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***This re-issue of the Caribbean Glory Magazine is in tribute to the Caribbean Council of Prince George's County and the West Indian American Military Members Association at Andrews Air Force Base on the occasion of the April 1, 2023, Red Dress Ball & Awards Dinner.**



Few people know that thousands of British West Indians served in the British armed forces during World Wars I and II. Those who served in World War I, such as Norman Washington Manley (Jamaica), Captain Arthur Cipriani (Trinidad), and Tubal Uriah "Buzz" Butler (Grenada/Trinidad) went on to become leaders for beneficial social change which enhanced freedom and democracy in the British West Indies. When World War II broke out on September 19, 1939, many British West Indians answered the call. About 16,000 West Indians volunteered for service alongside the British during the Second World War. Wendell Christian and Twistleton Bertrand served in the South Caribbean Forces which was created to secure the southern part of the region closest to Trinidad's oil industry and the vital refineries in Curacao then under attack by marauding German U-Boats. Over 100 British West Indian women were posted overseas of which 80 chose the Women's Auxiliary Air Force (WAAF) for their contribution, while around 30 joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service (ATS). There were many more ATS and WAAF service women who stayed in the Caribbean region and did local duty. Around 7,000 West Indians served with the Royal Air Force (RAF) and the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) in roles from fighter pilots to bomb aimers, air gunners to ground staff and administration. No other colony contributed more airmen to the RAF than those from the British West Indies.





Embassy of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

MESSAGE FOR CARIBBEAN GLORY COMMEMORATIVE BOOKLET

It is indeed an honour and a privilege for Trinidad and Tobago to be associated with the hosting of this evening's celebration "*Caribbean Glory*." I wish particularly to congratulate Mr. Gabriel Christian for spearheading this celebration and for selecting the month of June, Caribbean American Heritage Month, to honour our Caribbean heroes and to do so in the United States of America.

Today, people around the world, including Caribbean people, are witnessing major advancements in international politics, global business, systems of education, science and technology—all of which are working together to change the way in which we show appreciation for the people who have valiantly fought for our development and for our freedom.



Our honorees this evening—RAF Squadron Leader Phillip Louis Ulric Cross of Trinidad and Tobago (better known to us as Retired Justice of Appeal Cross), RAF Flight Lieutenant Dudley Thompson of Jamaica, and Wendell Christian and Twistleton Bertrand of Dominica, who served in the British Army's South Caribbean Forces during World War II—have displayed to the world that Caribbean people have indeed made a monumental contribution to the fight for the freedoms enjoyed by the western world.

It is not very often that we take the time to recognize and commemorate those who have flown high the flags of our beloved Caribbean region while they are still with us in the flesh. Therefore, it is my fervent hope that the sterling achievements of our distinguished honorees who are present here this evening will serve to inspire our young people into assuming pioneering roles in service to their country as well as in other spheres.



For this we thank Gabriel Christian for the passion and commitment he has displayed and the financial resources which he has invested in this venture in order to bring together the Caribbean and wider community for this milestone occasion. Through Mr. Christian's literary work, public endeavours, and community service, he has shown, by example, the great things that can be achieved by service to his country and region.

I look forward to events of this nature on the Caribbean American Heritage Month Calendar for many years in the future. Once more, I offer my heartfelt congratulations to our honorees this evening—Judge Cross, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Christian, and Mr. Bertrand. You have made Caribbean people exceedingly proud.

May God continue to bless you.



Her Excellency Glenda Morean-Phillip
Ambassador of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
To the United States



Caribbean Glory

Program



Introduction of Host, Lynton Scotland, VP, NRG Corporation

Welcome Colonel Phillip Spencer, Military Attache, Trinidad & Tobago

Invocation Rev. Dr. Lee Washington

Greetings.....HE Glenda Morean-Phillip, Ambassador of the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago to the United States of America and Permanent representative to the Organization of American States

Film Interlude “West Indians in Freedom’s Vanguard”

RemarksJudge Irving Andre, The Superior Court of Brampton, Ontario
Judge William Missouri, Circuit Court Administrative Judge

Keynote AddressMessage from the Rt Hon the Baroness Scotland of Asthal, QC, Her Britannic Majesty’s Attorney General

AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Squadron Phillip Louis Ulric Cross, DFC, DSO - Royal Air Force

Wendell M. Christian, LSM – British Army South Caribbean Forces

Twistleton Bertrand – British Army South Caribbean Forces

Flight Lieutenant Dudley Thompson QC OJ - Royal Air Force

Flight Lieutenant Cy Grant – Royal Air Force

Special Awards of Appreciation and Honor

Delegate, Hon Aisha Braveboy – Maryland General Assembly

Dr Clayton Shillingford – Dominica Academy of Arts & Sciences

VOTE OF THANKS

Gabriel J. Christian, Esq., Pont Casse Press

Message from the Rt Hon the Baroness Scotland of Asthal, QC

Her Britannic Majesty's Attorney General

I am honoured to be taking part in this celebration of the contribution Caribbean people made in the two World Wars.

