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## July 22, 2019

CAAA Public Commission Meeting - Vancouver, Washington  
Thursday, September 19, 2019, 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Location TBA

**NOW YOU KNOW**

### Moses Williams

Born in rural Louisiana, Moses Williams was a Buffalo Soldier in the United States Army. He received the highest military decoration, the Medal of Honor, for his actions during the Indian Wars.

Williams joined the newly formed 9th Calvary in 1866. Nicknamed the Buffalo Soldiers, it was one of six African American regiments serving during the Indian and Spanish-American Wars. Learning to read and write shortly after enlistment, Williams was stationed in Texas, New Mexico, Nebraska and traveled to Colorado and Oklahoma.

Two years later, he achieved the rank of First Sergeant. He was a skilled marksman although doctors diagnosed him as having total blindness in his left eye. During a battle in New Mexico, he rallied a detachment and demonstrated exemplary bravery by taking heavy fire from a large party. Although in an exposed position, Williams managed to save the lives of three of his fellow soldiers.

In 1886, Williams became the first African American Ordinance Sergeant serving at Fort Stevens, Oregon. In failing health, Williams left military service in 1898 after 31-years of service. Residing in Vancouver, Washington, he died the following year and is buried in the Fort Vancouver Military Cemetery in Vancouver, Washington. In 1989, the Moses Williams Pacific NW Chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers was chartered in Portland, Oregon. In 1991, General Colin Powell dedicated a monument to Williams and three other Medal of Honor recipients on Officers Row on the Vancouver National Historic Reserve.

### OMWBE State Disparity Study Information Session

Released last month, the Statewide Disparity Study will assist in the ongoing effort to improve opportunities in government purchasing and contracting for certified minority-, women- and veteran-owned businesses.

On Tuesday, July 30, consultant Colette Holt, a nationally recognized expert on disparity studies, will discuss the results.

The disparity study is one of several steps to improve diversity and inclusion in government contracts.

**Tuesday, July 30, 2019 4PM-6PM**  
**University of Phoenix - Tabor 100 Hub**  
**7100 Fort Dent Way, Tukwila, WA 98188**  
**Registration is free**  
**Submit questions to**  
**RexB@omwbe.wa.gov**

Sources: [History.army.mil.html](http://History.army.mil.html); [NPS.Gov](http://NPS.Gov);  
[Oregonencyclopedia.org](http://Oregonencyclopedia.org); [Wikipedia.org](http://Wikipedia.org)

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# 2019 NW MINORITY BUSINESS EXPO

ENHANCING SOCIAL EQUITY THROUGH ENTREPRENEURSHIP

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2019 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM**  
**CENTURYLINK FIELD, VERIZON LOUNGE, 800 OCCIDENTAL AVE. S, SEATTLE**

*Come snack on delicious bites and learn about minority businesses in your community!*

Women and minority owned businesses will be showcasing their products and services - come spend a Wednesday afternoon and learn what they have to offer you and your business.

Grab a drink at the cash bar, sample gourmet tastings from local caterers and bakeries while meeting local minority and women owned businesses.

**To Attend Register at:**  
<https://2019nwminoritybusinessexpo.eventbrite.com> for free admission and your complimentary parking pass.

For questions, please contact [Staff@Tabor100.org](mailto:Staff@Tabor100.org)



Learn about the women and minority businesses in your community! Tabor 100 and partners hosts the 5th annual **Business Expo** where WMBE businesses will showcase their products and services!

**Wednesday , July 24, 2019**  
**4:30 PM - 7:30 PM**  
**Centurylink Field**  
**Verizon Lounge**  
**800 Occidental Ave. S.**  
**Seattle, WA 98134**

Register via Eventbrite

Contact: [staff@tabor100.org](mailto:staff@tabor100.org)

## 27th Annual Nubian Jam Community Festival

**Saturday, July 27, 2019**  
**10 AM - 7 PM**  
**Forest Park, Everett, WA**

Free admission! Enjoy live music, food and community fun for all ages.

