

# MISR MESSENGER

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## WELCOME TO 2021

M.I.S.R  
“Manifesting In  
Spiritual  
Restoration!”

Welcome to 2021 MISR! We should be excited to start this journey with all 2020 COVID-19 is trying to control. Let's push beyond our own expectations while working under new guidelines to see just how far we can go. We are a group of unique ladies, and each of us can provide valuable suggestions and ideas that will continue our growth in this Court.

# Message from the IC

“Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.” **Psalm 19:14**

Greetings!

It is my honor to be trusted with such an awesome responsibility as your Illustrious Commandress – and an honor to work with each Daughter to ensure that MISR Court No. 193 remains up to the task. With the new year comes fresh starts, resolutions and new beginnings. MISR Court No. 193, we are DEBUTING INTO A NEW SEASON! It is our time for making plans, setting goals and writing visions. EVERYTHING, said and done this year has a purpose. Don't worry about what you don't understand. You will see it clearer; at the right time.

**Motto:** M.I.S.R., “Manifesting In Spiritual Restoration”

**Scripture:** Psalms 136

**Year Colors:** Royal Purple & Platinum Silver (Accent: Black & White)

- **Purple** is associated spirituality, the sacred, higher self, passion, third eye, fulfillment, and vitality. Purple helps align oneself with the whole of the universe; While the color purple represents royalty, lavender represents beauty and femininity.
- **Silver** reflects back any energy given out, whether it is positive or negative. In the meaning of colors, it is associated with prestige and wealth. Silver restores equilibrium and stability to both feminine power and spiritual energy. It protects itself from outside negativity, reflecting the energy back to where it began.



**Flower:** Purple Lilly (The sweet and innocent beauty of the lily flower has given it the association of fresh life and rebirth.)

**Theme:** "Individually Unique, Collectively Complete"

It is clear that our future, in this virtual operating environment required more deeds from us daughters at every level, and MISR you have heard me say many times... “It's NOT what you're going thru, but how you CHOOSE to go thru it”.

For 2021, MISR Court has been REorganized, and tiered to bring out the very best in EVERY member of this Court. To give every member a ‘choice’ as a Daughter of MISR to have a voice. Each of you are needed to fulfill our Courts endeavors through our actions with others. Let's choose to be a Court that Energizes, Educates, Employs, and Empowers.

For 2021, MISR Court is bridging partnerships with organizations such as A. Philip Randolph Institute (APRI), National Coalition of Negro Women (NCNW), Helping You Grow Successful, (HUGS) CEO our very own Deputy for the Oasis, PC Larolyn Young, William Hall Academy, Kappa Epsilon

Psi (KEY) Military Sorority, Empowering Value of Life Via Enlightenment (EVOLVE), Inc., again, founders are our very own PC Kara, an Dt. Sandra Arrington, and three (3) more pending including the Red Cross of America, and Habitat of Humanity. These collaborations will open doors to increase our charitable actions, and present the opportunity to increase our membership welcoming 'quality' over 'quantity'.

To MISR Court Divan officers, members, all Imperial Officers in the DMV, to the Nobles of MISR Temple No. 213, my Back-Ops classmates, and friends around the Domain, THANK YOU! I leave no one out, because in order to get to this point you first must understand what you came through, and what you went through to make it here. To even get here people don't realize EVERYONE has a process. A process, or path only for you to travel. Everyone in your surroundings have a part in your life rather be friend, associate, teacher, co-worker, minister, or even someone on a grander scale. Everyone around you plays a vital part in your life. Your decision making to those spirits that you carry with you; to those that you unknowingly inherit to be who you are, so to everyone I give THANKS. Whether be good, or bad you still taught me; so, I THANK YOU. And to my God, my Savoir, the one who watches over me, the one who keeps me, the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, my Keeper and my Provider! Yes, I will praise him a million times over, because when I think about the things, He has brought me through! As my Grandmother used to say, "When I think about his goodness, and all that he has done for me, my soul gets happy"! I know as I move forward, I will run against Satan; I can discern that. However, wherever I go and whatever road I have to travel; I'm not afraid! My Father is already there and I know that all things work together for my good as I walk according to His purpose. I don't crave for recognition and respect from others; But I rather crave for winning grace from my Father.

MISR Court, let's be the change we want to see. Let's set the example, and NOT BE the example. We must continue our corporal works of mercy. Feed the Hungry, give drink to the thirsty, help clothe the naked, visit the sick, comfort the sorrowful, be patient with those in error, forgive offenses, and pray for the living and the dead. Life is not always going to be what we want it to be, but we can take the opportunity every day to make things a little better. Today Daughters, let us take time to think about each other and the seeds we are planting for future generations with our words, thoughts, and actions. This current season is no joke and we all need prayer, unconditional love, and encouragement to keep going. As we move forward let us be more intentional with our words and more generous when celebrating one another. #MISRSTRONG #WONTHEDOIT

*Dt. Charlitha D. Hawkins*

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2021, Illustrious Commandress

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# 2021 MISR Court No. 193 DIVAN



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Commandress



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2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Commandress



