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**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**



SURGEON:
Civil War
Army Lt. Col.
Alexander T. Augusta



Nurse:

WORLD WAR II

Army Maj. Della H. Raney Jackson



CHIEF, DEFENSE
HEALTH AGENCY
COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Army Col. Audra L.
Taylor

WELCOME!

BY JOE DEVITO

This month we bring awareness and education to the accomplishments of America's black veterans who overcame obstacles and achieved greatness with significant contributions to the medical services throughout our military history from the Civil War to present day. Check out a few of their stories on page 3. It's also a good time to check in with your County Veteran Service Officer this month and make sure you are receiving all the benefits and services available to you. IDVA remains committed to making Indiana the best place for all Indiana Veterans to Live, Work and Thrive! We welcome contributions and feedback to outreachedva.in.gov.

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NEWSLETTER

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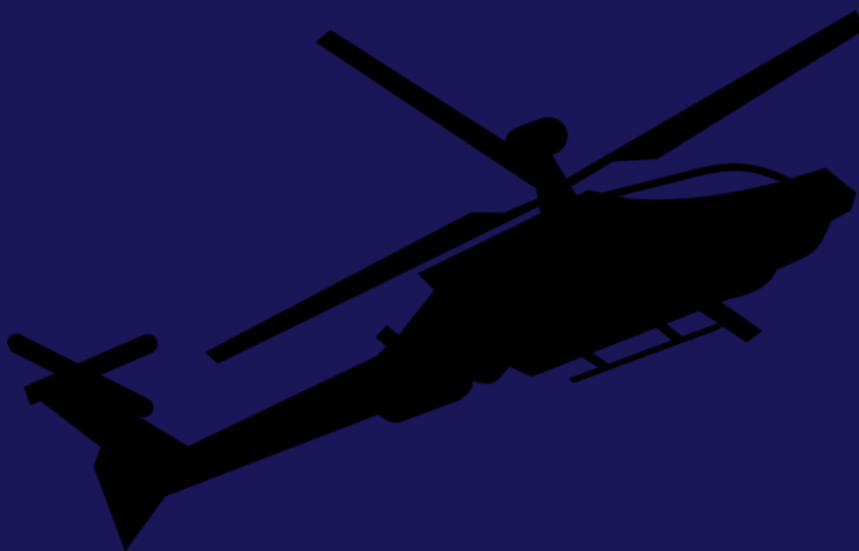
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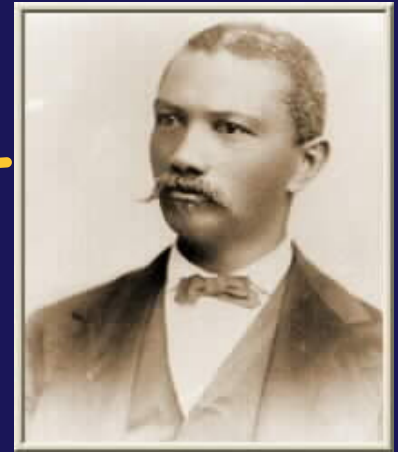
PATHWAY THROUGH TIME

Black History

[Courtesy of Health.mil](#)

1863

Alexander T. Augusta is among 13 known African Americans that served as surgeons during the American Civil War. A native Virginian, Augusta traveled to Canada to study medicine and achieve his degree. Following his request to President Lincoln, Dr. Alexander Augusta was the first commissioned medical officer in the Union Army. Augusta would later become the first Black surgeon to lead a hospital in the U.S., leading the contraband camp in Washington, D.C. from May through October 1863. Augusta was also the first African American to serve on the faculty of a medical school in the United States, serving, at the time, the newly established medical department of Howard University in 1868.



Read more: <https://circulatingnow.nlm.nih.gov/2014/04/04/a-civil-war-surgeons-books-rediscovered/>



1895

In 1895, Dr. Robert Boyd co-founded the National Medical Association (NMA), which represents U.S. African American doctors and medical professionals. Jim Crow laws were a major obstacle for Black physicians at the time. Even the American Medical Association barred Black doctors from becoming members. Boyd, who served as the first NMA president, established the NMA to make sure that Black physicians had a voice in shaping medical policy and developing clinical expertise.

Read more:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2617285/pdf/jnma00613-0075.pdf>.

1906

In 1906, Adah Belle Thoms was named assistant superintendent of nurses at Lincoln Hospital in New York. While she would spend the next 18 years acting as director, her race precluded her from being given the title, according to the National Museum of African American History & Culture. Thoms cofounded the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses and served as the organization's president from 1916 to 1923, and later successfully lobbied for Black nurses to serve in the American Red Cross Nursing and Army Nurse Corps during WWI.

Thoms published the first chronicle of the history of black nurses in America with her book "Pathfinders: A History of the Progress of Colored Graduate Nurses." She was one of the original inductees to the American Nurses Association Hall of Fame in 1976.



1941



DELLA H. RANEY
First Lieutenant
Chief Nurse

In 1941, Major Della Hayden Raney (Jackson) became the first Black nurse to be commissioned in the U.S. Army.

After the war, she was assigned to head the nursing staff at the station hospital at Camp Beale, California. In 1946, she was promoted to major and served a tour of duty in Japan. Major Raney Jackson retired in 1978.

Learn more about her story:

[https://www.womenshistory.org/articles/african-american-nurses-world-war-ii.](https://www.womenshistory.org/articles/african-american-nurses-world-war-ii)

1955

Brigadier General Hazel Johnson-Brown enlisted in the military in 1955, just seven years after President Harry S. Truman moved to integrate the United States Armed Forces and abolish discrimination.

