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July 15th, 2023

Committee reports and announcements-**Attorney Michael Hardy**-Executive Vice President & General Counsel, NAN.

Dr. Alvin Ponder-Vice President, NYC chapter, NAN

Katrina Jefferson-Special Liaison to the President, HOJ coordinator, NAN

Rev. Malcolm Byrd- Director of NY Operations, NAN

Althea Aaron- Education committee, NAN

Minister Tyrone Richardson and the change ensemble

Guests

Chiquita Brooks-LaSure- Administrator for the centers for medicare and medicaid services

Rev. Dr. Michael Walrond, Jr. - Senior Pastor, First corinthian Baptist Church, Harlem, NY.

Keynote: Rev. Al Sharpton

Committee reports and announcements-**Attorney Michael Hardy**-Executive Vice President & General Counsel, NAN.

The following was included in the weekly message:

Corporate America: Be Prepared for a Backlash

Rev. Sharpton released a powerful statement putting corporate America on notice this week: we will not buy from or support companies that don't hire or do business with us. He issued this warning after Republican attorneys general submitted a letter to Fortune 100 companies pressuring them against the use of any race-based personnel decisions.

National Action Network previously announced that it would co-lead a report that tracked which companies lived up to their promises on diversity, equity and inclusion. Those corporations who pledged to diversify and rectify their businesses cannot now change course because of pressure from GOP attorneys general.

Rev. Sharpton and **National Action Network** have issued a fair notice to corporate America; if they fail to live up to their commitments, we will make our voices heard with our dollars.

Saying Goodbye to Dr. King's Sister

Rev. Sharpton will travel to Atlanta tonight to attend funeral services for **Christine King Farris, Martin Luther King Jr.'s** last living sibling. **Dr. Farris**, the eldest sister of **Dr. King**, was a civil rights activist herself and left an indelible mark on society.

Dr. Farris was a founding board member and former Vice-Chair and Treasurer of the King Center. She taught at Spelman College for nearly 50 years, and was an ardent advocate for literacy, education and equality. She was also the longest serving member of the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Rev. Sharpton paid homage to her life and legacy, and to the tremendous impact that the entire King family has had on this nation and the world.

Prepping for the March on Washington

Rev. Sharpton, MLK III and Arndrea Waters King participated in over 10 zoom calls this week with leaders in the Latinx community, gun violence prevention advocates, members of the LGBTQ+ community and others in preparation for the historic 60th anniversary of the **March on Washington** next month.

In an effort to ensure that the march is inclusive and expresses a unified front against hatred and regressive policies, **National Action Network** has been busy meeting with everyone from faith leaders to youth leaders and everything in between. The **March on Washington** will take place on August 26th, and we will convene at 11 am in front of the Lincoln Memorial.

Rather than a commemoration, the 60th anniversary **March on Washington** will be a continuation of **Dr. King's** vision and his selfless work to achieve a fair and equitable society. We will focus on protecting and preserving voting rights, criminal justice reform (including police reform/mass incarceration) and calling for federal hate crime legislation amid a rise in such crimes and domestic terrorism.

The march will be a cross-cultural and intergenerational demonstration to show that an attack on one is an attack on all of us. For more information and to sign up for a free bus, please visit www.nationalactionnetwork.net.

Jesse Jackson's Retirement

As **Rev. Jesse Jackson** announced his retirement as head of the Rainbow Push Coalition, **Rev. Sharpton** reflected on their decades of mentorship and friendship. **Rev. Jackson** joined **Rev. Sharpton** on his nationally syndicated radio show, *Keepin It Real*, where he said that he was proud of the work that **Rev. Sharpton** has done in advancing civil rights and social justice.

Rev. Sharpton first met **Rev. Jackson** when he was just 12 years old, at which point he began serving as the youth director for the New York chapter of Operation Breadbasket. From that moment, and through the decades, their relationship has flourished as both continued to fight for justice and equality. As his protégé, **Rev. Sharpton** recognized this significant moment for him personally and for the community as a whole.

“The resignation of **Rev. Jesse Jackson** is the pivoting of one of the most productive, prophetic and dominant figures in the struggle for social justice in American history,” said **Rev. Sharpton**. “I and others who were a dozen years or so younger than him have gone on to build and lead national organizations, in the generational tradition he started after being mentored by **Dr. King**. Therefore, we don't think of him retiring, but rather that he has planted and nurtured the seeds that are growing beyond his own organization.”

July 22nd, 2023

Committee reports and announcements-**Attorney Michael Hardy**-Executive Vice President & General Counsel, NAN.

Dr. Alvin Ponder-Vice President, NYC chapter, NAN

Tisha Hunter, soloist, NAN change choir

Rev. Dr. Malcolm Byrd- Director of Ny Operations, NAN

Derek Perkinson- Crisis manager, NAN

Minister Tyrone Richardson and the change ensemble

Guests

Rev. Dr. Adolphus Lacey- Senior Pastor, Bethany Baptist Church, Brooklyn, NY.

Keynote: Rev. Al Sharpton

Committee reports and announcements-**Attorney Michael Hardy**-Executive Vice President & General Counsel, NAN.

