

NAACP WEEKLY NEWS RECAP



Scripps News: [NAACP's Dominik Whitehead Talks Voting Rights, March on Washington: Defend the Vote](#)

Ahead of the August 28, 2026 March on Washington: Defend the Vote, Dominik Whitehead, NAACP's Chief of Field, Membership Growth and Unit Sustainability, spoke with Scripps News about the importance of making sure we're engaged and actively involved in protecting voting rights across the country.

The Root: [March on Washington 2026: How Young Black People Are Defending the Vote](#)

"Sixty-three years ago, young people came to Washington because they believed America could be better than what it was then," NAACP National Director of Youth and College Tylik McMillan

told The Root. “We’re not simply just coming to inherit the dream or to walk in the historical aspect of it, but we’re coming to really expand that dream.”

Legal AF: Trump Hits ROCK BOTTOM as He Tries to Rename Black WWII War Hero’s Navy Ship After Himself!

Popok is joined by the NAACP's General Counsel Kristen Clark to discuss the reason the NAACP has joined with the family of Black teenager Nolan Wells to ensure justice is obtained concerning his suspicious death during a 4th of July boating trip in Mississippi where hundreds returned alive, but Nolan was found dead floating in the water. Ms. Clark also briefs our audience on the NAACP opposing Trump's efforts to rename after himself the only aircraft carrier named after a Black American, the USS Doris Miller, who died heroically during the attack on Pearl Harbor and saved the lives of countless seamen.

Central Illinois Proud: Civil rights groups make urgent plea for voting rights in DC, ahead of midterm elections

Thousands of protesters are rallying Friday on the National Mall in support of voting rights and racial justice ahead of the midterm elections, following a wave of changes to voting laws and redistricting that civil rights groups have condemned as detrimental to Black Americans. ... “We will not stand idly by while the voices of the people are silenced,” NAACP President Derrick Johnson said in a statement Thursday. “We must protect every eligible citizen’s right to cast their ballot.”

The Hill: NAACP slams Navy’s reported talks to swap war hero’s name on carrier with Trump’s

NAACP President Derrick Johnson bashed the Navy Friday following reports that it planned to rename an aircraft carrier — currently named after a Black World War II war hero — and had considered President Trump’s name as a replacement.

Also featured in [USA Today](#).

Common Dreams: ‘Democracy Is Under Attack’: Civil Rights Lawsuit Aims to Block Trump Assault on Mail-In Voting

“Our democracy is under attack,” NAACP president and CEO Derrick Johnson said Thursday in a [statement](#). “No federal entity should be allowed to implement last-minute rules that disenfranchise voters and override state election laws.”

Capital B News: Trump Is Moving to Restrict Mail Voting Just Months Before the Midterms

“Mail-in voting, which has been used by the president, is a secure, vital lifeline for millions of citizens — particularly Black voters, working families, elderly residents, and rural communities who already face immense systemic barriers at the ballot box,” NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson said in June.

The Guardian: [Trump knows Republicans ‘are unpopular and will lose in a free and fair election’, NAACP says](#)

The president of the NAACP, which sued Donald Trump in April to block his order to restrict mail-in voting, denounced the supreme court decision that allows the order to be implemented, despite claims that it is illegal and unconstitutional.

Also featured in [Baller Alert](#) and [Democracy Docket](#).

WTXL: [Decatur County NAACP hosts town hall to help families understand AI and technology](#)

The Decatur County NAACP is hosting a community town hall meeting in Bainbridge focused on replacing tech anxiety with practical knowledge about artificial intelligence, social media, and science.

WAPT16: [NAACP calls for Senatobia police chief’s resignation after racist text messages emerge](#)

The NAACP is calling for Senatobia Police Chief Harold Vanderford to resign after reports said he repeatedly used racist slurs in private text messages with a colleague.

OpEdNews: [NAACP Takes Steps to Stop Financial Exploitation of Elderly African Americans with Dementia](#)

The resolution demands that the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) identify financial institutions that have wrongfully treated elderly Black people with dementia, and that the U.S. Department of Justice investigate perpetrators of schemes targeting this population and hold them accountable.

NAACP NEWS AND UPDATES

- [NAACP, Civil Rights Groups Sue to Block Trump USPS Rules Threatening Mail-In Votes for 48 Million Americans](#)
 - [NAACP Florida State Conference Files Amicus Brief Opposing Florida’s Non-Unanimous Capital Sentencing Law](#)
 - [NAACP Condemns Supreme Court Interim Order on Mail-In Ballots, Continues Legal Battle Against Voter Suppression](#)
 - [NAACP Strongly Condemns Potential Plans To Strip Black WWII Hero’s Name From Aircraft Carrier](#)
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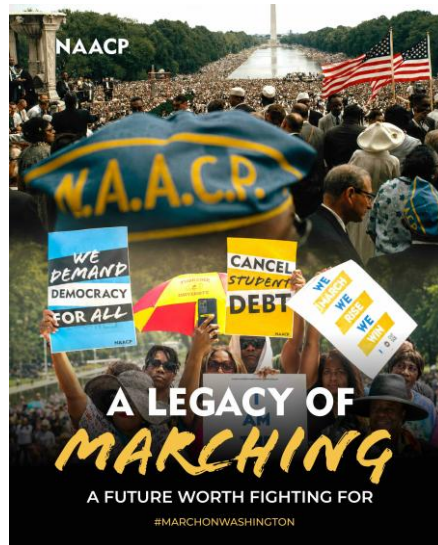


As part of His Majesty Otumfuo Osei Tutu II, King of the Asante Kingdom's visit to the Washington area, the Akwasidae Festival will take place this Sunday at 11 a.m. at Bowie State University.

Akwasidae is the royal celebration of Asante tradition and pageantry, marked by drumming, dancing, and the gold and kente regalia of the King and his chiefs. The ceremony rarely takes place outside Kumasi, Ghana, making this a special opportunity to experience one of the world's most enduring cultural traditions here in the Washington area.

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MARCH ON WASHINGTON



Today, on the 63rd anniversary of the historic 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, we marched as a proud partner in [March on Washington: Defend the Vote](#). This year, we united for voting rights, economic dignity, and affordability. Watch the livestream and hear remarks from

NAACP's President and CEO Derrick Johnson, National Director of Youth & College Tylik McMillan, and many more. Plus, [share why voting matters to you!](#)

[Watch the Livestream](#)

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ONGOING ACTIONS

- **Out of Bounds:** NAACP is calling on Black athletes, families, alumni, and fans to withhold athletic and financial support from public universities in these states until they [protect Black voting power](#).
- **Redistricting:** Explore our "[Redistricting, Power & Our Vote](#)" collection, learn more about the fight for fair maps, and stay informed ahead of the 2026 midterms. Plus, visit the NAACP Store to grab our "[A Black Vote Was Suppressed Today](#)" [merch](#) and support the fight for voting rights.
- **One Nation, Overcharged:** This summer, NAACP is proud to join [One Nation, Overcharged](#). Together, we're demanding a healthcare system that puts our health over corporate profits – and works for everyone.
- **25th Amendment:** The stability of our nation hangs in the balance under President Trump. [Tell the Cabinet to invoke the 25th Amendment](#).
- **Fund the Future Now:** Learn more about this [youth-led campaign](#) by the NAACP Youth & College Division fighting to make college affordable, accessible, and free from lifelong debt.

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