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### News Release

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## Honoring Black History Month with events in Hampton

**Hampton, VA** – Established in 1926 by historian Carter G. Woodson as Negro History Week, Black History Month became a national observance in 1976. It honors the struggles, triumphs, and ongoing journey of Black people in the United States, while also emphasizing the importance of cultural education, empowerment, and unity. In recognition of Black History Month, there are several events throughout the City of Hampton for all to enjoy. The theme for Black History Month 2025, *African Americans and Labor*, will spotlight the essential contributions of African American workers throughout history, from agricultural labor to their pivotal role in advancing labor rights and fair wages.

### Black History Month Guided Tour 2025

**Every Wednesday and Saturday in February, 11 a.m.**

**Fort Monroe Visitor & Education Center  
30 Ingalls Road**

Join the Fort Monroe Authority for an hour-long Black History Month tour highlighting the essential role of Black labor in shaping Fort Monroe an American history. Explore the craftsmanship behind the largest masonry fort in the nation and learn about the lasting impact of those who built in. Also, the ongoing Black Heritage Tour sponsored by Fort Monroe National Monument will continue in February on Fridays and Saturdays at 1 pm.

### Youth Black Culture Fest 2025

**February 8, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.**

**Fort Monroe Visitor & Education Center  
30 Ingalls Road**

The Fort Monroe Authority, Fort Monroe Foundation, Dominion Energy, Hampton Chapter of Jack and Jill of America Inc., Essential Family Services, and the William Tucker 1624 Society present the Youth Black Culture Fest on Saturday, February 8, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Fort Monroe. This free event invites youth ages 5-17 to participate in interactive cultural art stations, including African drumming, dance, archaeology, genealogy, quilting, spoken word, and social justice discussions. The activities will explore the origins of the African diaspora and African American culture. Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged. For more information and to register, please visit: [Youth Black Culture Fest Registration](#).

### "The Dixie 3: A Story on Civil Rights in Nursing" Film Showings

**February 14 & 15, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.**

**February 16, 1-5 p.m.**

**Hampton History Museum**  
**120 Old Hampton Lane**

The Hampton History Museum will host free screenings of the locally produced docudrama, “The Dixie 3”, from February 14-16. Created by For Nurses By Nurses Productions, the 35-minute film, tells the story of the 1963 civil rights case at Dixie Hospital in Hampton, Virginia, where three Black nurses faced dismissal after staging a sit-in at the hospital’s whites-only cafeteria. “The Dixie 3” features real nurses portraying their historic counterparts: Angela Michell as Patricia Taylor (McKenzie), T’Wanda Lowery as Agnes Stokes (Chisman), and Melanie Outlaw as Mildred Smith.

The film will be shown continuously in the museum’s Great Hall, with special introductory talks by producer and director, Denetra Hampton, on Friday and Saturday a 12 p.m., presenting The Importance of The African American Nursing Experience During the Civil Rights Movement.

**Twenty-Seventh Annual Black History Breakfast**

**February 15, 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**  
**Liberty Live Church**  
**1021 Big Bethel Road**

Aberdeen Gardens Historic and Civic Associations hosts their 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Black History Breakfast. The Historical Foundation of Aberdeen Gardens, Inc. is a non-stock corporation organized for the charitable purposes in compliance with Section 501C3 of the Internal Revenue Code for the purpose of preserving, restoring, protecting and promoting historical Aberdeen Gardens in the City of Hampton, Virginia. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Margaret Wilson at [mwi9054658@aol.com](mailto:mwi9054658@aol.com).

Tickets:

Adults – \$50

Children 7-12 – \$25

Children under 7 – FREE

**Unity Gospel Choir**  
**February 16, 3 p.m.**  
**The American Theatre**  
**125 East Mellen Street**

Presented by Hampton Arts Education, Parks & Recreation and the Office of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, the Unity Gospel Choir invites the community to experience an uplifting performance that celebrates diverse voices and cultural traditions through the power of song. This inclusive choir brings people together from all backgrounds to promote unity, joy, and understanding. This event is free and open to the public, but tickets must be reserved in advance.

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Images attached

The Nurses portraying “The Dixie 3”: T’Wanda Lowery as Patricia Taylor), Melanie Outlaw as Mildred Smith, and Angela Mitchell as Agnes Stokes © Nurses By Nurses Productions

Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the award-winning Hampton Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement, the site of the first arrival of Africans in English North America, and is home to

such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Science Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.