As one of Dominica's diaspora, I am especially proud to add my personal tribute to the debt of gratitude I am acknowledging on behalf of the United Kingdom Government.

I thank Gabriel Christian and Irving Andre, who have re-told this humbling story of sacrifice and endeavour using the testimony of their own forebears and of those who were actually involved.

These are our people who can say "we were there". We should listen to them.

This is history with a human heart. It deepens our pride in our past and our hope for our future.

This is also history with an inspiring message to today's generation, because so many of those who sacrificed and served went on to lead and to help secure the social justice and liberty on which peace depends. The international guarantees of equality and human dignity, which sprang up from the last world war, became the legacy of all men and women, black and white. It is a legacy we must all defend and guard.

So this event celebrates not just past heroic events, but also the ongoing change we want to see in the world. It is with confidence in the courage our people have to achieve that change, that I applaud Caribbean Glory and wish it every success.



Patricia Scotland

Patricia Scotland



The Honorees of Caribbean Glory

Trinidad - Squadron Leader Phillip Louis Ulric Cross, DFC, DSO who was an ace navigator in the Royal Air Force from 1941-1945 and did 80 missions over occupied Europe and Germany - to include 20 over heavily defended sites in Berlin. A graduate of London University and the Middle Temple he became a judge in Ghana, and Tanzania; he was also Attorney General of Cameroun. He later served Trinidad and Tobago as Ambassador to France, Germany and High Commissioner to London.



Jamaica - Rt Hon Dudley Thompson, QC was a flight lieutenant in the Royal Air Force and served on Lancaster Bombers on missions over the war torn skies of Europe. Organizer of the 1945 Pan African Conference with Jomo Kenyatta, Kwame Nkrumah and Dr. WEB Dubois. Rhodes Scholar and Oxford University graduate law. Represented, successfully, Jomo Kenyatta after he was imprisoned during the Kenyan independence uprising. He became Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of National Security at different times in Jamaica's Government.



Dominica - Wendell Christian, British Army, South Caribbean Forces engaged in garrison duty with the South Caribbean Command of the British army in the Eastern Caribbean and also helped secure that region in the dark days of 1943-1945 when German U-Boats sunk 400 allied ships in the Caribbean/Atlantic area. He became Fire Brigade Station Officer of the Dominica Fire Service after World War II. Now a US citizen, resident in Prince George's County.



Dominica - Twistleton Bertrand, British Arm was an NCO with the British Army's South Caribbean Forces from 1944-1947, he served alongside Christian. He rose to become the Commander of the Dominica Defence Force (Major) and Aide De Camp to the Lt. Governor of Canada. Now a Canadian citizen.



The Rt Hon The Baroness Patricia Scotland of Ashtal, QC - Attorney General of England-Scotland was born in Dominica to Antiguan and Dominican parents, the tenth of twelve children. Her family moved to Walthamstow when she was three years old. She attended Walthamstow School for Girls, and then moved on to Mid Essex Technical College in Chelmsford and earned an external London University (LLB) law degree in 1976. She was called to the Bar at the Middle Temple in 1977, specializing in family and children's law. In 1991, she became the first black woman to be made a Queen's Counsel. On June 28, 2007, Lady Scotland of Asthal was appointed Attorney General by the new Prime Minister, Gordon Brown; and has been the first woman to hold this office since its foundation in 1315.



Made the Sacrifice for All of Us!



Flight Sergeant James Hyde of San Juan, Trinidad, a Spitfire pilot who arrived in Britain in 1942 to begin his training (pictured with his Squadron's mascot, a dog called 'Dingo'). He is wearing a life jacket, known universally as a Mae West, and is holding an oxygen mask and his flying gloves. Most air battles took place at altitudes in excess of 15,000 feet (c. 5000 metres) and oxygen and thermal protection were vital.