The following was included in the weekly message:

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2. **Unions Stand With NAN**

With the 60th anniversary of the **March on Washington** fast approaching, **Rev. Sharpton**, Founder & President of the **National Action Network**, traveled to the nation's capital this week for some pivotal meetings. On Monday, he was joined by **Martin Luther King III**, Co-Founder & Chairman of the Board of the Drum Major Institute and **Arndrea Waters King**, President of the Drum Major Institute as they met with the national board of the **AFL-CIO**.

As the largest federation of unions, the **AFL-CIO** is comprised of 60 national and international labor unions representing over 12 million people. At Monday's meeting, they fully endorsed the **March on Washington**, and many of their members will be attending the march next month for this historic moment.

The full title of **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s** massive demonstration 60 years ago was the **March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom**. On that day, August 28th, 1963, **Dr. King** and the hundreds of thousands gathered in D.C. demanded fair wages, equal opportunities, protections from employment discrimination and so much more. On August 26th this year, the labor movement will join **National Action Network** and the Drum Major Institute to collectively do so again.

1. **Clergy Are Ready To March**

While in Washington, D.C. this week, **Rev. Sharpton** met with 30 Pastors who are organizing Churches and their members in support of next month's **March on Washington**. These faith leaders are focused on local mass mobilization as we are less than 40 days out from this crucial gathering and at a moment when so many of our civil rights gains are on the line.

Faith and purpose were an integral aspect of **Dr. King's** work and his fight for equality and freedom. Clergy are once again organizing and preparing to march in solidarity as we demand protections for minority communities, police and criminal justice reform, voting rights, fair housing, livable wages and so much more.

For additional information on the upcoming **March on Washington**, or to sign up for a free bus or book a hotel at a special rate (deadline is August 4th), please visit www.nationalactionnetwork.net)

1. Rev. Sharpton at the White House

On Wednesday, **Rev. Sharpton** traveled to the **White House** where he met with the **Chief of Staff, Jeffrey Zients**. In this high-level meeting, **Rev. Sharpton** expressed his concerns over recent Supreme Court rulings dismantling affirmative action, striking down President Biden's student loan debt forgiveness program, opening the door to discrimination against protected groups and more. He also discussed other issues of significance to the civil rights community, as well as areas of mutual concern.

Rev. Sharpton and **National Action Network** have remained committed to the fight for a modern civil rights agenda that includes one standard of justice, decency and equality for all. That push for civil rights continues whether in the streets, in the executive suites – or in the highest office in the land.

1. National Black Chamber of Commerce

Rounding out his trip to Washington, D.C., **Rev. Sharpton** addressed the **National Black Chamber of Commerce** at its national conference on Wednesday. He discussed recent attacks against affirmative action (including the threat to corporate America), continuing disparity, the importance of economically empowering the Black community and more.

National Action Network routinely pushes for greater economic opportunities for the community, as well as educating individuals and groups on how to empower themselves. The National Black Chamber of Commerce is the largest Black business association and has worked with **NAN** through the years in various respects.

1. NAN Denounces Florida's Board of Ed

National Action Network vehemently opposes the Florida Board of Education's recent decision to approve new outrageous Black history 'standards'. The new criteria must note that slaves developed skills for their personal benefit, and must include acts of violence supposedly perpetrated by Blacks. **Rev. Sharpton** and **NAN** forcefully denounce this insulting attempt at revisionist history.

The Florida Board of Education's latest effort to control and shape what students are taught follows an earlier decision to reject an advanced placement African American history course. It also comes on the heels of draconian book bans and other measures designed to limit access to diverse thought and an accurate portrayal of both the past and present.

NAN asks, what kind message is Florida sending to its Black students and the nation? If the only way to prevent repeating the horrendous mistakes of the past is to have a full accounting of what took place, then we cannot allow the state of Florida or anywhere else to rewrite history.

July 29th, 2023

Committee reports and announcements-**Attorney Michael Hardy**-Executive Vice President & General Counsel, NAN.

Dr. Alvin Ponder-Vice President, NYC chapter, NAN

Tisha Hunter, soloist, NAN change choir

Rev. Dr. Malcolm Byrd- Director of Ny Operations, NAN

Thomas Carswell- The mens Auxiliary, NAN

Rev. John A. Moore-Houston, TX.

Minister Tyrone Richardson and the change ensemble

Keynote: Rev. Al Sharpton

Committee reports and announcements-**Attorney Michael Hardy**-Executive Vice President & General Counsel, NAN.

The following was included in the weekly message:

1) NAN Applauds DOJ's Investigation Into Memphis PD

National Action Network welcomed the **Justice Department's** announcement this week that it has launched an investigation into the Memphis police department's use of force, how it conducts arrests and potential discriminatory policing. The investigation into Memphis PD's pattern or practice of stops, searches, arrests and more comes several months after the brutal beating death of **Tyre Nichols**.

It was in the aftermath of **Nichols'** horrific beating by Memphis police officers (caught on video), that **Rev. Sharpton** demanded accountability and justice. He delivered a powerful eulogy for the 29-year-old where he called on the DOJ to investigate the Memphis PD (**Vice President Kamala Harris** also spoke at the funeral). This week's announcement was welcomed news to **NAN** and the family of **Tyre Nichols**.

"When I delivered the eulogy for **Tyre** this February, I made a clear call for the Justice Department to look at the policies and procedures that led to his death," said **Rev. Sharpton**. "**NAN** has been in constant touch with his family throughout these difficult months and supported them as we continued this call."

