

Veterans of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement, Inc.

2017 Conference Schedule * March 29-April 2, 2017



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2017

6:30 pm..... Jimmie Travis Civil Rights Legacy Symposium Series (FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)
MOVEMENT WOMEN: "HANDS ON THE FREEDOM PLOUGH"
Moderator: **Pam Shaw**, *P3 Strategies, Jackson, MS*
Panelists: **Annie Pearl Avery, Joyce Ladner, Marilyn Lowen, Martha Prescod Noonan**
Musical Guests: **The SNCC Freedom Singers**
(Meet the Authors & book signing, Pre-Registration, T-shirt and book sale immediately following)

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2017

9:00 am Registration Begins
9:30 am Opening Plenary Session****"I Don't Mind My Light Shining"** *Greenwood, MS, Fall 1963
Dr. Daphne Chamberlain-Wilson, Moderator, *Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, MS*
11:00 am "Remembering our fallen veterans"
11:30 am LUNCHEON****"We're On Our Way"** *Indianola, MS, September 1964,
Facilitator: Ms. Pamela Confer, Nissan

GENERAL SESSIONS

1:00 pm ****"To Tell It Like It Is"** *Lexington, MS, May 8, 1969
Dr. Hollis Watkins, Moderator, *Veterans of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement, Inc., Jackson, MS*
2:00 pm ****"To Make Democracy a Reality"** *Berkeley, CA, October 15, 1969
Attorney Jaribu Hill, Moderator, *Mississippi Center For Justice, Greenville, MS*
3:00 pm Break
3:15 pm ****"America Is a Sick Place and Man Is on the Critical List"** *Chicago, IL, May 27, 1970
Dr. Hilliard Lackey, Moderator, *Jackson State University, Jackson, MS*
4:15 pm ****"Nobody's Free Until Everybody's Free"** *Washington, DC, July 10, 1971
Dr. Ella J. Davis, Moderator, *Wayne County Community College, Detroit, MI*
5:15 pm Film Screening, **The Dorie Ladner Story: "Well Behaved Women Don't Make HerStory"**
"Bro. Hollis: The Sankofa of a Movement Man"
Reception
7:00 pm "The Rose of Ruleville" Theatrical Tribute honoring Fannie Lou Hamer (FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)
Written and Directed by Dr. Mark Henderson & performed by MADDRAMA
(Meet The Authors & book signings, t-shirt and book sale throughout the day)

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2017

8:00 am Buses leaves for Ruleville, MS, home of Fannie Lou Hamer (Tour includes: Hamer Memorial Gardens, Hamer Multipurpose Center & Museum, Milo Plantation, Freedom Trail Marker, William Chapel Church, Garment Factory, Fannie Lou Hamer Drive)
Tour Guide: **Charles McLaurin** **Lunch at the Hamer Multipurpose Center & Museum
5:30 pm Arrive back at Tougaloo/Reception
6:30 pm Student Research and Creative Arts Entries Competition—YOUTH NIGHT (Music, Spoken Word, Poetry)

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017

9:00 am Workshop—"The Role(s) of HBCUs in the Development of Structured Opportunities for Students from Low Performing Schools" (**Dave Dennis**, Moderator, *Southern Initiative Algebra Project (SIAP)*)
12:30 pm Veterans Board Meeting and Election of Officers (for veterans only)
Free time for others including tours, shopping, small group intergenerational activities
6:30 pm Veterans Legacy Awards Banquet honoring: **Attorney Karima Al-Amin, Natalie Collier, C.O. Chinn, Sr., (posthumously), Dovie & Winson Hudson (posthumously), C.J. Jones, Dr. Ronald Mason, Jr., Rose Freeman Massey, Dr. Bob Zellner, Young People's Project (YPP) of McComb**
**Veterans Group Picture
**Theatrical Tribute to Fannie Lou Hamer **Student Creative Arts Competition Awards
Entertainment: **501 Live Band, Deanna Tisdale Johnson, Goodloe Drummers, The Freedom Singers, Salmeilia Stewart as Fannie Lou Hamer Host: **Pamela Junior**

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017

2:00 pm Reception & program hosted by the Fannie Lou Hamer Institute at COFO

***Titles of sessions in red represent speeches delivered by Mrs. Hamer, the dates and the locations. (Updated 3/17/2017)*