

NAACP WEEKLY NEWS RECAP

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The Associated Press: [Deon Cole returns to host NAACP Image Awards and says 'terrible' BAFTA disruption will be addressed](#)

The NAACP Image Awards [honor achievements](#) in entertainment, culture and public service. This year's ceremony will include tributes to Viola Davis, who will receive the Chairman's Award, and Colman Domingo, who will be presented with the President's Award.

The Hollywood Reporter: [NAACP Image Awards Creative Honors: 'Sinners,' 'Abbott Elementary' Top Winners](#)

The NAACP Image Awards has revealed even more winners ahead of Saturday's 2026

NAACP Image Awards ceremony. During Thursday's non-televised Creative Honors event, the NAACP Image Awards presented awards in various TV and film categories.

CBS News: [Deon Cole on NAACP Image Awards airing on BET and CBS](#)

Actor and comedian Deon Cole is back to host the NAACP Image Awards. Cole joins CBS News with more on what to expect.

The Hollywood Reporter: [NAACP Image Awards: Kendrick Lamar, SZA, Cardi B Among Night Two Non-Televised Winners](#)

The awards in the music and podcast categories were announced during a virtual show exclusively on YouTube Tuesday. ... The 57th NAACP Image Awards, hosted by Average Joe star and comedian Deon Cole, will air live on Saturday, Feb. 28, at 8:00 PM ET/PT on BET and CBS from the Pasadena Civic Auditorium. Special honorees include Viola Davis, who'll receive the Chairman's Award, and Colman Domingo, who'll be presented with the President's Award.

Variety: [Salt-N-Pepa and DJ Spinderella to Be Inducted Into NAACP Image Awards Hall of Fame](#)

Legendary rap group Salt-N-Pepa and DJ Spinderella will be inducted into the NAACP Image Awards Hall of Fame during this year's Image Awards ceremony.

The Root: [EXCLUSIVE: NAACP President Derrick Johnson Explains His Expectations for State of the Union and What's at Stake for Black Voters](#)

The Root spoke to NAACP President Derrick Johnson about why he has "no expectations" for Trump's State of the Union address.

MS NOW: [NAACP responds to Trump's SAVE Act push](#)

NAACP President Derrick Johnson responded to Trump's remarks pushing for Congress to pass the SAVE Act. "The SAVE Act is nothing more than voter suppression disguised as voter protection — and it's part of a larger effort to dismantle our right to vote," Johnson said in a statement. "Trump wants to nationalize elections in direct violation of the Constitution." Johnson also referenced reports that the Trump administration is considering deploying ICE to polling sites for future elections to "terrorize voters." "We, the People, are still in charge of our democracy, and our vote still determines who represents us," Johnson said.

Newsweek: [NAACP President condemns Trump's SAVE Act push as voter suppression](#)

NAACP President Derrick Johnson sharply criticized President Donald Trump's call for Congress to pass the SAVE Act, arguing that the proposal is designed to suppress, not safeguard, the vote. In a statement released during Trump's State of the Union address, Johnson said the measure is part of a broader effort to weaken Americans' access to the

ballot box.

PBS: [Black Communities, Big Tech, and the Fight for Clean Futures](#)

Paris Alston examines how environmental racism is resurfacing through AI data centers, speaking with NAACP's Abre' Conner, climate reporter Willy Blackmore, and tech evangelist Rev. Chris Hope about the risks — and the potential benefits — AI holds for Black communities.

The Washington Post: [Speaker Johnson denies request for Jesse Jackson to lie in honor at the Capitol](#)

House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-Louisiana) denied a request to allow the late Jesse Jackson to lie in honor at the U.S. Capitol, drawing a rebuke from the NAACP civil rights organization. “Mike Johnson will defend a president who wants to unlawfully nationalize elections but won’t authorize a civil rights legend to lie in honor,” said NAACP National President Derrick Johnson. “That tells you everything you need to know about Mike Johnson and his gross disregard for our Constitution and our democracy.”

TheGrio: [Black leaders slam House Speaker Johnson after denying Rev. Jesse Jackson honor inside US Capitol](#)

Derrick Johnson added, “Rev. Jesse Jackson preached to all Americans to Keep Hope Alive, and to dream of a nation where all people are treated with dignity and respect. No message could be more fitting for all Americans to embrace at this time.”

CBS News: [House Speaker Mike Johnson denies request for Jesse Jackson to lie in honor at Capitol, citing precedent](#)

The late Rev. Jesse Jackson will not lie in honor in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda, after a request for the commemoration was denied by the House Speaker Mike Johnson's office due to past precedent.

Salon: [Jesse Jackson's legacy isn't enough for Capitol honor](#)

NAACP President Derrick Johnson called the decision something that “tells you everything you need to know about Mike Johnson and his gross disregard for our Constitution and our democracy.”