While praising this news, **NAN** still pushes for the **George Floyd Justice in Policing Act** so that all bad police officers can be held accountable and national systemic change can be implemented.

Emmett Till & Mamie Till-Mobley Monument

Rev. Sharpton and **National Action Network** applauded **President Biden's** proclamation this week officially establishing a national monument honoring **Emmett Till** and his mother, **Mamie Till-Mobley**. At a time when some would like to erase history, the **Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley National Monument** (located across three sites in two states) is a reminder of the both the pain and courage that led us to the present.

"I remember **Mamie Till-Mobley** telling me how difficult it was to make the decision to keep **Emmett's** casket open so that the world could see her maimed and mortally wounded son," said **Rev. Sharpton**. "Little did she know that her decision – one no parent should ever have to make – helped spark the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and '60s. **Emmett's** death and **Mamie's** resolve only tell me that out of pain comes power."

Mamie Till-Mobley had visited **National Action Network's** headquarters in Harlem before and shared her unyielding fight for her son. **President Biden** signed the proclamation on what would have been **Emmett's** 82nd birthday. He reminded everyone that great nations teach the good, the bad, the truth of who they are. He also recognized the significant role of the Black press in telling **Emmett's** story and so many others.

Rev. Sharpton Receives the Living Legends Award at NUL

On Friday, **Rev. Sharpton** traveled to Houston, Texas for the National Urban League's 2023 annual convention. NUL's President, Marc Morial, presented **Rev. Sharpton** with the prestigious **Living Legends Award** at the national conference. He was recognized for his decades of work advocating and fighting for civil rights, justice and equality.

While attending the gathering of elected officials, activists and changemakers, **Rev. Sharpton** also participated in a fireside chat with Morial and National Black Civic Participation CEO Melanie Campbell. Some of the attendees at this year's National Urban League convention included **LA Mayor Karen Bass, Secretary Xavier Becerra, NYC Mayor Eric Adams, Minnesota AG Keith Ellison** and others.

One Month Till the March On Washington

With only one month to go till the **60th anniversary** of **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s** historic **March on Washington**, **Rev. Sharpton** and the **National Action Network** team have been working tirelessly in preparation for this massive gathering. Amid alarming threats to civil rights and democracy, **NAN** has amassed a diverse alliance of Black, Brown, LGBTQ+, Jewish, AAPI and others for this solidarity march next month.

Rev. Sharpton, Martin Luther King III and **Arndrea Waters King** will lead a coalition of 60 national organizations which cut across racial, cultural and generational lines for the **March on Washington on August 26th**. The pre-program for the event will begin at 8 am, with the main program beginning at 11 am. A march will take place afterwards through the streets of the nation's capital, culminating at the **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial**.

For more information on the **March on Washington**, to sign up for a free bus or to book a hotel room at a special rate, please visit www.nationalactionnetwork.net.

Aug 5th, 2023

Committee reports and announcements-**Attorney Michael Hardy**-Executive Vice President & General Counsel, NAN.

Dr. Alvin Ponder-Vice President, NYC chapter, NAN

Tisha Hunter, soloist, NAN change choir

Rev. Dr. Malcolm Byrd- Director of Ny Operations, NAN

Thomas Carswell from the Men's Auxiliary, NYC chapter

Minister Tyrone Richardson and the change ensemble

Guests

David Banks- NYC CHANCELLOR, NYC public schools

Rev. Dr. A. Alfred Carson, Presiding Elder, NYC District, AME Zion Church

Keynote: Rev. Al Sharpton

Committee reports and announcements-**Attorney Michael Hardy**-Executive Vice President & General Counsel, NAN.

The following was included in the weekly message:

One Year Since the Buffalo Hate Attack

May 14th marks the anniversary of the horrific racial attack at a Tops grocery store in Buffalo, NY which resulted in the **deaths of 10 innocent Black people**. **Rev. Sharpton** traveled to Buffalo to eulogize several of the victims and **National Action Network** paid for their funerals. **NAN** also partnered with World Central Kitchen and other community organizations to establish a food bank to assist those in need in the aftermath of the devastating shooting.

This Sunday, **Rev. Sharpton** will preach at two memorial services in Buffalo honoring the victims on the one-year anniversary of that tragic day. The first service will take place at 10 am at True Bethel Baptist Church, followed by a second one at 11:30 am at St. John Baptist Church. In the evening, **Rev. Sharpton** will broadcast his MSNBC show, **Politics Nation**, live from Buffalo as well. As hate crimes continue to rise, **NAN** stands in solidarity with victims of racial violence and reminds the nation of the dangers of racist rhetoric and actions.

2) Justice for Jordan Neely

- **Rev. Sharpton** and **National Action Network** continue to call for justice for **Jordan Neely**, the 30-year-old who was killed on a NYC subway when another passenger placed him in a chokehold for about 15 minutes. A funeral for Neely will be held next Friday, May 19th at Mount Neboh Baptist Church in Harlem, where **Rev. Sharpton** will deliver the eulogy and **NAN national board member** and Senior Pastor of the church, Rev. Johnnie Melvin Greene will host the funeral.

NAN is glad to see the alleged killer, Daniel Penny, finally surrender to authorities to face manslaughter charges, but he should have never been released the day of this outrageous incident. Charging him is just the beginning of this process and **NAN** vows to stand with Neely's loved ones through the trial and until the family receives justice. **Jordan Neely's life mattered**, and vigilantism cannot be tolerated anywhere.

