

Special Community Honoree:

West Louisville Urban Coalition

West Louisville Urban Coalition was established in 2010 to unite government, business, neighborhoods, and individual initiatives to improve the quality of life in West Louisville.

As a grassroots organization, the main purpose is to incorporate the vision of the community, nurture those visions, and eliminate those issues that hinder or discriminate against residents within the community. West Louisville Urban Coalition works closely with Community Leaders and Community Organizers to provide a voice for the voiceless and those who have been wronged. Through the Power of the Coalition, issues are addressed to creating a climate that provides a sense of togetherness among community residents.

West Louisville Urban Coalition has accomplished many tasks too numerous to list; however, some of its work includes support of Judge Olu Stevenson on issues of seeking fairness during jury selections; registering young adults and educating them in the "Get Out & Vote Campaign"; co-hosted a community forum on race relations in Metro Louisville; partnered with "Jesus & a Job" to restore Muhammad Ali's Birthplace on Grand Avenue; participated with the clean-up of Districts 1 & 5; and, most recently promoted a water drive by collecting 1000+ case of water for Flint Michigan.

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Black Veterans, Inc.

The National Association of Black Veterans, Inc. was established in 1969 by seven Vietnam Veterans. Its Kentucky-Louisville Chapter was established on October 31, 2008 by Commander Shedrick J. Jones Sr., a veteran and well known Kentucky basketball coach. Under Commander Jones' leadership, two other chapters (Fort Knox Chapter 70 and Lexington Chapter 23); and, a State Command were established in 2010.

NABVETS unite around the strong conviction that veterans possess the experience, knowledge, discipline, training and capacity to unite among themselves and with citizen soldiers to make a difference in the quality of life for youths, families and their community.

Diversity is another important NABVETS pillar. With commanders composed of women and men, Caucasians and African Americans. NABVETS walk the walk of seeing every veteran through the eyes of unity and equality.

Programs and accomplishments by KYNABVETS are too numerous to list; however for further, specific information, please feel free to contact their local office.

"Once a Soldier, Always a Soldier" "SOLDIER FOR LIFE"