

National Black Women's LABOR DAY

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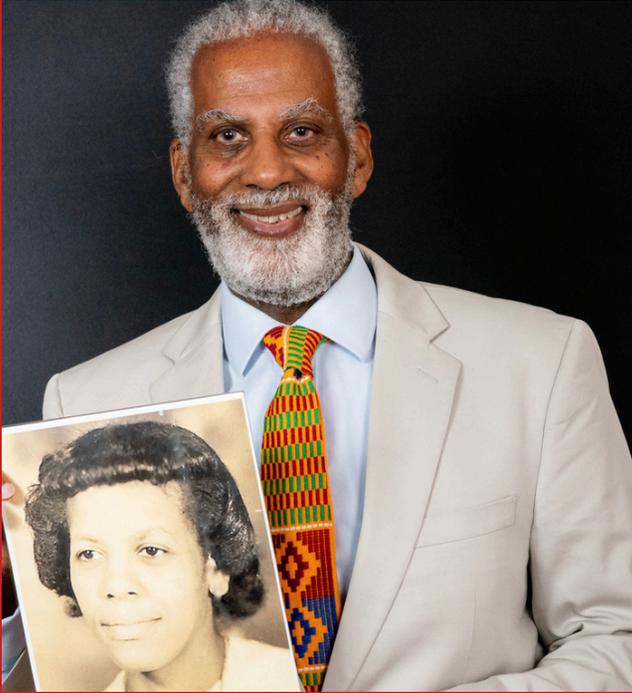


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(501(c)(3) makes history and culture exciting and relevant to present and future generations who deserve to know on whose shoulders they stand. We recognize that African American history and culture are part of a larger, interconnected experience in the diaspora. We “fill in the gaps” of history and “relocate” these experiences from the “margins to the main pages” of global human consciousness.



National Black Women's Labor Day

National Black Women's Labor Day, observed annually on April 5th or close to it, is a day to honor the significant, often overlooked, contributions of Black women to the American workforce and economy, particularly the 600,000 African American women known as "Black Rosie the Riveters" who worked in factories, shipyards, and government offices during World War II.



Martha Bryant & Eulalie Hampden



The day also acknowledges the broader legacy of Black women's labor, from enslaved workers to modern-day organizers, and supports efforts to address ongoing challenges like workplace discrimination and exclusion from certain industries.

There are a number of ways that organizations and individuals can commemorate National Black Women's Labor Day.

Click [here](#) for sample email to introduce NBWLD to your organization or network.

Click [here](#) for sample script to read at your NBWLD event.

Click [here](#) for a recording of the October 2025 NBWLD Info Session.



RECOMMENDED PROGRAMMING

HOST A SCREENING: Host a virtual or in person screening of the Invisible Warriors documentary. This documentary is available for an affordable rate to institutions and corporations. Non profit organizations are also able to access the documentary. Please contact Krysta Jones, BBEEF Program Director at honourhistorytoday@gmail.com for more information. Click [here](#) for the Invisible Warriors trailer.

HOST A PANEL DISCUSSION: Host an in person or virtual panel discussion on a topic related to Black women's contributions in history, WWII, Black women in the military, Black women in trades or similar topics.

HOLD AN EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION: Hold a virtual or in person interactive presentation for youth or adults that highlights Black women in WWII, Black women's historical contributions, etc. Draft presentation coming soon!



SHARE BLACK WOMEN LEADING CONVERSATION

SERIES: Replay the Black Women Leading virtual conversation series for your organization or friends.

Click [here](#) for the September 3, 2025 conversation on Black Women in the Labor Movement.

Click [here](#) for the November 6, 2025 conversation on Voices in Valor and Vision.

Click [here](#) for the February 2026 conversation on Black Women in the Trades. (Will be uploaded.)

POST ON SOCIAL MEDIA: Post graphics and videos on social media or via email that educate our communities on Black women's historical contributions. Click [here](#) for social media assets and sample scripts. (To be uploaded)



PRIORITIZE SELF CARE/MEDITATION: Rest is revolution and it takes a village. “The Black Rosies” walked so we could fly. Reflect on your contributions in life, those of your foremothers, ancestors and family, and those of your current friends and supporters. Bring your sister circles together to celebrate yourselves! Gather virtually or in person, grab a cup of tea or your drink of choice, put on some soulful music and relax. Click [here](#) for a guide with affirmations and inspirational stories from the Black Rosies.

HOST AN INTERGENERATIONAL CONVERSATION: Host a conversation with your family or friends about Black women's labor in your/their families. Click [here](#) for sample questions and talking points to guide your conversation.

GIVE SCHOLARSHIPS: Award scholarships to Black women and/or youth in your community for professional development, trades, filmmaking, and education (History/African American Studies). Click [here](#) for sample criteria and language.



HOLD A FUNDRAISER/GIVING CIRCLE: Plan a fundraiser to support honoring Black women's contributions.

Examples:

Text 10 people and ask them to give \$6.

Start a giving circle to support Black women's causes with 6 or more friends and make your first contribution \$66 each to Basil and Becky Educational Foundation.

Organize a brunch and ask everyone to contribute to preserve Black women's history.

Contributions can be made online [here](#).



National Black Women's Labor Day 2026 Supporters in Alexandria, VA



COLLABORATE WITH SCHOOLS: Reach out to a local middle or high school about using our curricula or screening Invisible Warriors. Target states for school screenings are California, New York, and Pennsylvania but other states are welcome.



Bertha Stallworth, Frankford Arsenal – with artillery shells



CONNECT WITH LIBRARIES: Connect with your local library for a presentation, book reading, etc. on Black women's contributions.

HIGHLIGHT A BLACK WOMAN AUTHOR: Ask your book club, organizational chapter or sister circle to invite a Black woman author who has chronicled Black women's contributions to speak, or include biographical information on the author in your chapter newsletter, on social media, or as an announcement at your meeting. Click [here](#) for our growing list of authors who write about Black women's contributions.

START AN INVISIBLE WARRIOR SISTER CIRCLE: Start convening a group of sisters who support each other and recognize each other's and Black women's historical contributions. It might be a quarterly brunch or dinner that starts with a 5 minute opening about a Black Rosie or a virtual prayer group that meets weekly and honors our African foremothers.

SHOWCASE MULTIMEDIA: Hold a short film, poetry slam, spoken word or art contest where performers and artists honor or portray how Black women have contributed to society.



TAKE ACTION!

To sign up to host a NBWLD event BEFORE your event, [click here](#).

To share what you did AFTER your event, [click here](#).

To set up a consultation about how to best implement NBWLD in your community or if you have any questions, please contact Krysta Jones, BBEEF Program Director at honourourhistorytoday@gmail.com.

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