Info: [www.facebook.com/nubianjam](http://www.facebook.com/nubianjam)

**2019 NUBIAN JAM**  
**SAVE THE DATE**

**WHEN** July 27, 2019 - 10-7PM

**WHAT** Community Festival

**WHERE** Forest Park, Everett, WA

**FUN** FREE ADMISSION, COMMUNITY FUN, FOOD/CRAFT VENDORS, FASHION SHOW, LIVE MUSIC, ENTERTAINMENT, AND MORE

Check Out: [www.facebook.com/nubianjam](http://www.facebook.com/nubianjam) website: <https://www.sobcnubianjam.org>



## Umoja Fest 2019 Judkins Park, Seattle, WA

Attractions include the Africatown Heritage Parade featuring dance troops and drill teams, Children's Day & Family Fun Village, Soul N The Park, Afrobeats & Roots Stage, Heal the Hood Basketball Tournament & Hip Hop 4 Peace stage and delicious flavors of the African diaspora from restaurants, food trucks, vendor marketplace, community resource fair and more!

**Umoja Festival Parade - Saturday Aug. 3  
@1:00 PM at 23rd & Union**

Basketball Youth/High School Skills Camp sign up at  
[www.seattlebasketballservices.com](http://www.seattlebasketballservices.com)

Adult Teams Registration contact Marvena Kemp:  
206-683-4060

**Festival Information: [umojafestnw.com](http://umojafestnw.com)**



## Flavor of Federal Way Multicultural Festival

Federal Way will come alive with the sights and sounds of one of the most diverse populations in the region as we celebrate the cultures and communities that make the City of Federal Way a vibrant place to live, work and play.

This free, family-friendly, multi cultural festival will feature kid's activities, food vendors, an entertainment stage, exhibitors sharing information about employment opportunities, health care access, financial and educational services, and a variety other vendors.

Flavor of Federal Way is brought to you by the Federal Way Diversity Commission and the City of Federal Way.

**Saturday, August 10, 2019  
11AM-3PM**

**Town Square Park  
31600 Pete von Reichbauer Way South  
Federal Way, WA 98003**

## Unity in the Community Spokane's Largest Multi-Cultural Celebration!

25 years of embracing diversity!  
Activities for all ages; enjoy the cultural village, career, education and health fairs. Free K-8 school supplies and bike helmets!

**Saturday, August 17, 2019  
10AM - 4PM  
Riverfront Park, Downtown  
Spokane, WA**

info: [nwunity.org](http://nwunity.org)

Join us for the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual

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Career, Education and Health Fair

Cultural Village

Activities for All Ages

Live Entertainment

Free K-8 School Supplies

Free Kids Helmets  
*(while supplies last)*

Senior Resource Area

**Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> · 10am to 4pm · Riverfront Park, Downtown Spokane**

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

[nwunity.org](http://nwunity.org)

Family friendly and free to all ages.

## **EMPLOYMENT/CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Please see our website for additional announcements

[WWW.CAA.WA.GOV/Employment](http://WWW.CAA.WA.GOV/Employment)

### **WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Fiscal Analyst 3, Olympia, WA. Closing 7/28/2019

Assistant Real Estate Services Manager, Shoreline, WA. Continuous - first review 7/30/2019

Metro & Regional Transportation Planner, Olympia or Spokane, WA. Closing 8/5/2019

Deputy Director of Human Resources, Seattle, WA. Closing 8/5/2019

Sound Transit Liaison Property & Acquisition, Shoreline, WA. Open until filled

### **WASHINGTON STATE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Administrative Office Manager – Medicaid Fraud Control Division, Olympia. Closing 7/31/2019

### **WASHINGTON STATE HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY**

Labor Relations Specialist, Olympia, WA. Open continuous

### **WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL & HEALTH SERVICES openings**

### **UNITED WAY OF KING COUNTY**

HR Director of Talent, Equity & Development Seattle, WA. Open until filled

### **FIRST FEDERAL**

Entry Level Contact Center Representative, Port Angeles, WA. Apply Now!

System Application Administrator, Port Angeles, WA.

### **ACLU OF WASHINGTON**

Development Assistant, Seattle, WA. Closing 8/9/2019

Staff Attorney, Seattle, WA. Closing 8/22/2019

### **CITY OF SEATTLE**

Recruiting and Compliance Analyst, Seattle, WA. Closing 8/6/2019

### **CITY OF BELLEVUE Employment Page**

### **HOUSING AUTHORITY OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

Client Services Representative, Everett, WA. Closing 7/31/2019

### **SOUTH PUGET SOUND COMMUNITY COLLEGE openings**