

NNPA Awards

Best In Sports: Left to right, Isaac Washington, publisher of the S.C. Black Media Group (second place), Mike Pitt, publisher of the Winston-Salem Chronicle (first), Henry Brown of Anheuser-Busch, Fran Farrer, advertising manager of The Charlotte Post (third) and Bob Bogle, president of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) show off their awards recently in Los Angeles. The Post also won first place for best entertainment section in the annual competition. The NNPA, commonly referred to as the Black Press of America, is a trade organization made up of more than 200 black-owned publications.



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Sorority Dedicates Memorial To Black Freedom Fighters

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VALLEY FORGE, Pa. - Black Americans are often found complaining that the have "nothing to celebrate" during Independence Day festivities.

Just in time for celebration of the 4th in 1993, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority gave African Americans a monument to commemorate the service of thousands of black soldiers who gave their lives during America's war for independence.

At the Valley Forge National Historical Park, the Deltas, one of America's largest black sororities, unveiled the park's latest landmark, a "Monument to Patriots of African Descent." The Deltas' celebration was in concert with the 215th anniversary of the Continental Army's march out its encampment in Valley Forge. More than 30,000 people came to this site, 20 miles west of Philadelphia, to celebrate.

Although much of America's historical books and lessons left out the contribution of blacks, through the research of Temple University professor Charles Blockson and another black historian, Benjamin Quarles, the Deltas were able to show the nation that "over 5,000 Negroes served in the patriot forces" during the American Revolution. On December 19, 1777, General George Washington led his tired 12,000-member Continental Army into Valley Forge during the heavy winter snow. History does not show the numbers that died during the long, hard winter of 1777-78 but the survivors emerged a fierce, fighting force that went on to win the American war for independence. At least 500 of

the troops that fought, and endured the horrible conditions of that winter at Valley Forge were of African descent.

The monument to these blacks is based on black artist Cal Massey. The Deltas are a 850-chapter organization, and the Valley Forge chapter led the campaign in raising \$100,000 to erect the monument. Black newspaper publisher Hugo Warren of the Philadelphia New Observer and television personality Toni Marsh were among the citizens from the local area that provided community input to the history-making project. Warren noted that: "Blacks from across the country should come and see the good works we've done, in the past, and now for the future." Massey's illustration portrays three black soldiers wearing tri-corner hats and Revolutionary War uniforms. The monument is located in the 30,000-acre national park across the road from the site of the original encampment of the Second Rhode Island - the first black regiment to serve in the Revolutionary War.

Brigadier General Clara L. Adams-Ender, Commanding General of Fort Belvoir, Va. and the highest ranking black woman in the U.S. Army, gave the keynote address at the unveiling ceremony. Over 14 percent of the 350,000 soldiers who served in the Continental Forces were blacks who were freed men or slaves seeking their freedom through combat. According to Blockson, blacks such as Salem Poor, Peter Salem, Washington's personal slave Billy Lee, and Oliver Crumwell, who was in the boat with Washington during the historic crossing of the Delaware River, were among the troops stationed at Valley Forge.

Nigeria's Future In Air Pending Elections

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Unofficial returns indicated a considerable win by Moshood Abiola of the Social Democratic Party (SDP) over National Republicans candidate Bashir Tofa. But military President Ibrahim Babangida, in office since 1985, has reneged on his promise to release results on June 20, and has nullified the election.

Protestors say President Babangida's action is a blatant prohibition of democracy to Nigerian voters.

They say it appears that the Nigerian people are being denied the freedom and democracy they have earned.

"We want to bring to the attention of the American public, the president, and the Secretary of State that in Africa's largest nation, 95 million people are being denied democracy," says Randy Echols, U.S. Representative for Chief Abiola.

Abiodun Akinola, publicity secretary of the SDP-USA and a pharmacist at Howard University Hospital, says Nigeria is the 8th largest oil producing country in the entire world, and as such, should be the fourth largest democracy in the whole world. Democracy is the cornerstone of U.S. Foreign Policy and the United States government has spent millions of taxpayer dollars promoting an installing democracy all over the world. It would be unconscionable to ignore the voice of 95 million Nigerians.

The June 12 election, the first in a decade, promises Nigeria's release from military rule and return to civilian democracy on Aug. 27 when the newly elected president is inaugurated into office.

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