Dt. Alana Smoaks  
High Priestess



Dt. Tony Brown  
Oriental Guide



Dt. Jeronica Plummer  
Recordress



Dt. Cathy Chambers  
Treasurer



Dt. Alohalani Bullock-Jones  
1<sup>st</sup> Ceremonial Daughter



Dt. Katrina Strand  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ceremonial Daughter



Dt. Rononica Martin  
Inside Spy



Dt. Wendii Burstion  
Outside Spy



Dt. Monique Robert  
Marshall



Dt. Darlene Mitchell  
Assistant Marshall

# 2021 MISR Court No. 193 DIVAN



Dt. Nysha Harris  
Assistant Marshall



Dt. Kasia Davis  
Assistant Marshall



Dt. Laquan Slaughter  
Assistant Marshall



Dt. Jeanine Garnes  
Assistant Recordress



Dt. Tori Ball  
Assistant Recordress



Dt. Katrina Strand  
DIME Directress



Dt. Lazette Clanton  
Assistant DIME  
Directress



PC Larolyn Young  
Deputy of the Oasis

CONGRATULATIONS 2021 DIVAN, WE LOOK  
FORWARD TO A MISRVELOUS YEAR !!





MISR  
IN  
2020





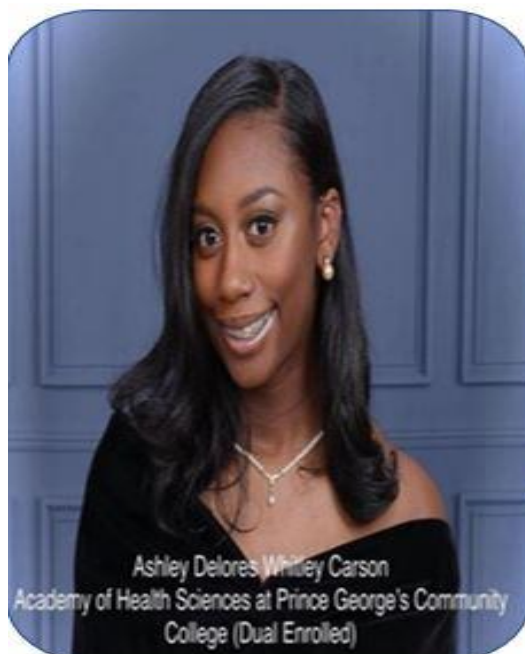


# 2020 GRADUATING D.I.M.E SENIORS

## Congratulations 2020 Graduates!

COVID-19 prevented our seniors from experiencing anticipated events like homecoming, prom, senior trips and most importantly a traditional graduation where family and friends could witness their milestone accomplishment. Although 2020 was filled with uncertainty and disappointment they still completed the year with zeal and grace. 2020 MISR D.I.M.E. program congratulated our three graduating seniors: Ashley Carson, Jekasia Hill and Lovely Tatum. Ashley is currently attending St. John's University in Queens, NY majoring in Biology with a minor in Chemistry. Jekasia is attending College of Southern Maryland and just completed the Dental Assistant Program Certification. We are excited for their future and proud of their resilience.

Submitted by D.I.M.E Directress, Dt. Katrina Strand





# ANGELIC LILIES



In recalling all the atrocities of 2020, we remember the onset of coronavirus COVID-19, full-time telework, job loss, virtual learning, travel stoppage/bans/cancellations, stimulus payments, unemployment pay in record setting numbers, illnesses, recoveries and sorrowfully, over 400,000 deaths in the US alone. While MISR Court was not immune to the pandemic's wrath, we are grateful for our members impacted who fought and recovered and those who are continuing to recover from the coronavirus' side effects. While life continued, albeit unsteadily, the year 2020 also claimed the lives of three of our beloved members. Below we present to some and re-introduce to others, our 2020 Angelic Lilies - HPC Joyce E. Ellison, PC Geneva E. Rose and HPIC Christine I. Jowers.

HPC Joyce E. Ellison and her young daughter, Jamilah, relocated to the DMV area from Connecticut shortly after completion of her master's degree in Social Work. She had earned her bachelor's degree in Psychology in 1978. Her studies and experience led to a career with DC Public and Charter Schools in various capacities. To continue her faith, she would later join and worship at Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria Virginia quickly becoming a member and sometime lead vocalist on its varied choirs to include Young Adults, Women's, and Adult Choir. She began her Prince Hall journey in the early 1990s attaining membership and ascending to local and Grand leadership in five of the auxiliaries - OES, HOJ, OGC, LOCOP, and Cyrene. She was created in MISR Court in 2003 and hit the ground running serving on almost all the Court's committees/auxiliaries. She loved the Court, and her proudest attributes were always showcasing MISR in her travels, fundraising for Court programs, the Court Queen, portraying Egyptian Queens/Goddesses or clowning as xxx with the Clown Unit. In honor of her steadfastness to the Court, Joyce was bestowed Honorary Past Commandress during the 2015 Imperial Session. Joyce was a 2nd Degree Blackbelt and occasionally provided self-defense techniques within the Court, Desert, and her church. An accomplished and recorded Alto singer, Joyce was known as "Songbird" to all in the DMV and throughout the Imperial Domain. In addition to her church, Joyce participated in the various choirs of the Masonic auxiliaries. Her talents were frequently called upon to perform solo at many Opening Ceremonies of Conferences, Sessions, Prayer Breakfasts/Luncheons, Christenings/Dedications, Anniversaries and Wake/Funerals of family and friends. A true friend's friend even as her health began to decline. Joyce passed away from cancer of the bile duct on July 6, 2020.