Black Star News: [NAACP: “Rev. Jackson's Passing Marks The Loss Of A Towering Moral Voice”](#)

The NAACP mourns the passing of Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., a transformative leader whose life's work is deeply woven into the history, mission, and enduring impact of our Association and the nation.

Fordham Law Voting Rights and Democracy Project: [Why Geaux Vote? Racial](#)

[Disparities in Louisiana Voter Turnout and Opportunities for Intervention](#)

President McClanahan of the Louisiana NAACP spoke to the importance of building a pipeline and supporting groups like the NAACP's Youth and College Divisions for the future of mobilization work. "A lot of young people [have been] excluded...from the process," he said, "That's why I'm engaged with them...I provide the resources for them because I know my time is limited."

NAACP NEWS AND UPDATES

- [NAACP, Civil Rights Groups Urge the Supreme Court to Strike Down Trump's Birthright Citizenship Executive Order](#)
 - [NAACP Issues Rebuttal to Trump's State of the Union Address](#)
 - [NAACP, Truth Initiative Unite to Expand Access to Proven Quit Resources and End Targeted Tobacco Harm](#)
 - [The Group Chat: 57th NAACP Image Awards](#)
 - [The Group Chat: State of the Union 2026](#)
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57TH NAACP IMAGE AWARDS



It's show time! The 57th NAACP Image Awards will air live on BET **TOMORROW, Saturday, February 28 at 8 p.m. ET/PT on BET**, hosted by **Deon Cole**. Get ready to celebrate the artists, the storytellers, the creators, and the visionaries whose work moves our culture forward.

Image Awards celebrates the outstanding achievements and performances of people of color across more than 80 competitive categories spanning film, television + streaming, music, literature, and podcasts.

The Group Chat: 57th NAACP Image Awards

From Creative Honors on Thursday and Friday's Fashion Show to the live show on BET on Saturday, explore highlights from the week and celebrate the winners and the culture with us. [Follow our live blog.](#)

Tune In

IMAGE UNSCRIPTED PODCAST



Don't miss the new Image Unscripted Podcast. Hosted by **Jemele Hill**, the podcast features candid conversations with stars who are shaping the culture.

Hear from the most dynamic voices in entertainment as they join us for real, unfiltered conversations that celebrate authenticity, artistry, and legacy.

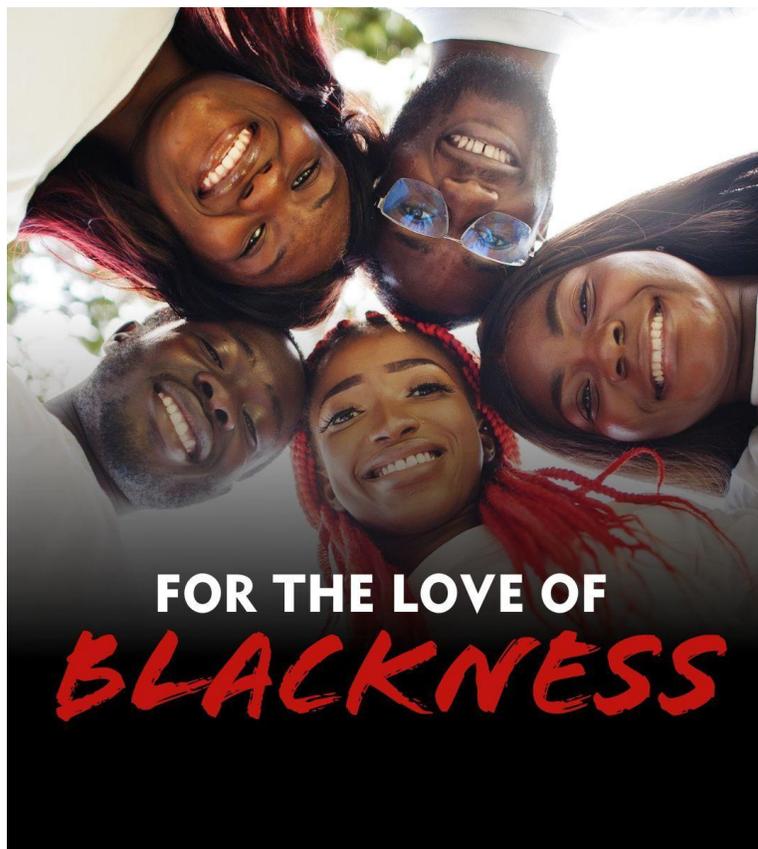


Supporting the Next Generation

This week, we heard from [President and CEO Derrick Johnson](#) as he explored visibility as a framework for Black culture, supporting the new generations, and why our work matters now more than ever. You don't want to miss this!

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FOR THE LOVE OF BLACKNESS



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[For the Love of Blackness](#) is a rallying cry for advocacy as an act of love, protection, and resistance. In a time when Black communities face escalating threats, from Medicaid cuts and ICE raids to rising tuition costs and environmental exploitation, this campaign aims to channel

the power of collective action into meaningful change.