3) March On Washington

On August 26th, **National Action Network** and the **Drum Major Institute** will sponsor the **Continuation March** in Washington, D.C. Sixty years since **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s** historic March on Washington, **NAN**, **MLK III**, clergy, other civil rights leaders, activists, elected officials and thousands of others will march once more for equality, social justice, democracy, voting rights and so much more.

The **March on Washington** will focus on protecting and preserving voting rights which are under threat across the nation, criminal justice reform (including police reform/mass incarceration) and calling for federal hate crime legislation amid a rise in such crimes and domestic terrorism. **NAN** has met with members of the Latino, Asian, Jewish, LGBTQ and other communities as we collectively denounce hate fueled violence and attacks on democracy, and call for greater protections for us all.

We will convene at 11 am in front of the Lincoln Memorial in the nation's capital on August 26th. For more information and to sign up for a free bus, please visit www.nationalactionnetwork.net. It's not a commemoration, it's a continuation!

Aug. 12th, 2023

Committee reports and announcements-**Attorney Michael Hardy**-Executive Vice President & General Counsel, **NAN**.

Dr. Alvin Ponder-Vice President, NYC chapter, NAN

Tisha Hunter, soloist, NAN change choir

Derek Perkinson- Crisis Manager/ NY Organizer, NAN

with **Lisa Harps**- President, The women's auxiliary, NYC chapter and an

Announcement by- **Anthony Dolci**- Founder, Stop False Police Reporting initiative

Minister Tyrone Richardson- Musical Director, NAN Change choir

Guests

Follyvi Dossa, Director, NAN YOUTH & COLLEGE DIVISION

Harlem Week announcement- **Lloyd Williams**- Harlem Chamber of commerce

Rev. Dr. Brain Scott-Senior Pastor Union Baptist Church, Harlem

Keynote: Rev. Al Sharpton

Committee reports and announcements-**Attorney Michael Hardy**-Executive Vice President & General Counsel, NAN.

The following was included in the weekly message:

1. Vice President Sits Down With Rev. Sharpton

Rev. Al Sharpton traveled to Washington, D.C. this week for an exclusive interview with the **Vice President, Kamala Harris**. **VP Harris** shared her thoughts on the threats to democracy, the challenges we face as a nation, the significance of the **March on Washington**, how we are only as strong as our willingness to fight for democracy and so much more.

As the first woman and first woman of color to serve as **Vice President, Kamala Harris** has been at the forefront in the fight for justice, and has joined **Rev. Sharpton** at the funeral for Tyre Nichols, at **National Action Network's** convention and other key moments. The **Vice President** is a direct result of people who marched and fought in the '60s, including her own mother – she discussed this at length in this rare interview.

With everything from voting rights and reproductive rights to racial justice on the line, **Rev. Sharpton's** sit-down with the **Vice President** is both timely and significant. Excerpts of the interview aired this week on **MSNBC**, and the full interview airs Saturday August 12th at 5 PM ET on Rev. Sharpton's MSNBC show, *Politics Nation*.

1. Eulogy for Lt. Gov. Sheila Oliver

Rev. Sharpton will deliver the eulogy for **New Jersey Lt. Gov. Sheila Oliver** this Saturday at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, NJ. **Lt. Gov. Oliver** was the first Black woman to serve as Speaker of the New Jersey General Assembly, and the first to hold statewide elected office. She was only the second Black woman to lead a state legislative chamber.

Lt. Gov. Oliver also served as Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs, where she led efforts to strengthen initiatives for affordable housing, homelessness prevention, community revitalization and more. She was beloved by many across the political spectrum. **Rev. Sharpton** will deliver her eulogy today in Newark NJ at the request of the family.

1. Rev. Sharpton Rediscovered His Roots

On Tuesday, **Rev. Sharpton** traveled with his daughters Dominique & Ashley to South Carolina to the former home of his enslaved great-grandfather. At a moment when there are concerted efforts to erase Black history, **Rev. Sharpton** highlighted the significance of his own personal background and the importance of maintaining an accurate portrayal of our past.

This was his first visit to the former Sharpton plantation since 2007 when the New York Daily News discovered the family's link to former U.S. Senator and staunch segregationist Strom Thurmond. **Rev. Sharpton** said he and his daughters stood in that shack to remind Gov. Ron DeSantis and others that you cannot twist history, nor will you erase our stories.

1. Martha's Vineyard African American Film Festival

This week **Rev. Sharpton** also traveled to the 21st annual **Martha's Vineyard African American Film Festival**. In addition to screenings and a celebration of film and the arts, the festival featured important discussions and breakout sessions. **Rev. Sharpton** addressed one such panel during the Bonds of Brotherhood Men's Luncheon.

The festival featured films addressing Black women's health, the 50th anniversary of hip-hop, mental health and so much more. Filmmakers, creatives, industry professionals, film enthusiasts, business execs and people from an array of backgrounds attend the annual gathering. **Rev. Sharpton** was pleased to speak at the large event this week at the **Martha's Vineyard African American Film Festival**, and specifically discuss the importance of Black male role models.