PC Geneva Rose began her Masonic auxiliary journey in 2001 with initiation into the OES and later acquiring membership in HOJ, OGC, LOCOP and Cyrene of which she attained local and Grand officer leadership. She was serving as Most Ancient Matron of her local court at the time of her death. She was created into MISR Court via the Imperial Court's creation during the 2002 Imperial Session in Washington, DC. In MISR Court she served on or Chaired/Co-Chaired many Court committees such as and not limited to Queen, Ways and Means, Egyptian Tea, and Hospitality. Always willing to assist those in need; young, elderly, and disabled, she worked tirelessly on the Court's Community Involvement Committee and further served as an Imperial supporter for the Imperial Court's Margaret P. Warren Ways and Means Committee (2003-2007).



Through her dedicated efforts on the Committee, she was awarded Honorary Past Commandress Degree honors in 2007 and subsequently appointed Deputy Imperial Directress for the Margaret P. Warren Ways and Means in 2008. HPC Rose ascended to Actual Illustrious Commandress of MISR Court in 2009 continuing to share her many talents of old-fashioned hospitality, event planning, floral arrangement, and design in creating beautiful centerpieces as well as creating boutonnieres and corsages for Nobles and Daughters to wear while attending MISR's Joint Ball or representing MISR when traveling to attend Daughter, Noble or Joint affairs within the Desert of Maryland or throughout the Imperial Domain. An avid supporter of the youth, PC Rose served as Directress, DIMES for many years and continued to assist with the "babies" whenever needed until COVID-19 restrictions and her subsequent health began to decline. PC Rose was a skilled dancer and could always be found on the dance floor dancing, hand dancing or teaching someone the latest line dance or MISR stroll. With a diagnosis of pancreatic cancer following a brief hospitalization, PC Rose succumbed to the disease on July 7, 2020.



HPIC Christine Ivey Jowers hailed from Asheville, NC and made the DMV her home in 1965 upon completion of her degrees in Education. As an educator in Prince Georges County,

MD she taught English and Math for many years and through her dedication, ascended to Assistant Principal. She retired in 1993. HPIC Jowers was initiated into the OES in 1982 serving on various committees in the chapter evolving to Worthy Matron in 1999. HPIC Jowers was created in 1982 a charter member of MISR Court. Her dedication and steadfastness elected her to Illustrious Commandress in 1986. She would later serve as the Illustrious Treasurer (2003-2016). An excellent orator and fitting example of finer womanhood, HPIC Jowers was appointed Imperial Deputy for the Desert of Maryland in 1995 and would later receive a political appointment to the PG County Board of Appeals in the same year. She continued to serve the Desert as its Desert Treasurer (2007-2012). The oldest of 8, HPIC Jowers loved spending time with her immediate and extended family and friends. Though she had no biological children, she doted on her nieces, nephews, goddaughters and "adopted" Daughters. HPIC Jowers also loved to travel with the Court and was known to cruise to various destinations at least twice a year for her personal travel. Prior to COVID-19 restrictions and her declining health, HPIC Jowers remained a faithful



and steadfast member of the Court and her OES chapter. HPIC Jowers epitomized a life well lived and always offered engaging conversations and wise counsel when sought. Diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in 2019, HPIC Jowers and her sister Lucille, would both pass away from the disease one day apart in December 2020.

May they all continue to rest in the arms of Allah.

## JANUARY & FEBRUARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### *2021 D.I.M.E. Financial Workshop*

We were very pleased to have Mr. Furman Blue of Charles County Public Schools facilitate our 2021 D.I.M.E. Financial Workshop. The workshop taught the youth how to distinguish the difference between a need versus a want and how to save towards a goal. Financial literacy is an important cornerstone of education that will help our youth achieve financial stability and generational wealth. This workshop sparked not only national, but international interest which was proven from the registration of over 130 individuals to include the attendance of our 48<sup>th</sup> Imperial Commandress, five other Imperial DIVAN members along with several other appointed Imperial Officers who all took the time to support by attending.

### *Valentine's Day Encouragement*

We also shared some love and encouragement with our D.I.M.E. members for Valentine's/Love Day.

“In order to be a mentor, and an effective one, one must care.... Know what you know and care about the person, care about what you know and care about the person you're sharing with.”

- Maya Angelou

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### *Self-Love/Self-Awareness Workshop*

The committee will be hosting a Self-Love/Self-Awareness workshop on 20 March 2021 via zoom. The facilitator will be our own Dt. Torri Ball and consist of helping our youth manage their interactions with others by first understanding their own thoughts, beliefs, feeling and actions. This workshop will also teach our young ladies the importance and biology of self-awareness as well as the tangible strategies for building it within themselves.

### *Accepting Applicants*

The D.I.M.E. Program is accepting applications all year long. If you have or know of a young lady between the ages of 8-18 please contact any D.I.M.E. committee member or email us at [miscourttime@gmail.com](mailto:miscourttime@gmail.com).

