

# Greater Texarkana Branch Newsletter

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration**  
January 21, 2019  
1:00 pm  
Dunbar  
2315 W 10th Street  
Texarkana, TX 75501

**State Quarterly Meetings**  
January 26, 2019  
9:30 am  
Austin Community College  
6101 Highland Campus Dr  
Austin, TX 78752

**Next Monthly Meeting**  
February 2, 2019  
10:00 am  
Oak Street Baptist Church  
401 Waterall St  
Texarkana, TX 75501

**Executive Committee Meeting**  
TBD (February 2019)  
7:30 pm  
New Baptist Bible Fellowship  
101 Kilgore Rd  
Texarkana, TX 75501

## PRESIDENT'S PEN



To the Members of the Greater Texarkana Branch of the NAACP, Happy New Year! It is with honor to serve as the President of the Greater Texarkana Branch (2018-2020). The New Year comes with reenergizing the community, fighting and protecting human/civil rights, successes and challenges. For Two-thousand and nineteen individual's accountability is a priority. As a Branch and country, we must stand up for what is moral. Furthermore, we will continue to educate and advocate for individuals regarding the importance of taking part in the electoral process. Our work is just beginning. Reference the Branch's Facebook and website for upcoming events and happening news. Thank you for your continued support of the Branch.

I leave you with the following quote from Vernon Jordan..."You are where you are today because you stand on somebody's shoulders. And wherever you are heading, you cannot get there by yourself. If you stand on the shoulders of others, you have a reciprocal responsibility to live your life so that others may stand on your shoulders. It's the quid pro quo of life. We exist temporarily through what we take, but we live forever through what we give."

*Robert A. Jones*

President, Greater Texarkana Branch

## MINISTERS & DEACONS ROUNDTABLE

On October 13, 2018, the Branch held the Ministers and Deacons Roundtable (breakfast and discussion) at Texarkana College (Truman Arnold Center). Many thanks to James Henry Russell and Texarkana College kindly agreeing to host and accommodate the Branch and attendees; as well as Reverend R E Ruffin, chairperson, for spearheading the event. In addition, thanks to the speakers, James Henry Russell (Education Session), Texarkana College's TRIO SSS representatives, and Chief Anthony Dollarhide, Texarkana Independent School District and Assistant Chief Charles Kreidler, Texarkana Texas Police Department (Policing Session). Finally, thanks to the individuals who volunteered their time to ensure a successful event as well as the attendees. There were approximate 60 people in attendance. Texarkana College served a delectable breakfast and the discussions were informative and stimulating.

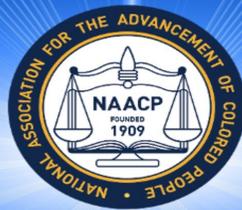


# 2018 FREEDOM FUND AWARDS BANQUET, OCTOBER 27, 2018

Thanks to the members, volunteers, community, the Freedom Fund Banquet committee, keynote speaker, Mr. Tracy Steele, former Arkansas State Senator and awardees for another successful, informative and stimulating Banquet. There were approximate 300 attendees. Please visit the Branch Facebook and/or website for upcoming photo and videos.

## Greater Texarkana Branch

### 2018 Freedom Fund Awards Banquet



### Keynote Speaker Mr. Tracy Steele

Saturday, October 27, 2018

## Defeat Hate-Vote Award Recipients



**Mrs. Cassandra Rhone**  
*A.E. Alton/Mott Mosley  
Educational Award*



**Ms. Laura Spencer**  
*John Jay Jones, Sr.  
Community Service  
Award*



**Mr. Antonio Williams**  
*Benjamin Dennis  
President Award*



**Mr. Miracle Hendrix**  
*Dr. Calvin Rolark  
Business and Economic  
Award*



**Mrs. Kimberly  
King-Webb**  
*Trailblazer Award*



**Dr. James Morris**  
*Dr. G.W. Thompson  
Award*



**Mrs. Arthalia Hardy**  
*Torchbearer Award*



**The Scholars**  
*Special Achievement  
Award*



**Pastor T. J. Roberson**  
*S.A. Stuckey  
Religious Affairs Award*

## BRANCH CENTENNIAL



Please join the Branch as we celebrate our centennial year in the Texarkana area. Special thanks to current/former members and the community for your continued support of the Branch and NAACP's mission. In case your New Years' resolution hasn't been determined, the Branch can assist by challenging you to help with achieving 100+ members by the end of the year. Retrieve a membership application prior to your departure or access via the Branch's website. Once again, thanks for your support!

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Contact information for members regarding membership transfers, revisions and/or concerns. Members must provide information via a letter along with their membership number to:

NAACP National Headquarters  
Attn: Membership  
4805 Mt. Hope Drive  
Baltimore MD 21215  
(866) 636-2227



## HOW TO FILE A GRIEVANCE WITH THE BRANCH

Please contact Dr. Anthony Stevenson, legal redress chair, at (870) 774-1711 or bigsergeant703@gmail.com, to obtain a Grievance/Complaint form. The form must be completed. In addition, the form is accessible via the Branch's website ([www.texarkananaacp.org](http://www.texarkananaacp.org)). Completing this form does not constitute an official complaint with a legal authority. At this time, the Branch/NAACP is only seeking information to assist you concerning your grievance/complaint.

The Legal Redress Committee shall: (1) investigate all cases reported to it; (2) supervise all litigation in which the branch is interested and; (3) keep the national office and the branch informed on the progress of every case. It shall not give legal advice.