1. Two Weeks Until the March On Washington

In just two weeks, all roads lead to the nation's capital for the 60th anniversary of the **March on Washington**. **National Action Network** and the **Drum Major Institute** have been busy organizing the demonstration, which won't be a commemoration of **Dr. King's** historic march, but rather a continuation of his fight for freedom, justice and equality.

NAN, Martin Luther King III and **Arndrea Waters King** have partnered with 60 national organizations representing everything from labor and civil rights groups to Jewish, Latino, Asian and LGBTQ+ communities. The unified march will be a collective response to the vitriol, rise in hate crimes, attacks on civil rights/protections and threats to democracy itself. The time to speak with one voice is now.

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For more information and to sign up for a free bus, please visit www.nationalactionnetwork.net

Aug 19th, 2023

Committee reports and announcements-**Attorney Michael Hardy**-Executive Vice President & General Counsel, NAN.

Jae Hilliard Spencer-Member, NYC chapter,

Tisha Hunter, soloist, NAN change choir

Rev. Dr. Malcolm Byrd- Director of Ny Operations, NAN

Chaplain Sandra Mitchell- the Housing committee, NYC chapter

Minister Tyrone Richardson-Musical Director, NAN Change choir

Guests

Richard X, III

Chaplain at Rikers Island

Keynote: Rev. Al Sharpton

Committee reports and announcements-**Attorney Michael Hardy**-Executive Vice President & General Counsel, NAN.

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1 ONE Week Until the March On Washington!!!!

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The **March on Washington** will convene

at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. at 7:00AM!!! March participants will enter on 17th St. between Independence and Constitution, Ave. Following the program at the Lincoln Memorial, WE WILL march through the streets of the nation's capital, culminating at the **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial.**

The **March on Washington** will be a cross-cultural and intergenerational demonstration to show that an attack on one is an attack on all of us!!!

YOU CAN STILL JOIN US! IN FACT, WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON ON SATURDAY, August, 26th!!

For more information and to register, please visit www.nationalactionnetwork.net or CALL US AT 877-626-4651!

August 26th, 2023

MARCH ON WASHINGTON

September 2nd

Committee reports and announcements-**Attorney Michael Hardy**-Executive Vice President & General Counsel, NAN.

Dr. Alvin Ponder- Vice President, NYC chapter, NAN

Tisha Hunter, soloist, NAN change choir

Rev. Dr. Malcolm Byrd- Director of Ny Operations, NAN

Arnold Pinnix- Arts & Culture committee, NYC chapter

Minister Tyrone Richardson-Musical Director, NAN Change choir

Guests

Arnold Pinnix- Chairperson, Arts & Culture committee, NYC chapter

Justice for Bernard Placide- The family of Bernard Placide

Dr. Johnathan A. McClaren, Senior Pastor, Ark City Church, Newark NJ

Keynote: Rev. Al Sharpton

Committee reports and announcements-**Attorney Michael Hardy**-Executive Vice President & General Counsel, NAN.

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1. **The 60th Anniversary of the March on Washington**

On Saturday, August 24th, tens of thousands of people from various backgrounds, ages and areas from around the country gathered in the nation's capital for the 60th anniversary of the **March on Washington**, the Continuation. **Rev. Al Sharpton, National Action Network, Martin Luther King III, Arndrea Waters King** and the **Drum Major Institute** convened a broad coalition for the march that addressed everything from voting rights and economic justice to police brutality and threats to democracy.

Along with **Rev. Sharpton** and members of the King family, the speakers included a wide array of folks including actor **Sacha Baron Cohen, Andrew Young Jr., House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, Patriots' owner Robert Kraft**, activists, elected officials, clergy, labor leaders, youth voices and more.

NAN and the **Drum Major Institute** partnered with 60 national organizations for the 60th anniversary march. They included such diverse groups as UNIDOS, the National Urban League, the Anti-Defamation League, Asian Americans Advancing Justice, GLAAD and so many more. At a moment when hate crimes are on the rise, reproductive rights and civil rights are under threat and marginalized communities face new challenges, it was imperative to make the **March on Washington** as inclusive as possible.

The intergenerational and diverse attendees marched from the Lincoln Memorial to **Dr. King's Memorial**. In addition to recognizing the historical significance of the 60th anniversary, everyone renewed their commitment to continue fighting for equality and justice – in other words, for **Dr. King's** vision.

President Biden Meets with Rev. Sharpton & King Family

On Monday, **President Biden** marked the 60th anniversary of the **March on Washington** by meeting with the **King family** and civil rights leaders at the White House. **Rev. Sharpton, Martin Luther King III** and **Arndrea Waters King** were among those invited to attend this meeting with the **President** and **Vice President Kamala Harris**.

President Biden discussed a host of subjects including the rise of hate-fueled violence and referenced the recent horrific shooting in Jacksonville, Florida.

Following the meeting with the **President** and **Vice President**, **Rev. Sharpton** held a brief presser outside of the White House, with members of the **King family** by his side. He reminded the press that on Saturday they marched and stood up for the issues of today, just as people stood and marched for issues 60 years ago. He emphasized that as they were united and marching by the thousands, a hate crime was committed

in Jacksonville, Fl. He said it was time for a second hate crime summit and this time it should be held in Jacksonville.