Submitted by D.I.M.E. Directress, Dt. Katrina Stand



DIME while patterning with the MISR Women's Veterans Team was able to register students to vote and discussed volunteer opportunities at Back-to-School Night.

L to R PC Deblen Edge, Toni Brown, Nysha Harris, Lisa Tatum, PC Kara Arrington, Lazette Clanton, Alohalani Bullock-Jones, Katrina Strand and Kasia Davis.



# NAACP



Did you know MISR Court has been a lifetime member of the NAACP-Prince George's Branch since 1986? That means this year is our 35th anniversary as members of the NAACP. The MISR Court NAACP committee has accepted the challenge to increase membership by 35% in 2021. Would you like to take a stand and answer the call for equality? Join the oldest and boldest civil rights organization, the NAACP, by heading to their website. [www.naacp.org](http://www.naacp.org) today. Select the tab Join Us, enter your zip code to find the branch closest to you. The cost is as low as \$30 annually. Get involved and help MISR Court reach its goal to increase the awareness of the NAACP, while joining the celebration of our 35th anniversary.

Submitted by NAACP Chair, Dt. Jeronna Brown

## BUDGET

The Budget Committee would like to serve as a financial resource as well as a budgetary reporting unit within the Court. As such, the Committee is providing a template as an "example" that Committees can utilize when establishing a budget for a Fundraising Event. The template can be found on the Court's Google Drive for use.

Submitted by Budget Committee Chair, Dt. LaShawn Boston Knowles

“The single biggest difference between financial success and financial failure is how well you manage your money. It's simple: to master money, you must manage money.”

- T. Harv Eker

# PAST COMMANDRESS ADDRESS

## PAST COMMANDRESS' PEARL OF THE MONTH

"Women who understand how powerful they are do not give into envy over meaningless things, instead they fight to maintain the beautiful bond of the sisterhood. These are the real women who know that we need each other's love and support to survive in this world. Love is the essence of being a woman. We must be that light of love that seals the bond and unique beauty of our sisterhood." ~ Bindu

Submitted by PC Angela P. Plummer (2008), Treasurer,  
Past Commandress Council

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- **Lifestyles of Maryland, Inc. Food Drive**  
**Dates:** 9 Feb – 8 March 2021  
**Drop-off:** 9837 Frankfurt Drive Waldorf, MD 20603
- **Ft. Washington Senior and Rehab Center Toiletry Giveaway**  
**Date:** 23 March 2021 & 25 May 2021 at 1000 EST  
**Local:** 1600 Livingston Road Ft. Washington, MD
- **Adopt-A-Road**  
**Date:** 10 April 2021  
**Local:** 16000 Livingston Road, Accokeek, MD
- **Christmas in April**  
**Date:** 24 April 2021  
**Local:** Oxon Hill, MD, Outside Only, Limited Participation
- **Charity Walk for Pancreatic Cancer**  
**Date:** 12 June 2021  
**Local:** 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD, Watkins Regional Park  
**Info:** [Please register under Team Name: MISR Daughters 2021](#); Sign up for Groups: [communityinvolvementmistr2021@gmail.com](mailto:communityinvolvementmistr2021@gmail.com)  
Everyone who is registered and raises or makes a personal donation of \$25.00 or more will receive a PurpleStride T-shirt.

Submitted by Community Involvement Chair, Dt. Kasia Davis

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# FOOD DRIVE



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# HEALTH

Did you know that in the United States 50,000 African American women die from heart disease every year? More interestingly, 49% of African American women ages 20 and older have heart disease. Heart disease remains to be the number one killer of Americans. It is important to know your health statuses ladies. Here are a few recommendations that health professionals promote for those that are trying to better their heart health and prevent heart disease.

- Get Active – try exercising 30 minutes every day.
- Eat healthy – try to incorporate more foods that are beneficial, such as the addition of more leafy greens and whole grains.
- Kick the bad habits – reduce the intake of alcohol, sugar and tobacco.

For more information, please visit the [American Heart Association](#)



## THINKING PINK

**BREAST**  
*cancer*  
**awareness**



Think Pink, Live Green

### TIPS FOR A HEALTHIER LIFE

Daughters, Take a PLEDGE to do "one" healthy activity on the checklist below every month! Submit a photo of Yourself or a Group of Daughters completing one of the activities on the checklist by the end of each month and the Committee will randomly select a winner and announce in the next month's Court Meeting during announcements. A gift will be provided to the Daughter or Group of Daughters each month with a breast cancer theme for their participation and a small token will be provided to every Daughter that participates throughout the year.

[Breast Cancer Awareness Checklist](#)

Submitted by Thinking Pink Chair, Dt. LaShawn Boston-Knowles



# WOMENS VETERAN TEAM

## African American Women Veterans

### WHO PAVED THE WAY WORLD WAR I (1914-1918)

African American women have played a role in every war effort in United States history. They endured physical discomfort and personal criticism, while many of their contributions were unrecognized and unrewarded. They placed themselves in danger's path – offering their abilities and strengths to preserve values and ensure freedom. Women stood side by side with fathers, husbands, and sons to nurse and comfort the suffering; they engaged in the danger of spying, chronicled the pain of war, and offered spiritual healing. In addition, black women faced racial and gender discrimination as part of their military service. Nevertheless, there were a number of “breakthrough” moments as they persistently pursued their right to serve ([www.nambw.org](http://www.nambw.org)).