As she continued to advance her education, she was named director of the Walter Reed Army Institute of Nursing and was named Army Nurse of the Year two times.

In 1979, she was nominated as the 16th chief of the Army Nurse Corps and promoted to brigadier general, becoming the first African American woman to earn the rank. Following her retirement, she entered academia, serving as a professor of nursing at Georgetown University and George Mason University.



1980

Brigadier General Guthrie Turner Jr. was the first African American to achieve the rank of general officer in the Army Medical Corps and the first African American to command an Army hospital – serving as Madigan Army Medical Center's commanding general from 1980 to 1983.



After his retirement from the military, Dr. Turner entered a second career as the Medicaid Director of the Medicaid Assistance Administration of the Department of Social and Human Services for the State of Washington. A man who believed in service, Dr. Turner donated his time to many organizations such as Shaw University, the Franciscan Health Network, the National Medical Association, the Madigan Foundation Board, the Tacoma Urban League, and Oberlin Congregational Church.

2018

Army Col. Audra L. Taylor served as the Division Chief of the Defense Health Agency's Armed Services Blood Program. Her leadership was instrumental in achieving the Department of Defense's goal to acquire more than 10,000 units of COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma by Sept. 30, 2020, surpassing the goal set by then Secretary of Defense Mark Esper.

Taylor is retired from the military and joined the executive team at South Texas Blood and Tissue as the Executive Director for Blood Operations.



LOCATE YOUR COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE

CVSO SPOTLIGHT

CHRIS SNELL

BROWN COUNTY

This Veteran Service office offers assistance in the following:

- Obtaining your DD-214 military discharge
- Filing claims for service connected or non-service connected disabilities
- Education benefits
- Low Income Pension Benefits
- Survivor Benefits
- VA Medical Care
- Home Loan Guarantee
- G.I. Bill Benefits
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Burial Benefits
- Property Tax Abatement
- Remission of Fees for Children of Disabled Veterans
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#12 GVS Spotlight On



FAMILY SERVICE ASSOCIATION of Howard County, Inc.

Family. That's the first word in the name of our organization, Family Service Association, and it's what we're all about. We're an umbrella agency that provides a variety of programs, from teaching new parents proper childcare skills to providing housing for homeless veterans, from providing shelter for abused women, men and children to preventing child abuse in the first place. Sooner or later, every family goes through a stormy time. We're here to build strong families so they'll be able to cope with the storms of life. When the dark clouds roll in, don't forget your umbrella: Family Service Association.

OUR PROGRAMS

- Child Safety Programs
- Domestic Violence Program
- Healthy Families
- Jackson Street Commons
- Mayor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention
- Prevent Child Abuse Howard County
- Non-violence Education Classes



Our Mission

The Family Service Association (FSA) is a non-profit organization that promotes healthy families and empowers vulnerable individuals and families through education, prevention, and crisis intervention programs.

Our Goal

To assist individuals, couples, families, the community, and the organizations serving them by providing:

Direct Services

To reach people who are hurting due to dysfunctional lifestyles and guide their healing process. To reach people who are struggling with a life crisis and help them improve their coping skills.

Education

To draw attention to the needs of families to encourage community and public support in meeting those needs.

Prevention

To help prevent family life problems.

Consultation

To provide social work expertise to other community agencies.

Questions?

Call (765) 457-9313
E-mail: martinot@fsahc.org





FEBRUARY

Calendar

05: Hiring Event on Ft. Wayne Air Guard Base 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Maxwell Hall 3005 W. Ferguson Rd., Building 300 Ft. Wayne, 46809

08: PACT Act Awareness Open House 5 to 8 p.m. VFW Post 1114 110 N. Wabash Ave., Evansville, 47715

11: Gun Show at the Indiana National Guard Armory Columbus 2160 Arnold St., Columbus, 47203

22: PACT Act and Toxic Exposure Screening Event 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Stout Field Armory 3912 W. Minnesota St., Indianapolis, 46241

24: Veteran Days Family Event at Ft. Harrison Veterans Center 9450 E. 59th St., Indianapolis, 46216. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

25/26: Indianapolis Gun and Knife Show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (25th) and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (26th) Stout Field Armory 3912 W. Minnesota St., Indianapolis, 46241, hosted by Central Indiana Gun Shows

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ELIGIBILITY FOR BURIAL

Military Discharge:

Veterans separated under conditions other than Dishonorable are eligible for burial.

National Guard & Reservist:

Must have been eligible for retirement pay at time of death.

Active Duty Death:

Service members who die on active duty, in the line of duty.

Surviving Spouse:

The surviving spouse of an eligible veteran can be buried at the IVMC.

The Child of a Veteran:

Child must be under age 21 or permanent dependent of the veteran.

ELIGIBLE VETERANS AND SPOUSES

No Cost For:

- Opening & closing of the burial plot
- Outer burial container
- Monument
- Use of chapel

Types of Burials:

- Casket Burial "Vault"
- In-ground Cremation
- Columbarium
- Scatter Garden

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- Certificate can be requested by the family or funeral home
- Request form and application process:
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- Completed forms faxed to:
 - IVMC (812) 273-9221

[Visit Our Website for additional information](#)

INDIANA VETERANS HOME NEWS



January Extra Mile Star

Patty Chapman is our January IVH Extra Mile Star! Patty works in the Volunteer Services Department at the Indiana Veterans Home.

"I love helping the residents and making sure they get the help that they need, including volunteers and cool stuff for resident events." - Patty Chapman

Join us in congratulating Patty for all her hard work at IVH! Great job! You are a Star!!

Check out IVH's Facebook for more photos and videos!



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IDVA Events Calendar: [Click Here](#)



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