

Family Living

Homecoming for Captain Neshell W. (Sunni) Waters



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Funeral service for Captain Neshell W. (Sunni) Waters, U.S. Army (Retired) will be held at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, 8501 N. Chautaugua Blvd. Friday September 12 at 10 a.m. Internment will be at Willamette National Cemetery.

Mr. Waters was born in Pica-yune, Mississippi on November 24, 1945. Mr. Waters graduated from Jefferson High School where he was a member of the band, and was a state finalist cross-country and track team member. Mr. Waters also attended Multnomah College and Portland State University. Mr. Waters was a member of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church.

Mr. Waters was the first African-American to be hired as a cashier employee of Fred Meyers, Inc. As the first to break the colorline at Fred Meyer's, his hiring was also the result of an organized boycott led by the Portland Urban League, NAACP, and the Albina Ministerial alliance.

Mr. Waters was active in several efforts to bring about economic empowerment to community residents. He also served as a coach in local youth sport programs. Mr. Water worked as a volunteer and an employee of volunteers of America (VOA) where he served for three years as a drug and alcohol counselor. He assisted hundreds of addicts stop their addiction to drugs and was particularly effective counseling victims of the recent crack cocaine epidemic in Portland.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1976. In active duty status, Mr. Waters served in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970. He continued to serve his country in active duty status in Germany and Korea. Mr. Waters became a commissioned officer in 1978 and continued his service as a Captain in the Oregon Army National Guard where he was one of three African-American commissioned officers in Oregon.

Mr. Waters was a member of the Street Corner Singers, and cappella

singing group whose distinctive Do Wop harmonies provided background music for local commercials. The group won several local music awards including the Portland Music Association outstanding Christian Act Award in 1990. The group and Raisins Christmas which won an Emmy Award for animation in 1988. The group was the opening act for several national pop artists including the Terrance Trent Darby, The Four Tops, Persuasions and Stephanie Mills. Prior to the Street Corner Singers, Mr. Waters formed the group the El Dukas a Do Wop and rhythm and blues group that performed locally at the Cotton Club.

Neshell was recently awarded a Commendation for Customer Service as a bus driver for TriMet.

He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Anita (Star) L. Jackson, sons; Tyrone, Eric, Thabiti, Igwe, and Nashid, daughters Rashonda Waters-Smith and Kim Hines, and granddaughter; Jasmine Smith. Mr. Waters surviving family members include his mother; Ethel Waters, sisters; Doris Stevenson, Sherra Neal, Joyalane Parker of Dallas, TX, and Deidre Leary. Mr. Waters brothers include Spurgin of Upper Marlboro, MD and Ismond. He is also survived by his mother-in-law, Anna Jackson.

America's Justice System" Part Of The Cure or Part of The Problem?

For many Americans, more prisons and tougher sentencing are the way to decrease crime. But Detroit Justice Kym Worthy says by the time a criminal gets to the courtroom, it's too late. According to Worthy, the problem should be attacked from both sides: "We have to be willing to spend the money...on the prisons as well as the proactive programs."

Amer-I-can President and former NFL player Jim Brown, whose organization helps inmates, ex-convicts, troubled youth and gang members, adds the solution also lies in modifying the way individuals think. "...If an individual does not change their thinking, you cannot get rid of this problem and it won't go away."

In the final segment of a two-part series, Justice Kym Worthy, defense attorney William Martin and Amer-I-can President Jim Brown explore the causes and possible solutions to Black-on-Black violence. Host Juan Williams leads the discussion, along with commentators Julian Bond and Armstrong Williams.

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Staph Germ resist most antibiotics

A staph germ that is shrugging off the most powerful antibiotic available has shown up in the United States for the second time.

The strain of staphylococcus aureus bacteria that turned up in a patient in New Jersey, like the one reported last month in Michigan, showed an intermediate level of resistance to vancomycin - one step from immunity, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Thursday.

The patient, who was not further identified, had a recurring infection in the bloodstream and

was eventually treated successfully with other antibiotics, as was the man in Michigan.

Scientists have watched with concern in recent years as common germs have become resistant to drugs, a problem attributed to overuse of antibiotics.

Doctors should not automati-

cally turn to vancomycin to treat staph, said Dr. Michelle Pearson, a CDC epidemiologist.

"Sometimes the patient is started on the strongest medicine, but as we have seen, there were a number of antibiotics to which this organism was susceptible," she said.



In a national survey, conducted for Wild Turkey Bourbon, 83 percent of respondents say the advice they got from their fathers was usually right.

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