These pioneering women simultaneously mastered the art of building and sustaining family and community life while dealing with wars. They were practiced folk healers, seamstresses,

skilled quilters knowledgeable parents, gardeners, cooks, and kept a storehouse of history and communal information. They knew how to press their skills into service or others. Throughout history, their networking, institution-building skills, and commitment to caring and sharing in health care and educational efforts, campaigns to support the troops, and protests against many forms of discrimination (Lemke-Santangelo, 2003).



**Phillis Wheatly**  
Was a very literate Black woman, used her writing ability to praise and express appreciation for General George Washington during the Revolutionary War. He showed his appreciation by inviting her to visit him at his headquarters in February of 1776.

For the first time in military history, African American females had an official organization where they found leadership and direction to use their abilities. The National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses was founded in 1909. In 1917, the co-founder of the Red Cross urged black nurses to enroll in the American Red Cross, although they were not accepted until two months before the war ended in November 1918. African American females continued to serve by making bandages, taking over jobs that men held so they could be soldiers, working in hospitals and troop centers, and serving in other relief organizations as they had in previous wars. Many served in Hostess Houses operated by the Young Women's Christian Association, where they wrote letters home for illiterate soldiers and read incoming mail to them.

As the war escalated, public pressure increased to enlist black women. Eighteen black, Red Cross nurses were offered Army Nurse Corps assignments at Camp Grant, Illinois and Camp Sherman, Ohio. They cared for German prisoners of war and black soldiers. By August 1919, all black nurses were released from service. One of the nurses, Aileen Cole Stewart, wrote:

“The story of the Negro nurse in World War I is not

spectacular. We arrived after Armistice was signed which alone was anticlimactic. So, we had no opportunity for “service above and beyond the call of duty.” But each one of us...did contribute quietly and with dignity to the idea that justice demands professional equity for all qualified nurses.”



Black soldiers on troop train passing through New Orleans being served chocolates and cigarettes by the Colored Auxiliary of the American Red Cross (Scott, 1919)





Group of Red Cross Nurses on duty as the Base Hospital  
Camp Grant, Illinois

After World War I, the demand for a permanent place for black women nurses in the military nursing corps continued. Colonel C.R. Darnell, Executive Officer for the Army Medical Corps wrote:

“The question of opening the nurse corps to...colored nurses has from time to time received the serious consideration of this office; but because of the necessity of arranging their tours of duty in various regions of the United States as well as in our overseas dependencies and of the difficulty if not impossibility of arranging proper quarters and messing facilities for them their employment has been found impractical in times of peace. You may rest assured that when military considerations make it practicable...to utilize colored nurses they will not be overlooked.”

Black women served in other capacities, as well. Four black women were among the 3,480 “Y” women volunteers who helped soldiers and sailors overseas. The YMCA provided recreation for the American Expeditionary Forces by staffing canteens, nursing, sewing, baking, and providing amusement and educational activities for the soldiers (womensmemorial, 2010).

## Advances Medical Research for Minority Veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) launched a new genomic research tool designed to help VA researchers learn more about how conditions such as cancer, diabetes and heart disease affect Veterans from minority backgrounds.

Debuting in January, the laboratory tool, known as the Ethnic Focused genotyping array or DNA chip, will test more than 750,000 genetic variants, including over 300,000 that are more common in minority populations.

The probes also associate certain health traits — like increased risk for a disease or unfavorable reactions to a drug with specific genetic patterns. This can lead to new treatment approaches for patients with those gene profiles.

With more than 830,000 Veteran volunteers currently enrolled, this is the largest health and genetic databases in the world and has generated dozens of influential scientific publications. Currently, over 30 ongoing studies are examining conditions ranging from heart disease and diabetes to post-traumatic stress disorder, schizophrenia and suicide risk. MVP has been successful in engaging Veterans from minority communities in part thanks to VA’s Center for Minority Veterans. The two plan to collaborate this year and beyond, to further boost the involvement of Black, Hispanic and other minority Veterans in the landmark genomic research program.

For more information on the VA’s Million Veteran Program (MVP) visit [www.research.va.gov](http://www.research.va.gov).

“MISR Women  
Veterans Team -  
We Who Defend  
and Support, Stand  
Ready to Serve.”



**WREATHS**  
— across —  
**AMERICA**



REMEMBERing the Fallen. . . HONORing those who Serve. . .  
TEACHing our children the value of Freedom.

# MISR

Court No. 193 (MD0364P)

On **December 18, 2021** at 1200, MISR Court No. 193 (MD0364P), will be assisting Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery to Remember and Honor our veterans by laying Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes.

Please help us honor and remember as many fallen heroes as possible by sponsoring remembrance wreaths, volunteering on Wreaths Day, or inviting your family and friends to attend with you.