Hate and Terror in Jacksonville

As thousands rallied with **Rev. Sharpton** and **National Action Network** at the 60th anniversary **March on Washington**, a horrific hate crime unfolded in Jacksonville, Fl. According to police, a white man wearing a mask and carrying a weapon with a swastika on it gunned down and killed 3 Black people at a Dollar General store in what was a horrendous racist attack.

Rev. Sharpton immediately denounced the deadly shooting, and addressed it while still in D.C.

During **President Biden's** meeting with civil rights leaders and the **King family** on the 60th anniversary of the **March on Washington**, **Rev. Sharpton** said they called for a second hate crime summit, and emphasized that it should be held in Jacksonville. He held a brief press conference following the meeting, and reminded everyone why we still must march. "As much hope as we represent, there will always be those that keep hate alive," he said.

September 09th, 2023

Committee reports and announcements-**Attorney Michael Hardy**-Executive Vice President & General Counsel, NAN.

Dr. Alvin Ponder- Vice President, NYC chapter, NAN

Tisha Hunter, soloist, NAN change choir

Rev. Dr. Malcolm Byrd- Director of Ny Operations, NAN

Janno Lieber, CEO of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Minister Tyrone Richardson-Musical Director, NAN Change choir

Guests

Rev. Dr. Michael Uptigrow, Solid Rock Baptist Church, Brooklyn, NY

Keynote: Rev. Al Sharpton

Committee reports and announcements-**Attorney Michael Hardy**-Executive Vice President & General Counsel, NAN.

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2. **Eulogy for Angela Carr**

On Friday, **Rev. Sharpton** delivered a powerful eulogy for **Angela Carr**, a mother of three, who was gunned down and killed by a white supremacist in Jacksonville, Florida. She was one of three victims viciously murdered by a racist gunman (who left a bigoted manifesto) at a Dollar General store in a predominantly Black neighborhood.

"What put hate in his heart?" asked **Rev. Sharpton**, referring to the shooter. "The way that they learn that (hate), they need to unlearn it. That's why we don't need an edited watered-down history, tell the whole story ... this isn't a two-day story, it's a 400-year story."

National Action Network immediately denounced the hate attack which took place on the same day as the commemoration of the **60th anniversary of the March on Washington**. In addition to the eulogy by **Rev. Sharpton**, Friday's service at Bethel Baptist Church in Jacksonville was led by Bishop Rudolph McKissack, a national **NAN** board member.

Angela Carr was simply dropping off an Uber passenger when she was shot 11 times by the alleged shooter. Her family decided that the funeral would be closed-casket due to the severity of her injuries. **Carr's** three children will now have to live without their mother all because of a racist murderer. **Rev. Sharpton** told the family that he cannot explain why this happened, but he will make sure that it is not forgotten. He also renewed his call for a second hate crime summit, and insisted that it be held in Jacksonville.

Rev. Sharpton at Howard University

Following the historic **60th anniversary of the March on Washington**, **Rev. Sharpton** addressed Howard University's chapel, delivering a momentous sermon. The Founder and President of **National Action Network** touched on everything from political activism and the Church, to threats to civil rights and rising hate crimes/racism.

"If you don't want to preach the book the way it is, then go do something else," said **Rev. Sharpton** passionately. "Don't act like we got a misinterpretation of the Scripture. Just get up and say you're scared and sit down and let somebody that's not scared say what needs to be said."

Hundreds attended the sermon, and his words resonated with many students and adults alike. **Rev. Sharpton** reminded the audience of the tremendous progress achieved – including the election of the first Black President, and Howard alum who is now Vice President. But he also emphasized the extensive work that remains, including pushing back against hate like we just watched unfold in Jacksonville. **Rev. Sharpton** also reminded Howard students of the great power they have, which was made possible by the sacrifices of those before them.

Caribbean Pride & Unity

On Monday, **Rev. Sharpton** celebrated Caribbean culture and the diversity of New York City at the annual West Indian Day Parade in Brooklyn. He marched along part of the parade route and shook hands with throngs of supporters. NY state **Governor Kathy Hochul** walked alongside **Rev. Sharpton** as they greeted attendees, many of whom proudly adorned brightly colored outfits and waved an array of flags. **Rev. Sharpton, Gov. Kathy Hochul** and other electeds marched in unison behind a Hochul banner as well.

The annual celebration on Labor Day pays homage to the heritage of millions of New Yorkers representing places like Jamaica, Haiti, Trinidad & Tobago, Grenada, Guyana, Saint Vincent and so many more. The 56th annual parade kicked off as always with J'ouvert, (JOO-Veh) rooted in the celebration of freedom from slavery and expressing a rebirth. Annually, Around 2 million people attend the West Indian Day Parade.

September 16th, 2023

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Dr. Alvin Ponder- Vice President, NYC chapter, NAN

Tisha Hunter, soloist, NAN change choir

Derek Perkinson, Crisis manager, NAN

Rev. Dr. Malcolm Byrd w/

Rosa Jackson- Member, The Membership committee, NYC chapter

Minister Tyrone Richardson-Musical Director, NAN Change choir

Guests

Rev. Steffie Bartley, Senior Pastor New Hope (The Hope Church) Baptist Church, Elizabeth, NJ. Northeast Regional Director and National Board member, NAN

Keynote: Rev. Al Sharpton

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2. **Federal Charges Against Memphis Officers**

Rev. Sharpton and **National Action Network** praised the Justice Department's recent decision to bring charges against five Memphis police officers accused of brutally beating **Tyre Nichols**, leading to his death. This is what **Rev. Sharpton** called for when he delivered the eulogy for **Tyre** earlier this year.