By focusing on health, education, and environmental justice, we're building a movement where love leads to action, action leads to commitment, and commitment leads to the ballot box, because voting is one of the powerful tools we possess to protect Black futures and demand the justice our communities deserve. Join us as an **"Issue Area Champion"** and help turn advocacy into electoral power.

Become An Issue Area Champion

NAACP EVENTS



The NAACP stays active, creating spaces to organize, learn, celebrate, and take action. From national observances to community-driven programs, there are many ways to stay engaged and connected.

Explore our Events page for timely events and special observances, including:

- February 21-28: [Black Climate Week](#)

Black communities have always led solutions to the climate crisis. Black Climate Week amplifies justice-led climate action and highlights how Black communities are organizing locally and nationally for environmental justice.

- February 28: [NAACP Image Awards](#)

The 57th NAACP Image Awards celebrate excellence across film, television, music, and literature.

- March 9: [Youth & College 90th Anniversary](#)

Founded in 1936, the division was built on a bold belief: that young people are not just leaders of tomorrow, but powerful agents of change today. Black youth exercised empowerment by organizing through their communities to challenge injustice head-on.

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WHERE DO MILITARY WOMEN STAND?

NAACP Armed Services and Veterans' Affairs

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Virtual Webinar | March 2, 2026 | 8:00PM ET

Join the NAACP Armed Services & Veterans' Affairs Committee (ASVA) as we kick off Women's History Month with a powerful conversation centered on the experiences, challenges, and progress of women who have served in the military. This discussion will explore where military women stand today—past, present, and future—and highlight advocacy, equity, and transformational pathways forward.

Opening remarks will be provided by our National NAACP ASVA Chairman Edward DuBose; National NAACP Vice Chair Karen Boykin-Towns; Mr. Arnold Gordon-Bray, Brigadier General U.S. Army (Ret.); Ms. Patricia Jackson-Kelley, LT. Colonel, U.S. Army (Ret.); and Mr. Alphonso Braggs, U.S. Navy (Ret.). Questions? Email: awilliamson.mba@gmail.com

Why You Should Attend:

- ✦ Honor the service and sacrifices of military women
- ✦ Engage in dialogue around policy, access, and equity
- ✦ Learn from leaders and advocates advancing change
- ✦ Celebrate Women's History Month with purpose

REGISTRATION



MODERATORS/PANELISTS:

MODERATOR



Dr. Antwanisha Williamson, U.S. Navy
Chair, NAACP National ASVA Programs

MODERATOR



Octavia Harris, U.S. Navy (Ret.)
Chair, NAACP National ASVA Women
Veterans



Ms. Brigitte McCoy,
Author, Founder of a Non-Profit, &
U.S. Army Veteran



Ms. JoAnne Bass,
19th Chief Master Sgt.,
U.S. Air Force (Ret.)



Ms. Ayana Brown,
Author, Caregiver, Mental Health
Therapist & U.S. Navy Veteran



Ms. Michelle Jones,
9th Command Sgt. Major,
U.S. Army Reserves (Ret.)



Dr. Tincie Lynch,
Veterans Affairs (Ret.), Regional Leader
(GA/NC/SC) & U.S. Army Veteran



Ms. Sharon Stewart,
Texas Veterans Commission Women
Veterans Programs, Major, U.S. Army (Ret.)



SPEAKER BIOS



Mr. Gary Lee,
Former Texas Veterans Commission
Health Programs &
U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Major (Ret.)



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Join the NAACP Armed Services & Veterans' Affairs Committee (ASVA) for an inspiring virtual event as we honor the experiences, challenges, and progress of women who have served in the military.

Engage in meaningful dialogue around policy, access, and equity, and learn from leaders and advocates driving real change in our communities.

Let's come together to celebrate, learn, and advocate for the incredible women who have served our nation.

When: March 2 at 8 p.m. ET

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117TH NAACP NATIONAL CONVENTION



The [117th NAACP National Convention](#) is heading to Chicago! From July 18–22, 2026, join us and thousands of leaders in a city defined by resilience and creativity to help build pathways to justice.

This is your opportunity to engage with top voices, influence crucial policy, and celebrate Black excellence. A [schedule-at-a-glance is now available on our website](#), offering an early look at general programming and key moments throughout Convention week.

Convention housing opens in March. We invite you to browse hotel options, and as always, encourage you to book early for the best selection and price.

Registration will open in April. Keep an eye out for important updates on speakers and more in the months ahead.

Stay Tuned

DRY ICE



The actions of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) have created fear and confusion in communities across the country. We have seen this harm play out in cities like Minneapolis, Los Angeles, and Washington, D.C. Real people are being hurt, families are

torn apart, and communities are living in fear.

Across the country, people are speaking out and organizing for accountability.

Now, we want to hear from you. What has ICE's presence meant for you or your community? Your story matters, and sharing it helps build the movement to end this abuse of power.

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