**Number of Wreaths to Sponsor:**

- ❖ 1 Wreath Individual Sponsorship (\$15)
- ❖ 2 Wreaths (\$30.00)
- ❖ 5 Wreaths (\$75.00) \*Most Popular
- ❖ 10 Wreaths (\$150.00)
- ❖ Custom Number of Wreaths

Maryland Veterans Cemetery at Cheltenham (MDCHVC)  
11301 Crain Hwy  
Cheltenham, MD 20623  
<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/159345/Overview/?relatedId=14854>

**THANK YOU** for supporting MISR Court No. 193 and Wreaths Across America!

 <https://www.miscourt193.org>

 <https://www.facebook.com/miscourt193>

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(573) 528-5667

## ONGOING MVT EVENTS

### *Wreaths Across America*

HELP MISR COURT TO REMEMBER the fallen, HONOR those who serve..., and TEACH our children the value of Freedom.

\*\*\*\*SPONSOR A WREATH\*\*\*\*

Information on how to sponsor a Wreath for those that have served can be found on corresponding flyer.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### *MISR Joint Virtual Expo (Panel Discussion) and Claims Clinic*

Veterans Expo: 3 April 2021 at 1:00 PM EST

Claims Clinic: 5-9 April 2021

More information coming soon!!

*Women Veteran Team Contribution Submitted by  
Dt. Renetta Johnson*



MISR Court delivered nearly 400 Valentine's Day cards to Veterans at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. L to R: PC Deblen Edge; Alohalani Bullock-Jones (Committee Chair); Charlitha Hawkins (Illustrious Commandress); Ashley Radano, Dir Volunteer Svc, Charlotte Hall; Dt. Katrina Strand; Dt. Kasia Davis; Dt. Antonia Brown.



# DEPUTY'S CORNER

Hello MISR Court # 193! This is definitely the year of reintroduction. As we prepare for the world to open up, we should begin our year establishing the goals and boundaries we will need to show the world the MISR Way. Earlier you might have read about my life and times in MISR. Let me sum it up this way. I have had time to watch 19+ leaders bring us to this point in history. We could not have made it here without each and everyone of them and the membership at the time.

MISR is great because of it's ability to leverage the past to implement the plans for our future. But there is a common conversation that happens every year that needs to be cancelled.

Let me preface my next comment by saying a team (to include the leadership) is the sum of its parts. A chain is only as strong as its weakest link. Teamwork makes the dreamworld. Or a watched egg won't boil. Well maybe not this phrase... but you get my point right?

Now if you have heard yourself say "she will not make a good leader"... I challenge you to add another part to the sentence. Change the comment to "She will not make a good leader therefore I must step up and help by...." . Let's look at the traits a leader should have so you can be clear on how YOU plan to help.

Here are fifteen leadership qualities that can make you a good leader.

- |                           |                               |                              |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Honesty and Integrity  | 2. Confidence                 | 3. Inspire Others            |
| 4. Commitment and Passion | 5. Good Communicator          | 6. Decision Making Skills    |
| 7. Accountability         | 8. Delegation and Empowerment | 9. Creativity and Innovation |
| 10. Empathy               | 11. Resilience                | 12. Emotional Intelligence   |
| 13. Humility              | 14. Transparency              | 15. Vision and Purpose       |

At good leader will think they have all of these traits. A great leader will know that that is impossible.

If your professional analysis of someone's capacity to lead highlights areas of improvement and YOU can help, then continue the MISR Way by adding a little extra of yourself where you see others lacking. Remember when the tidewater of success flows in ALL boats rise.

