



National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service

Public Meeting – Memphis, TN

Thursday, August 16, 2018

National Civil Rights Museum | Hooks Hyde Hall

450 Mulberry St, Memphis, TN 38103

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6:30-6:45pm Opening Remarks

Introduction: *Joe Heck*, Chairman

6:45-7:25pm “Roles and Responsibilities in Modern America”

Moderator: *Mark Gearan*, Vice Chair and Commissioner

Panelists:

- *Ike Griffith*, Special Assistant to the Mayor and Director of the Memphis Office of Youth Services (MOYS)
- *Andrea Hill*, Director, Volunteer Memphis within Leadership Memphis
- *Daphene R. McFerren*, Executive Director, The Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change at the University of Memphis
- *Tyler Stegall*, Project Coordinator, Human Resources Divisions of the City of Memphis

7:25-8:00 pm Q&A and Public Comments

The Commission’s work includes understanding why people serve, why people may choose not to serve, review of the military selective service process, and recommending ways to increase the number of Americans in military, national, and public service. The Commission is actively seeking input from the public and invites you to join the conversation. Share your thoughts at: www.inspire2serve.gov.



SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Ike Griffith, *Special Assistant to the Mayor and Director of the Memphis Office of Youth Services (MOYS)*

Ike Griffith serves as the Special Assistant to Mayor Jim Strickland and the Director of the Memphis Office of Youth Services where he is responsible for the oversight of all youth programming for the City of Memphis. Director Griffith responsibilities also include the development, implementation and evaluation of the city's two primary youth programs; the Memphis Ambassadors Program (MAP) the city's year round youth program, the MPLOY Summer Youth Employment Program, the city's six week summer experience, and the Memphis Youth City Council which is a youth member council that serves to represent youth interest in the City of Memphis government by serving as an advisory board to the Mayor and the Memphis City Council. Its' purpose is to engage Memphis Youth in the political process and create leaders for the future. Managing a 3.5 million budget, Director Griffith assures quality programming is provided for over 1,500 program participants annually. This includes, but not limited to working with parents, program participants, community members, businesses and governmental representatives. Director Griffith earned a B.A. in Mass Communications and Journalism from the University of Mississippi, a Masters of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from Union University and an Education Specialist Degree in Education Leadership also from Union University. He has been an instructor with Memphis City and Shelby County Schools for 20 years, board member for the State of Tennessee Selective Service Administration, Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative 2018 participant, member of the Shelby County Democratic Party, member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, and former member of the Memphis and Shelby County Film and Television Commission



Andrea Hill, *Director, Volunteer Memphis within Leadership Memphis*



Andrea Hill has received her Bachelor's of Science in Human Services Management from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and her Master's in Public Administration from Kennesaw State University. She is certified in Volunteer Administration through the Council for Certification in Volunteer Administration. She has been named one of the 2017 Top 40 Under 40 Urban Elite professionals. She has been appointed to the Volunteer Tennessee board by the Tennessee Governor Halsam. She is the 2017 Junior League of Memphis- Provisional of the Year, 2018-2020 President of the Memphis chapter of Directors of Volunteers In Agencies (DOVIA), Community Foundation of Greater Memphis- GIVE 365 member, Association of Leaders in Volunteer Engagement member, Leadership Memphis Alumni and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated. In her career, she has 16 years of experience in youth development, community engagement which includes volunteer management & resource development. In her position as Director of Volunteer Memphis, she prepares and mobilizes leaders to work together for the good of the whole community with an emphasis on volunteerism, volunteer leadership and an understanding of the differences/similarities between volunteer leadership and community leadership. Leveraging community resources in the area of volunteer/community engagement and resources development, has proven to be Andrea's niche.

Daphene R. McFerren, *Executive Director, The Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change at the University of Memphis*

Daphene R. McFerren is the executive director of the Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change. McFerren manages the Hooks Institute's strategic planning, oversees program creation and implementation, leads local and national fundraising efforts, monitors program expenses, and administers all other work of the Hooks Institute. Under her leadership, the Hooks Institute has increased its focus on innovative ways to promote civil discourse on civil and human rights and expanded impactful community service programs. McFerren served as executive director on several Hooks Institute documentary films including Duty of the Hour (2016), a documentary on the life of civil rights activist Benjamin L. Hooks. McFerren is a 1995 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Research Award recipient. Prior to joining the Hooks Institute, McFerren litigated complex civil litigation matters in private practice and with the US Department of Justice. She is also a former federal prosecutor and secured convictions in human trafficking cases of national and international interest. From 1999 to 2001, McFerren served as counsel to the Honorable Janet Reno, Attorney General of the United States.



Tyler Stegall, *Project Coordinator, Human Resources Divisions of the City of Memphis*



Tyler Stegall currently serves as a Project Coordinator for the City of Memphis Human Resources Divisions. He is the Coordinator of the City's College-Level internship program, the Urban Fellows Program. Tyler began coordinating the program in the Fall of 2016 with only 19 students participating. Today, the program hosts over 120 students annually who work across all divisions of the City of Memphis. Outside of his career for the City, Tyler serves on the Board of SHRM-Memphis as the Chair of College Relations and as an Advisor for the SHRM Student Chapter.