

retired CSM Michelle Jones headlines Black History

Former Army leader Michele S. Jones to headline Black History Month event here

The post's Black History Month event will feature a woman whose military career spanned multiple military operations, and whose civilian career links the White House and Defense Department. Army leader and motivational speaker, she was the first female CSM of the Army Reserve, the first woman to serve as class president at the US Sergeants Major Academy, and as a division CSM.



Michele S. Jones now applies her experiences and skills as the Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense White House Liaison -- the principal DoD contact with the Presidential Personnel Office, White House Military Office, and principal DoD liaison for the White House Political Affairs Office, White House Intergovernmental Affairs and the President's Council on Women and Girls.

Jones will be the guest of the Army War College and Carlisle Barracks Black History Month observation -- and the keynote speaker:

- Wed, Feb. 24 from 11:45 am to 1 pm.
- All military, civilian, family members of the Carlisle Barracks community are invited.
- Letort View Community Center
- ethnic food sampling at no fee: fried/baked chicken, corn on cob, collard greens, tossed salad, black-eyed peas and peach cobbler
- For additional details, call: (717) 245-3661.

A career Soldier, Jones held many positions of leadership from squad leader, section leader, Platoon Sergeant, First Sergeant and Command Sergeant Major. Some of her career highlights include assignments to 78th Division, (Training Support), Edison, NJ; United States Army Special Operations Command (Airborne Troop Program Unit), Fort Bragg, NC; United States Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne) Fort Bragg, NC; 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg; 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, CO.



She has served during every major contingency operation including - Operations Desert Shield/Storm, Restore Hope, Provide Comfort, Joint Endeavor and Nobel Eagle. She toured extensively throughout Bosnia, Kosovo, Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Qatar and Uzbekistan.

Jones has been featured in multiple newspapers and magazines around the world, including Ebony, Jet and was highlighted in Essence Magazine's Anniversary Edition as 1 of 35 of the World's Most Remarkable Women. She has appeared on the nationally syndicated Tavis Smiley Show, Black Entertainment Television (BET), Steve Harvey Morning Show and numerous radio stations. Additionally, she has served as a panelist at several universities across the nation and at the "Women Shaping the World Summit" in New York City. Ms. Jones is frequently invited as a keynote speaker for various military and civilian organizations. She was the 2005 recipient of the NAACP Meritorious Service Award, the only enlisted service member to receive the award in the NAACP history. She most recently received the 2009 National Coalition on Black Civic Participation, Inc. Spirit of Democracy Lifetime Achievement Award. Additionally, she has been recognized for her dedication to the community, youth and the elderly. She was a featured keynote speaker at the 2008 Democratic National Convention and served as a surrogate speaker for Presidential Nominee Obama throughout the country, during the Presidential Campaign.

As a motivational speaker for both the civilian community and the Army's Planning for Life Program, Jones has spoken to over 45,000 middle and high school students both in the U.S. and abroad during the last two years. She also is a facilitator for the Family Leadership Institute- conducting multiple workshops to help parents become leaders in their homes. In addition, she is a principle agent with the Army's H3 Program (Healing Helping Hiring Wounded Warriors), and continues to be an advocate and speaker for the military through multiple events. She is President and CEO of The Bones Theory Group, L.L.C

Some of her awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Parachutist Badge, German Army Forces Airborne Wings, and Royal Thai Airborne Wings.