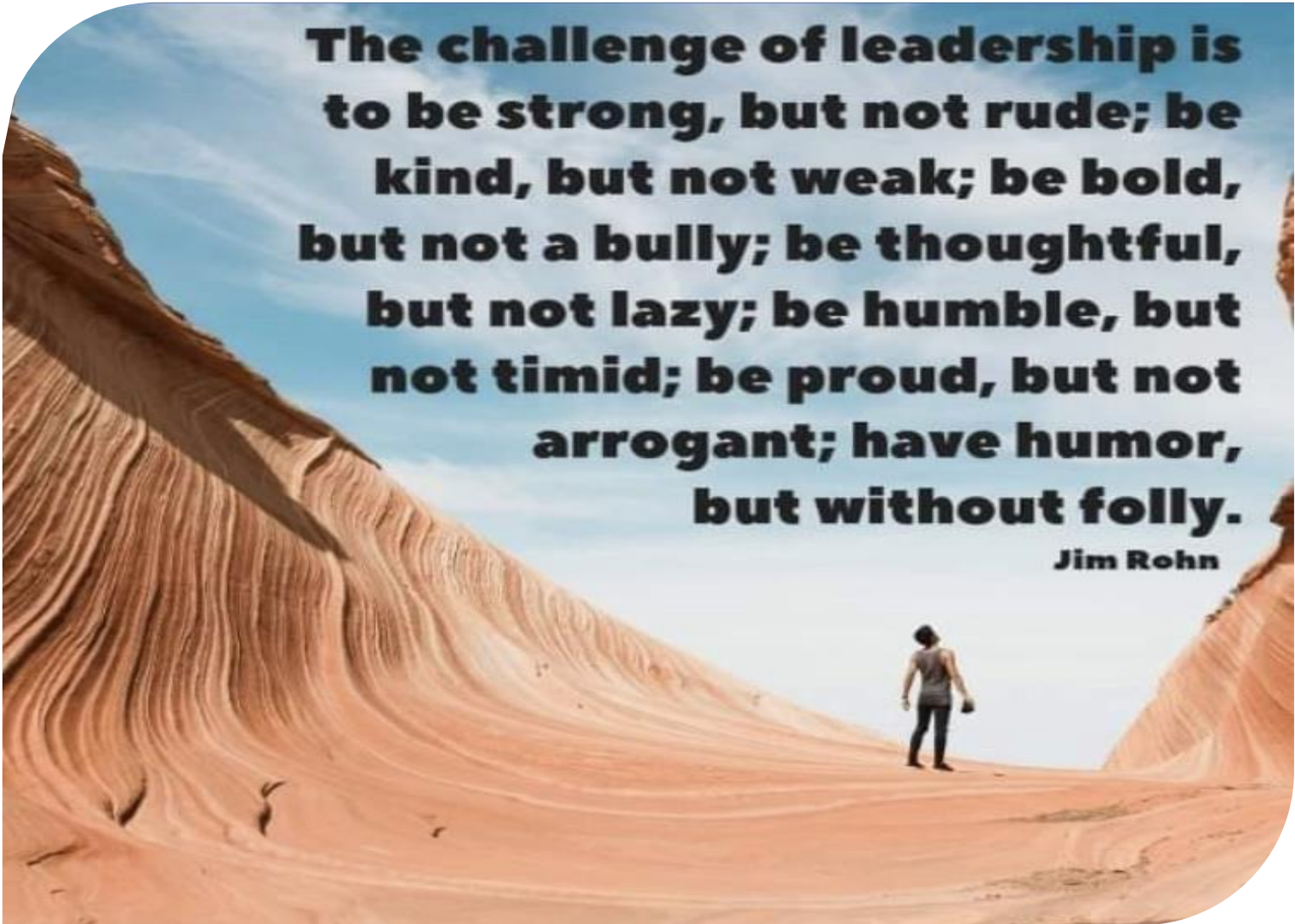
"Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my weaknesses, that the strength of Christ may rest upon me. Wherefore I take pleasure in weakness: for when I am weak then am I strong. " -2 Cor. 12:9,10.

Thank you for opportunity to serve and share,

PC Larolyn "Nikki" Young

Deputy for the Oasis

But most importantly I am a MISR Daughter first!

A photograph of a person standing in a vast, undulating desert landscape under a blue sky. The sand dunes are smooth and wave-like, with a person standing in the distance, looking out over the horizon. The quote is overlaid on the upper right portion of the image.

**The challenge of leadership is  
to be strong, but not rude; be  
kind, but not weak; be bold,  
but not a bully; be thoughtful,  
but not lazy; be humble, but  
not timid; be proud, but not  
arrogant; have humor,  
but without folly.**

**Jim Rohn**



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY LADIES

PLEASE HELP MISR  
CELEBRATE OUR  
DAUGHTERS BORN IN  
JANUARY AND FEBRUARY



## JANUARY

HPIC Maryland Young: 02 Jan  
Dt. Patricia Garner: 04 Jan  
Dt. Wendii Burstion: 06 Jan  
Dt. Sandra Young: 16 Jan  
Dt. Rebecca Hatcher: 31 Jan

## FEBRUARY

Dt. Cathy Chambers: 02 Feb  
Dt. Lazette Clanton: 06 Feb  
Dt. Tamika Harris: 06 Feb  
HPIC Carol Williams: 06 Feb  
Dt. Kelly Lytton: 07 Feb  
HPIC Bobbi Jean Henry: 07 Feb  
Dt. Christina Burrell: 16 Feb  
Dt. Lisa Tatum: 16 Feb  
Dt. Tiawana Silver: 16 Feb  
Dt. Laccricia Freeman: 19 Feb  
Dt. Jean Thomas: 19 Feb  
PC Janet Blackwell-Robinson: 23 Feb  
Dt. Michelle Carter: 25 Feb  
PC Katie Eatmon: 27 Feb

# CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF '01

On February 24, 2001, the Sabaa Mothabreen (Seven who Persevered) Class of 2K1 crossed the Desert sands and into finer womanhood known throughout the Imperial Domain as Daughters of MISR Court No. 193...Happy 20th Daughterversary to us ~ **PC Larolyn Young, PC Angela Plummer, PC Deblen Edge, Daughters Edie Henry, Ann Austin McWaine, Emma Neal and Jacqueline Isley!!**

Through the years, the 2K1 class has worked tirelessly for the Court, the Desert and the Imperial Domain. Two would follow the footsteps of their mothers to lead this Court as Illustrious Commandress - PC Larolyn Young (2007) and PC Angela Plummer (2008).

