Washington State Commission On

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The Montford Point Marines

In 1941, the United States prepared to enter World War II. Under pressure from his wife Eleanor, civil rights activists such as A. Philip Randolph and in need of troops, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 8802 allowing African Americans entry into all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces. Recruitment of Black men into the Marine Corps began a year later. The 900-man quota quickly filled and the first class of African American recruits arrived at Montford Point, North Carolina. Between 1942 and 1949 approximately 20,000 African American Marine recruits trained at Montford Point.

While allowed to serve, all branches of the military still practiced segregation. By 1943, Black Marines were instructing new Black recruits. Colonel **Samuel A. Woods** was the first Black commander at Montfort Point and mandated his recruits receive the same training the White recruits received at nearby Camp LeJeune. Unlike the Army, Black Marines were denied admission to Marine Corps' Officer Candidate School (OCS) until 1945. After several applications to OCS and a request to deploy overseas, **Frederick C. Branch** became the first African American officer in the U.S. Marine Corps. Montford Point was deactivated in 1949 when President Harry S. Truman ordered desegregation of all U.S. forces.

Sources:
Blackpast.org; Daily.jstor.org; Wikipedia.org

Covid-19: Stay Informed, Stay Safe

The latest COVID-19 statistics shows cases have doubled over the last month. Last week, the newest tool in the fight against the spread of the COVID-19 virus, WA Notify, was released.

Information about our state's COVID-19 response and resources can be found at **Coronavirus.wa.gov** including where to find a testing site and travel and reopening advisories.

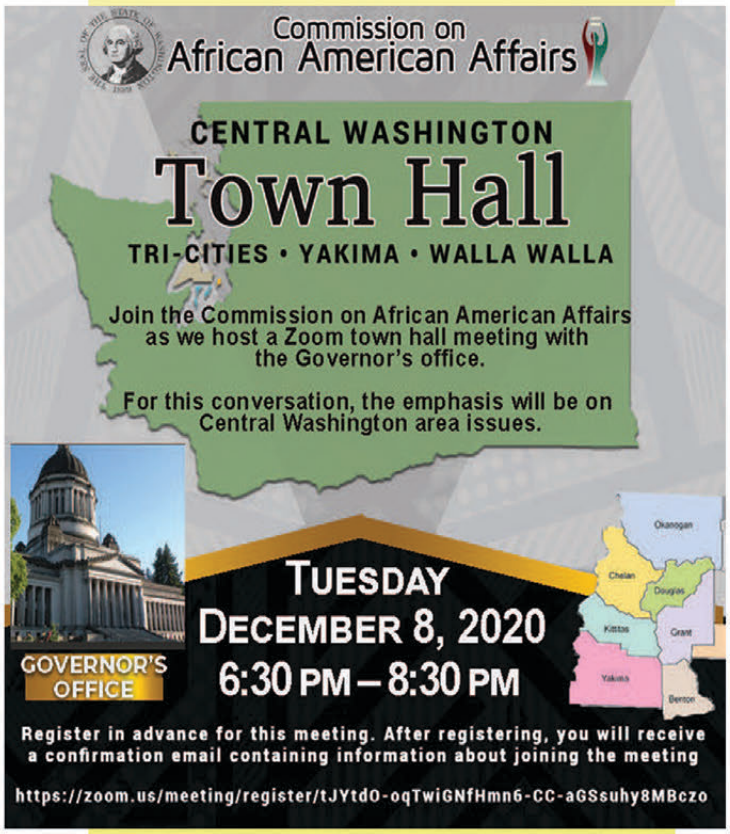
CAAA Central WA Virtual Town Hall Meeting Tuesday, December 8, 2020 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Please join us Tuesday, December 8, 2020 for the Central WA Town Hall meeting with the Governor's Office!

On the agenda is the Governor's priorities on racial justice for 2021, sharing the mission behind the WA State Commission on African American Affairs, and a conversation about how we can engage and support our Black community in Central Washington.

Don't miss this opportunity to be involved. Register for our Zoom Town Hall meeting using this link:

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYtd0-oqTwiGNfHmn6-CC-aGSsuhy8MBczo



Commission on
African American Affairs

CENTRAL WASHINGTON

Town Hall

TRI-CITIES • YAKIMA • WALLA WALLA

Join the Commission on African American Affairs as we host a Zoom town hall meeting with the Governor's office.

For this conversation, the emphasis will be on Central Washington area issues.

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

TUESDAY
DECEMBER 8, 2020
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Register in advance for this meeting. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYtdO-oqTwiGNfHmn6-CC-aGSsuhy8MBczo

We Are Not Okay; A Space for Black Healing

A space for
Black leaders, Black Educators, Black Health Workers and all Black experiences
in Spokane*
Facilitated by: Alethea Dumas & Kiantha Duncan

We need our own spaces. Spaces that validate the Black experience, cultivate a sense of belonging, allow humanity to be seen and known,
and invite authenticity.

When: December 18th 3-5pm
Where: Zoom Virtual space

Register here: https://bit.ly/3kiPRvw

***This is not a space for allies**

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EMPLOYMENT/CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

To see the full announcement, click on the links.
Please see our website for additional announcements WWW.CAA.WA.GOV/Employment

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES openings

WASHINGTON STATE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL openings

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE openings

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS openings

WASHINGTON STATE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT openings

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE openings

OFFICE OF THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER openings

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH openings

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & INDUSTRIES openings

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL & HEALTH SERVICES openings

WASHINGTON MILITARY DEPARTMENT openings

WASHINGTON STATE PATROL openings

WASHINGTON STATE PARKS DEPARTMENT
Director. Tumwater, WA. Open continuous

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION openings
HR Consultant 1. Multiple locations. Recruitment closes 12/14/2020

KING COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY
Director of Housing Choice Voucher Program. Apply by 12/14/2020

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Digital Solutions Implementation Specialist - Remote or location flexible
Digital Branch Leader – Location remote or Flexible

COMMUNITY YOUTH SERVICES (Pierce and Thurston Counties) current openings

CITY OF SEATTLE openings

CITY OF BELLEVUE openings

CITY OF TACOMA openings

CITY OF OLYMPIA openings

KING COUNTY openings

PIERCE COUNTY openings

SPOKANE COUNTY openings

CLARK COUNTY openings

SOUTH PUGET SOUND COMMUNITY COLLEGE openings

OLYMPIC COLLEGE openings

COMMUNITY COLLEGES OF SPOKANE openings

US POSTAL SERVICE - www.about.usps.com/careers. Apply now!

VIRTUAL BLACK CAREER FAIR - BlackJobs.com is hosting a virtual Black Career Fair. There will be panel discussions and workshops on "How to Interview Duringthe Pandemic", "Increasing Your Skills fora Career Change", "Negotiating your Salary During an Economic Downturn" and "Diversity & Inclusion During COVID". In addition, there will be a Virtual Job Fair with Employers Hiring for over 1,000+ Job Opportunities. December 10, 2020 9am (PST) Noon (EST) For more information and to Register visit: blackcareerfair.com