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Veterans of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement, Inc. Honors the Movers in Today's Social Justice Movement at Awards Legacy Banquet

Jackson, MS – The Veterans of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement, Inc. (VMCRM) is pleased to announce the recipients of the **Veterans Legacy Awards Banquet**, scheduled for **Saturday, March 21, 2015** at the **Jackson Medical Mall Center Stage**. The event kicks off at **7 p.m.** and culminates the organization's 10th Anniversary Conference, which runs March 18-21, 2015 at Tougaloo College. The honorees are: **Rev. Rims Barber, Filmmaker Keith Beauchamp, Social Activist & Co-Founder of #BlackLivesMatter Alicia Garza, Freedom House Curator Glen Cotton (Canton, MS), Professor Dr. Daphne Chamberlain, Councilman Tyrone Hendrix (Jackson, MS), Author & Professor Dr. Tiyi Morris, Tunica Teens In Action, Photographer Al White, and VMCRM former Coordinator Cynthia Woodall.**

“These honorees exemplify what it truly means to be a *Mover* in today's social justice movement,” said Cynthia Goodloe Palmer, VMCRM Executive Director. “Because we are celebrating our 10th Anniversary Conference, we felt it befitting to award ten influential history makers who are building upon the legacy of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement and leading the way for social change.”

In addition to honoring the award recipients, the banquet is also in commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the murder of Emmett Till. VMCRM will recognize his family and the families of Herbert Lee and Louis Allen with a special presentation.

“The lives and legacy of Emmett, Herbert, and Louis shall not be forgotten, but remembered as courageous individuals who spoke up during a time when black folks were looked at as less than,” said Hollis Watkins, Chairman of the Veterans of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement, Inc. “Their unjustifiable homicides further remind us that like Eric Garner and Michael Brown, not only do black lives matter, but all lives matter, and we have much work to do.”

Reserve your seat today for the Veterans Legacy Awards Banquet. Adult tickets are \$50, student tickets are \$20, and tables of 8 are \$400. To purchase tickets or for more information, please visit www.MSCivilRightsVeterans.com, call 601-977-7914 or email to MississippiCivilRightsVeterans@gmail.com.

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Having begun in 2004 with small meetings that grew into our first conference a year later, the **Veterans of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement, Inc.** continues to collect and archive oral histories of civil rights veterans across the country, and supports persons actively using those stories to continue the pursuit of freedom, justice and equality.