PC Young would also become founder and one of the original members of the Court's Color Guard in 2001 serving as the Inaugural Color Guard Captain. Through their tenacity and dedication, our Color Guard won 2nd Place at the 2003 Imperial Session. She created the Inaugural Equestrienne Team and became the Captain. The team won 1st Place at the 2013 Imperial Session. PC Young has served faithfully and with dedication as Chair/Co-Chair on numerous committees and auxiliaries through the years. Some committees include but are not limited to Ball Chairperson, Veteran's Affairs Chairperson and President of the Past Commandress Council. Her successful efforts during her tenure as Illustrious Commandress were noted when she received Illustrious Commandress of the Year and the Court of the Year honors from the Desert of Maryland in 2007. For her many talents, she received many Imperial Appointments: Imperial Directress of Skills Bank, 2012-2013; Deputy Imperial Directress of Thinking Pink, 2014-2015; Joint Imperial Council/Imperial Court Representative to the National Diabetes Initiative (Walk Coordinator); Deputy Imperial Directress of the Imperial Commandress' Special Projects, 2017-2019. She would follow her mother's footsteps once again being appointed our Imperial Deputy for the Oasis in 2020.

PC Plummer has served faithfully as Chair/Co-Chair on numerous Court committees to include but not limited to Ways and Means, Friendship Day, Egyptian Tea, Audit and Budget and Finance. During her tenure as Illustrious Commandress, the Court was crowned its first Maryland Desert Queen and Imperial Court Queen. She further developed the MISR Messenger Newsletter and provided a daily email to the Imperial Domain entitled "PHamily Communique" encompassing S&D, events, and news of Courts and Temples throughout the Imperial Domain. She will go on to serve as President, Past Commandress Council 2016-2018, developing the Council's guidelines and Council Treasurer 2018-present. She served as Desert Recordress 2003-2007. For her efforts in keeping the Desert informed, she received Daughter of the Year honors from the Desert of Maryland in 2006. PC Plummer received an Imperial Appointment as Imperial Supporter, Publicity, 2006-2007 and Deputy Imperial Directress, Publicity/Public Relations/Media 2009-present.

One will serve as Illustrious Commandress in 2010 - PC Deblen Edge. PC Edge also was an original member of the Court's Color Guard and has served as Chair/Co-Chair on many committees to include but not limited to Military Daughters, Veterans Affairs, and Egyptian Tea. PC Edge serves as the Desert S&D Chairperson 2017-Present. PC





Edge received an Imperial Appointment as Deputy Imperial Directress, Color Guard and Drill Teams 2011-2013 and 2020 respectively. She further served as Imperial Deputy for the Oasis (2013-2014).

One is on the path of leading by working tirelessly in the Court over the years - Dt. Edie Henry. Dt. Henry has chaired/served on various major committees such as but not limited to Ways and Means Committee (2002-2009, 2013-2018), Co-Chair Joint Ball Committee (2013-2020), and Directress, DIMES (2014-2018). She currently is serving as our 1st Lieutenant Commandress.

Dt. Ann McWaine continues to be a proud MISR member while residing in Las Vegas, NV. When residing in Maryland she was instrumental in reviving the Court's youth group after a 5+ years hiatus alongside the late PC Geneva Rose. Dt. McWaine is currently working with 28 years of Government service and a rising Independent Mary Kay Consultant for the past 13 years.

While Daughters Neal and Isley became inactive members in 2009 for personal reasons, Dt. Neal still resides in Temple Hills, MD and works at the Canteen at the VA Hospital in Washington, DC. Prior to COVID-19 restrictions, she was spending her time singing and traveling with her church's choir throughout the DMV. She is further enjoying her 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren and recently celebrated her 75<sup>th</sup> birthday in January. Dt. Isley still resides in Ft. Washington, MD. She spends her time caring for foster children and doing various charity endeavors. She also celebrated her 67<sup>th</sup> birthday in December.

Through our varied contributions over the years, it is our humble prayer that we all continue to serve with distinction and assist MISR Court in continuing to thrive within our Oasis, Desert and the Imperial Domain for many more years to come!!



# Congratulations Daughters!!



# UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE DOMAIN



**A.E.A.O.N.M.S., Inc.**  
Imperial Potentate John T. Chapman (1)  
Imperial Commandress Jacqueline Brown Arradondo (22)  
The Desert of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

## PRAYER CALL

SUNDAY MARCH 14, 2021 @ 7PM (EST)

Imperial Deputy of the Desert of Massachusetts and Rhode Island  
Noble Larry Van Zandt Sr, PP (31)  
Imperial Deputy For the Desert of Massachusetts  
Daughter Patricia A. Link, PC (149)

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Hosted by the Daughters and Nobles of the Desert of MA and RI

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Court No. 210  
**STAY-CATION**  
Oasis of Annapolis, Desert of MD

**Dt. Nicole A. Dunn**  
Illustrious Commandress

Questions, Questions, Questions  
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## NOTE FROM THE NEWSLETTER TEAM

We want to thank MISR Court No. 193 for their continuous support in the community. Not only do our efforts better others but ourselves as well. We will continue to promote and showcase the service and events that MISR is involved in.

We ask that any articles, news, updates, and/or photos be sent to [miscourtnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:miscourtnewsletter@gmail.com) in a Microsoft Word document no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. We want to thank everyone that provided photos of MISR through the years. Below you can see the fun times MISR has had out in the community.

We look forward to the continued success of MISR.

Yours in the Faith,

2021 Newsletter Team

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