Research shows that RAF Spitfire Pilot James Hyde of Trinidad had made the ultimate sacrifice for King and Country to secure our freedom. Many British West Indians, as our nations were still colonies, are noted as nationality: United Kingdom. We believe that more than 500 British West Indians perished in the RAF, as we discover more new names with regularity.

HYDE, JAMES JOSEPH

Initials: J J

Nationality: United Kingdom

Rank: Warrant Officer (Pilot)

Regiment/Service: Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Unit Text: 132 Sqdn.

Age: 27

Date of Death: 25/09/1944

Service No: 1391841

Additional information: Son of Joseph and Millicent Hyde, of San Juan, Trinidad.

Casualty Type: Commonwealth War Dead

Grave/Memorial Reference: 17. A. 7.

Cemetery: JONKERBOS WAR CEMETERY





Rt Hon Norman Washington Manley, QC
in the uniform of the Royal Horse Artillery, WW I. He became Chief Minister of Jamaica and a leading proponent of the British West Indian Federation 1957-1962.

Wendell Christian of Dominica -
British Army 1943-1947; in the uniform of the Trinidad & Tobago Fire Service Wrightson Rd - 1962. A trainee in the proposed Caribbean Fire Services group during the last days of the British West Indian Federation.



Prime Minister Errol Barrow led Barbados to independence. A WW II RAF veteran, he flew some 45 operational bombing missions over the European Theatre. By 1945, he had risen to the rank of Flying Officer and was appointed as Personal Navigator to the Commander in Chief of the British Zone of occupied Germany, Sir William Sholto Douglas.

Women Who Served

British Army Territorial Service (ATS) women officers in Grenada during World War II (1944)



RAF Flight Lieutenant Cy Grant of Guyana

RAF Flight Lieutenant Cy Grant of Guyana was shot down over Holland, survived capture by the Gestapo, and was imprisoned for two years in Stalag Luft III, site of the famous "Great Escape" by allied airmen.



Below is an Introduction to a planned film which captures the moment Cy Grant was shot down over Holland by a German Ace Oberfeldwebel Karl-Heinz Scherfling, who himself, was killed a year later by British Night Fighters.

An RAF LANCASTER BOMBER IS brought down over Holland.

The Lanc explodes in mid-air. The sound of the explosion awakens a young Dutch boy [Joost Klootwijk] aged 11. He jumps out of bed, grabs his bicycle, and races to the scene. The wife of a farmer in the nearby village has been killed in bed. He saw no sign of the crew of the Lanc; but saw the wreckage of the Lanc and later heard of the dark skinned navigator that many in his village had seen in the barn of a farmer some miles away. Traumatized by this incident he decided that one day he'd find out everything about that particular flight.

The German ace who claimed shooting down 3 Lancasters that night was

Oberfeldwebel Karl-Heinz Scherfling, who himself was killed a year later by a British Night Fighter.

A fuller account of the incident can be found in *Lancaster 4827 Failed to Return*, by Joost Klootwijk. In Holland, 65 years after that crash, Joost was to meet the navigator of that plane, Cy Grant, when the BBC took the latter to see the site where he came down and meet the relatives of the people of the village who still held memories of that fatal night. There Cy met Hans, his 49 year old son. A strong friendship developed between them. Hans had translated his father's account of the incident and had asked Cy to write the Foreword for the English Edition. It was Hans who mooted the idea of an on-line Memorial for air crew - the invisible dark Caribbean air crew "who also flew" without comprehensive official recognition. An intense collaboration to achieve this began in Oct 2008 when the Telegraph interviewed Cy as one of the veterans of Bomber Command for his story in support of the Bomber Command appeal for a permanent Memorial for all Bomber crew, over 55,500, who lost their lives in WW2. Hans, the son of the Dutch farmer became the web-master of www.caribbeanaircrew-ww2.com, the most authoritative website on British West Indians who served in the Royal Air Force.





A Short Tale of Two Giants

John A. Richards, Esq.

His family hailed from the eastern-most part of Jamaica, from a town that gave the island two of its seven national heroes (Paul Bogle and George William Gordon). It was a town in which a pivotal struggle that culminated in a revolt there (the Morant Bay Rebellion) marked a significant turning point in Jamaican and British Colonial's history.

As a young man, he was part of the first generation of Richards' to leave the then-sylvan environs of St. Thomas for the big city of Kingston, developing a penchant for electronic gadgetry, eventually earning a certificate

in electronic assembly via a mail-order/correspondence program that was pretty heavily advertised in the comics and other periodicals of the day. His early predilections as a geek, and his embrace of the military would lead my father, Fred Richards, to willingly and with dignity, honour and much anticipation, join the RAF as a radar fitter and head for the UK in the early 1940s to help defend an empire that had been so unkind historically to his forebears in St. Thomas, and, indeed, around the Empire.