"I applaud the Justice Department for answering the call we made at Tyre's funeral to bring federal civil rights charges against these five officers," said **Rev. Sharpton**. "The horrific video of his fatal beating is still burned in the minds of many Americans, who were shocked as these men gave him conflicting instructions in between punches and kicks."

Rev. Sharpton also took this significant moment to renew his demand for ending qualified immunity for law enforcement. Victims of police violence/abuse are limited in seeking justice because qualified immunity shields police officers from being fully held accountable.

1. **Dire Need for Another Hate Crime Summit**

After delivering a powerful eulogy for Jacksonville shooting victim **Angela Carr**, **Rev. Sharpton** once again called for a second hate crime summit. He held a presser with **Jonathan Greenblatt of the Anti-Defamation League**, **National Action Network** board member **Bishop Rudolph McKissick** and others. They pledged to work together to tackle rising hate in the nation, as well as deal with the gun violence epidemic.

Following the horrific racist shooting in Jacksonville, **Rev. Sharpton** immediately issued a national call for justice, and called for a second hate crime summit to take place in Jacksonville. He also denounced politicians and others working to erase history and those who have contributed to a climate of hate. At **National Action Network's** weekly rally, he reminded everyone of the long journey in the fight for civil rights and how it took years of dedicated activism in order to achieve progress like the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act – all of which are under threat now.

The racist attack in Jacksonville took place on the same day that **National Action Network**, **Martin Luther King III**, **Arndrea Waters King** and others commemorated the 60th anniversary of the **March on Washington**. On the official anniversary of the march, **President Biden** met with **Rev. Sharpton**, the Kings and other civil rights leaders to discuss rising hate and challenges that remain.

1. **Eulogy for Andrew Jerome Washington**

Rev. Sharpton delivered a moving eulogy for Jersey City police shooting victim Andrew Jerome Washington. The family said Washington was suffering from a mental health crisis, and instead of receiving help, EMTs called police who ended up shooting and killing him. They also maintained that officers would not allow family members to go with police to talk to Washington and help during the crisis.

“In Andrew’s name, we need to go top to bottom in how you proceed in this city,” said **Rev. Sharpton** during the funeral services.

National Action Network renewed its call for reform, including the manner in which mental health crisis are responded to. Placing a call to a medical center intervention helpline for assistance should not result in police showing up and shooting and killing someone suffering from a mental episode.

1. **Henrietta Lacks’ Son Laid to Rest**

Rev. Sharpton also delivered a eulogy this week for the celebration of life for **Lawrence Lacks**, the last surviving son of **Henrietta Lacks**. For over six decades he fought for his mother and recognition of her cells, and the role they continue to play in modern science. Tissues taken from **Henrietta’s** tumor without her consent became the first human cells to continuously grow and reproduce in lab dishes, eventually enabling medical innovations like genetic mapping, the polio vaccine and even COVID-19 vaccines.

“He wanted the country to deal with justice for his mother,” said **Rev. Sharpton**. “He fought not only for his family, not only for his grandchildren and his loved ones, he fought for all of us.”

Rev. Sharpton said **Lawrence Lacks** held on through his own illness to witness the settlement with biotech company Thermo Fisher Scientific for making billions in profits from Henrietta’s cells which were taken without her consent while she was a patient at Johns Hopkins Hospital in 1951. The HeLa cell line continues to benefit scientific developments.

September 23rd, 2023

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Jae Hilliard Spencer- Member, NYC chapter, NAN

Tisha Hunter, soloist, NAN change choir

Rev. Dr. Malcolm Byrd w/

Victor Pate- Chairperson, The Second Chance committee, NYC chapter

Minister Tyrone Richardson-Musical Director, NAN Change choir

Guests

Rev. Jessica Batson, Associate Pastor Zion Baptist Church Bronx NY

Keynote: **Rev. Al Sharpton**- President & Founder, NAN

Committee reports and announcements-**Attorney Michael Hardy**-Executive Vice President & General Counsel, NAN.

The following was included in the weekly message:

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2. **Rev. Sharpton at CBC**

This week, **Rev. Sharpton** traveled to Washington D.C. to attend the **Congressional Black Caucus’** annual legislative conference. He joined Congressional leaders, as well as entertainment mogul **Diddy** for sessions on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, and the threats to progress. They highlighted the pertinent need for business leaders and investors to confront the nation’s wealth gap. **Rev. Sharpton** also met with CBC Chair Congressman Steven Horsford, and other Congressional Representatives.

The CBC's annual conference takes place in the nation's capital and features a prayer breakfast, town hall, an awards dinner and panel discussions. **Rev. Sharpton** attends the conference annually to address issues of the day, the work that he and **National Action Network** are doing, and the ongoing fight for civil rights.

1. **NAN Supports the Fearless Fund**

National Action Network and **Rev. Sharpton** have been busy organizing a rally in Atlanta next week for the **Fearless Fund**, a venture capital firm built by women of color for women of color. The **Fearless Fund** is currently facing a lawsuit filed by Edward Blum, the conservative activist responsible for bringing affirmative action cases before the Supreme Court. It is the latest attempt to reverse progress, stifle Black growth and maintain racial disparities.

