African-American ever to earn a doctorate degree from the prestigious Harvard University in 1912. The first African-American to earn a doctorate degree from Harvard was W.E.B. Dubois, another famous scholar. With his academic background, Carter G. Woodson understood more than anyone the value of education.

Black Inventors for Mashed Potatoes, Cooling Units and Disposable Syringes

There are many Black History Month facts relating to the numerous achievements and contributions of the black community throughout the history of human civilization. Among them are many innovative inventions by black inventors. One of the most popular American dishes – mashed potatoes – was invented by Dr. William C. Davis. We have Frederick McKinley Jones to thank for our fresh groceries, as he invented the air-cooling units used in transport trucks. Phil Brooks, another African-American inventor, received the first US patent for the plastic disposable syringe. There are many other important inventions from the innovative black men and women who helped shape our lives as we know them today.

Black History Month Inspired the Celebration of Juneteenth

Before it became a month-long celebration, Negro History Week had already inspired other celebrations of black history, including the Juneteenth holiday. This holiday, celebrated on June 19 every year, was made official in the state of Texas in 1980. It celebrates the abolition of slavery in Texas in June 1865 and commemorates the freedom of the African-American community. Nowadays, the holiday also promotes self-development and recognition for all cultures. Some organizations are campaigning for Juneteenth to become a national holiday.

United States Army Unit known as the “Six Triple Eight”

The 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion helped boost the morale of millions of Americans during WWII.



In England, Maj. Charity E. Adams and Capt. Abbie N. Campbell inspect the first contingent of black members of the Women's Army Corps assigned to overseas service.— 2/15/1945

An army unit known as the “Six Triple Eight” had a specific mission in World War II: to sort and clear a two-year backlog of mail for Americans stationed in Europe. Between the Army, Navy, Air Force, the Red Cross and uniformed civilian specialists, that amounted to seven million people waiting for mail.

And the responsibility to deliver all of it fell on the shoulders of 855 African-American women. From February 1945 to March 1946, the women of the 6888 Central Postal Directory Battalion distributed mail in warehouses in England and France. Because of a shortage of resources and manpower, letters and packages had been accumulating in warehouses for months.

Part of the Women's Army Corps, known as WACs, the 6888 had a motto, “No mail, low morale.” But these women did far more than distribute letters and packages. As the largest contingent of black women to ever serve overseas, they dispelled stereotypes and represented a change in racial and gender roles in the military. Becoming a WAC also gave African-American women, often denied employment in civilian jobs, a chance for economic stability. Others hoped for better race relations, as described in scholar Brenda L. Moore's book, *To Serve My Country, To Serve My Race: The Story of the Only African American WACs Stationed Overseas during World War II*. One WAC Elaine Bennett said she joined “because I wanted to prove to myself, and maybe to the world, that we [African Americans] would give what we had back to the United States as a confirmation that we were full-fledged citizens.”

But discrimination still infiltrated the Women's Army Corps. Despite advertisements that ran in black newspapers, there were African American women who were denied WAC applications at local recruitment centers. And for the 6,500 black women who would become WACs, their experiences were entirely segregated, including their platoons, living quarters, mess halls and recreational facilities. A quota system was also enforced within the Women's Army Corps. The number of black WACS could never exceed 10 percent, which matched the proportion of blacks in the national population.

“Given the racial, social and political climate, people were not clamoring to have blacks under their command,” says Cooke. “The general perception among commanders was to command a black troop was a form of punishment.”

After their training at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, which entailed crawling under logs with gas masks and jumping over trenches, the 6888th sailed across the Atlantic, arriving in Birmingham, England, in February 1945. In unheated and poorly lit buildings, some with rodents rummaging through spoiled cookies and cakes, the 6888 took on its mission of clearing an enormous backlog of undelivered mail.

Divided into three separate, 8-hour shifts, the women worked around the clock seven days a week. They kept track of 7 million identification cards with serial numbers to distinguish between soldiers with the same names. They investigated incomplete addresses and also had the unfortunate task of returning mail addressed to soldiers who had been killed. To their relief, the 6888 had a congenial relationship with the Birmingham community. It was common for residents to invite the women over for tea, a sharp contrast to the segregated American Red Cross clubs the 6888th couldn't enter.

After finishing their task in Birmingham, in June 1945, the 6888 transferred to Rouen, France, where they carried on, with admiration from the French, and cleared the backlog. Next they left for Paris in October 1945, where they would remain, distributing mail to Americans longing to hear from their loved ones, until their mission was completed in March 1946. While the work was taxing, as an all-black, female unit overseas, they understood the significance of their presence.

“They knew what they did would reflect on all other black people,” says Cooke. “The Tuskegee Airmen, the 6888 represented all black people. Had they failed, all black people would fail. And that was part of the thinking going into the war. The black battalions had the burden that their role in the war was about something much bigger than themselves.”





POEM BY: MAYA ANGELOU

Still I Rise

SUBMITTED BY:
MARGIE BYRD-DEAN

You may write me down in history
With your bitter, twisted lies,
You may trod me in the very dirt
But still, like dust, I'll rise.

Does my sassiness upset you?
Why are you beset with gloom?
'Cause I walk like I've got oil wells
Pumping in my living room.

Just like moons and like suns,
With the certainty of tides,
Just like hopes springing high,
Still I'll rise.

Did you want to see me broken?
Bowed head and lowered eyes?
Shoulders falling down like teardrops,
Weakened by my soulful cries?

Does my haughtiness offend you?
Don't you take it awful hard
'Cause I laugh like I've got gold mines
Diggin' in my own backyard.

You may shoot me with your words,
You may cut me with your eyes,
You may kill me with your hatefulness,
But still, like air, I'll rise.

Out of the huts of history's shame
I rise

Up from a past that's rooted in pain
I rise

I'm a black ocean, leaping and wide,
Welling and swelling I bear in the tide.

Leaving behind nights of terror and fear
I rise

Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear
I rise

Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,
I am the dream and the hope of the slave.
I rise, I rise, I rise.