

*National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)  
35<sup>th</sup> Annual Armed Services & Veterans Affairs Awards Dinner  
Honoring the United States Marine Corps and the Men and Women of the Department of Defense  
The New York Hilton, New York, New York, Tuesday, July 14, 2009  
Pre-Dinner Reception at 6:00 p.m. and Dinner at 7:00 p.m.*

*Musical Prelude*

Mr. Keith Armstead

*Presiding Co-hosts*

Mr. Jimmy Love  
Acting Principal Director  
Office of Diversity Management & Equal Opportunity  
Pentagon, Washington, DC

Ms. Marcella Maxwell  
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*Introduction of Honored Guests*

Mr. Love

*Presentation of the Colors*

United States Marine Corps Color Guard  
Marine Barracks Washington

*National Anthem*

Corporal Robert N. Schneider  
The Quantico Marine Corps Band  
Quantico, VA

*Invocation*

Commander Kelvin James  
Chaplain, United States Navy

*Greetings*

Ms. Maxwell

Mr. Clarence A. Johnson  
Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Plans  
Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel & Readiness  
Pentagon, Washington, DC

Colonel Gail Jennings  
Vice Director, Manpower and Personnel  
The Joint Staff  
Washington, DC

*Sponsor Greetings*

Mr. Eric N. Watson  
Vice President  
Talent Acquisition and the Office of Diversity & Inclusion  
Food Lion, LLC  
Salisbury, North Carolina

*Introduction of Guest Speaker*

The Honorable David Dinkins  
Former Mayor, New York City and former Montford Point Marine

Guest Speaker

General James T. Conway  
Commandant of the Marine Corps  
Pentagon, Washington, DC

***DINNER IS SERVED***

Memorial Message

Staff Sergeant Gerald Ebo  
The Quantico Marine Corps Band  
Quantico, VA

Presentation of Awards:

Presentation of the Jesse Brown Distinguished Leadership Award

Mr. Ron E. Armstead, Director, Congressional Black Caucus Veterans Black Braintrust

Recipient:

Honorable Robert Filner (D-CA)  
Chairman, House Veterans Affairs Committee

Presentation of the Julius E. Williams Distinguished Community Service Award

Mr. Ron E. Armstead, Director, Congressional Black Caucus Veterans Black Braintrust

Recipient:

Research Project & Digital Archive  
"The Civil Rights Struggle, African-American GIs, and Germany"  
Professor Dr. Maria Höhn  
Vassar College, NY

Dr. Martin Klimke

German Historical Institute, Washington, DC /  
Heidelberg Center for American Studies, University of Heidelberg, Germany

Presentation of the NAACP Meritorious Service Award

Mr. Benjamin Todd Jealous  
President & Chief Executive Officer  
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People  
Baltimore, MD

Recipient:

Lieutenant General Ronald Coleman  
Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs  
United States Marine Corps  
Quantico, VA

Presentation of the Benjamin L. Hooks Distinguished Service Award

Mr. Jealous

Recipient:

Mr. Michael F. Applegate  
Director, Manpower Plans and Policy Division  
United States Marine Corps  
Quantico, VA

Announcement of the Roy Wilkins Renown Service Award

Ms. Maxwell

Roll Call of Award Recipients

Colonel Jennings

**United States Army**

Major General Dennis L. Via

**United States Navy**

Captain Robert A. Sanders

**United States Marine Corps**

Major Alejandro House

**United States Air Force**

Ms. Sonia Brumskill

**National Guard**

**Army National Guard**

Sergeant Major Swinton W. Hudson, Jr.

**Air National Guard**

Senior Master Sergeant Sabrella Bacon

**United States Coast Guard**

Mr. Kenneth B. Hunter

**4th Estate**

**Defense Threat Reduction Agency**

Dr. Andrew Walker

Closing Remarks

Mr. Love

Benediction

Captain Ronnie King

Chaplain, United States Navy