NAN is standing in solidarity with the **Fearless Fund** against these outrageous attempts at dismantling their work and preserving the status quo. The rally will take place on September 26th at 9 am in front of the Federal Court building located at 75 Ted Turner Drive, SW Atlanta.

The **Fearless Fund** has invested nearly \$27 million in about 40 businesses led by women of color, employing around 540 people. They are just one small step towards helping to rectify our unequal system. When The Supreme Court ruled against affirmative action policies in higher education, **Rev. Sharpton** quickly warned that this would spill over into corporate America and businesses. Now here we are.

1. **Reintroduction of the John Lewis Voting Rights Act**

Rev. Sharpton and **National Action Network** applaud the reintroduction of the **John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act** at such a pivotal point for democracy. The legislation would restore the promise of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 which was gutted by the Supreme Court a decade ago, and essentially opened the floodgates for draconian voting restrictions in dozens of states.

Since the Supreme Court dismantled the Voting Rights Act, states have enacted things like voter ID laws, an end to early voting days, limiting vote-by-mail and much more. The **John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act** would restore protections for our most fundamental right – the right to vote.

1. **National Action Network's Triumph Awards 2023** event will take place on Monday October 16th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m at Jazz at Lincoln Center in New York City honoring cultural influencers for their ongoing work within their communities to promote social, racial and economic justice in America, and who have positively impacted our society above and beyond their performance by bridging their celebrity with their community.

This year's honorees include:

Tony Award-Winning actor Leslie Odom Jr., and the cast and producers of Purlie victories on Broadway, the Fearless Fund Co-Founders Arian Simone and Ayaya Parsons, Jonathan Greenblatt of the Anti-Defamation League, Max Seigel The CEO of USA track & Field, and Stephanie and Floyd Rance the directors of the prestigious Martha's Vineyard Film Festival to be recognized.

The incomparable roster of attendees will be honored for their cultural, social, and SOMETHING impact at this year's Triumph Awards on October 16th at Jazz at Lincoln Center.

We hope that you can join us as we highlight and honor countless contributions to impact communities and empower change. Tickets to attend this event is free but you must register to attend. To register, please visit www.Nationalactionnetwork.net or call [877-626-4651](tel:877-626-4651).

September 30th, 2023

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Rev. Dr. Malcolm Byrd- Director of Ny Operations, NAN

Minister Tyrone Richardson-Musical Director, NAN Change choir

Guests

Rev. Dr. Shane Hilliard, Senior Pastor St. Luke Baptist Church, Harlem NY

Keynote: Rev. Al Sharpton

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2. **NAN in Atlanta With the Fearless Fund**

On Tuesday, **Rev. Sharpton** and **National Action Network** were in Atlanta to stand in solidarity with the **Fearless Fund**, a Black-owned organization which financially supports Black and Brown female entrepreneurs. They are currently facing a lawsuit from conservative activist Edward Blum's Texas-based group, designed to disrupt their work and stifle any semblance of progress.

"What these two women have stood and done is something that is representative of the will and desire of all of us," said **Rev. Sharpton**. "We're not trying to discriminate, we're trying to correct historic discrimination."

Rev. Sharpton and others accompanied **Fearless Fund** founders Arian Simone and Ayana Parsons to court where they won the first round when the judge denied a preliminary injunction and refused to block the Fund's grants for minority women. The **Fearless Fund** has invested nearly \$27 million in about 40 businesses led by women of color, employing around 540 people.

The outrageous lawsuit is just the latest example of Blum and right-wing forces attempting to dismantle affirmative action efforts, DEI programs and more. **NAN** has vowed to fight back against these attacks and stand with those who are on the receiving end of these carefully crafted schemes.

1. **March On Lifetime Achievement Award**

Rev. Sharpton was honored this week with the **March On Lifetime Achievement Award** at the 2023 March On Washington Film Festival. The yearly festival finds, encourages and brings to life stories of both icons and foot soldiers from the civil rights movement.

Rev. Sharpton received the lifetime acknowledgment at the awards gala on Wednesday evening, which was hosted by **MSNBC's Jonathan Capehart**. He was honored for his visionary leadership and continued fight for civil rights. He received the award along with **Senator Rev. Raphael Warnock**.

1. **Politics Nation Continues to Win**

Rev. Sharpton's MSNBC show, ***Politics Nation***, once again has the highest concentration of Black viewers (42%) of any program on cable news. As the town square for Black America for more than a decade, ***Politics Nation*** has continued on its winning streak for boasting the highest concentration of Black viewership.

Through the years, **Rev. Sharpton** has welcomed guests as diverse as Presidents and Congressional Representatives to police brutality victims and activists. ***Politics Nation*** remains a fixture in cable news, as well as the community. The broadcast airs Saturdays and Sundays on **MSNBC at 5 PM ET**.

1. **Happy Birthday Rev!**

Rev. Sharpton turns 69 this Tuesday, October 3rd! He will celebrate the occasion next Saturday at **National Action Network's** weekly rally at the **House of Justice**. Many will be in attendance to commemorate his birthday and give well wishes. **Rev. Sharpton** continues to stand with victims of police brutality, lead rallies, raise awareness on injustice and fight for equality – and **National Action Network** is proud to celebrate him.

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