Far from being content with a rejection to serve in His Majesty's Armed Forces, a young lass from Scotland's lovely Strathclyde region signed up with the British supportive organization for enlisted men and women from all over the Empire: the Navy, Army & Air Force Institutes (NAAFI). It was at a NAAFI function at the Cosford Royal Air Force Base nestled in the West Midlands outside Birmingham when first fateful encounter took place between Fred and my mother, Esther Cooper.

After my dad was demobilized in 1945, they got married, lived for a brief spell in and around Coventry, gave birth to a daughter, and then succumbed to the pull of home (my father did) and persistent persuasion (that would have been my mother. They returned to Jamaica in 1956, where I was born in 1958, and my younger sister came along in 1961.

Suffice it to say, my parents, together, are one of the many anecdotes to have been spawned by humanity's deadliest

conflict to date, and like so many similar stories emanating from conflicts before and since, provide a wonderful and ironic counterpoint to the ravages of war: that in the heat and confusion of battle (often built around or at least exploiting racial and cultural differences), it is possible—and some would argue inevitable—that humans would shed their basic differences at a superficial level and come together around what ultimately matters most, that is to say, who they are as individuals and what they aspire to as human beings.

Fred and Esther built a life together with their 3 kids in Kingston that embodied and passed on those aspirations in their children, with Fred staying close to the RAF association while in middle man-

agement at one of the island's fledgling radio stations. Esther worked with the island's telephone company until relocating to the U.S. in the early 1970s. Their eldest daughter studied nursing in Scotland and plied her craft for many years in New York; their son has been a practicing attorney in Washington, D.C. for most of 2 decades, and their youngest daughter is a nurse's aide and emergency room technician in Southwest Florida.



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Royal Air Force Flying Officer Julian Marryshow of Grenada (on the right) with B-flight of 602 Sqn at Sumburgh (Shetlands) in January 1943. Involved in the "D" Day Invasion, 602 later flew from airfields in Europe to strike V2 rocket sites and other prime targets. Flying Officer Marryshow is credited with destroying several trains and rocket launcher sites prior to being shot down by flak; he was able to elude capture after bailing out from his damage fighter plane and was rescued before being taken prisoner by his German pursuers.



Maintaining the tradition of leadership training: **US Army Brigadier General Eddie Charles of Dominica**, a former St. Mary's Academy Cadet Sergeant returned to his alma mater and received an award from a member of the Dominica Cadet Corps; a member of the new generation of Caribbean civic leadership. Started in 1910 at the Dominica Grammar School, the cadet program exists today in many of the former British West Indian territories. A very high percentage of Caribbean civic, business and government leaders honed their skills from young in the cadet program.



Valour of the Highest Order

M J Harwood

Air Vice-Marshal

Defence Attaché and Head of British Defence Staff United States

“Valour of the Highest Order” was the citation received by a son of Grenada, Lance Corporal Johnson Beharry, VC, for his actions in Iraq in May 2004. This extraordinary individual is a (thankfully) living example of the deep bond of friendship that exists between our two distant groups of islands, and that leads us to be prepared to sacrifice all for each other. That friendship is as meaningful today as it was in “our darkest hour.” The UK Armed Forces regularly undertake exchanges with a number of the Armed Forces of the Caribbean; many Caribbean Officers train with their British counterparts at Dartmouth, Sandhurst and Cranwell; and, as I write, in Afghanistan, young men and women of the Caribbean are courageously fighting in the UK Armed Forces to bring peace and stability to that troubled region.



The Caribbean's contribution to World War II should be a source of inspiration to those grappling with the threats of today. From early 1941, hundreds of young men and women from across the Caribbean answered the call to unite against the common enemy in Europe. Some 400 served as RAF aircrew, as a group receiving the highest distinctions for bravery and valour. Others undertook vital work in the munitions factories of the northwest. The contribution that these young people made in the struggle for freedom cannot be underestimated, and must not be forgotten. Historians have suggested that the Allied victory could not have been secured without the noble service of the men and women of the Caribbean. Therefore, it is an honour to celebrate and salute their efforts today. My very best wishes.



Beacons of Caribbean Freedom

Godfrey de la Rosa
Proprietor of Under De Coconut Tree Restaurant
Hyattsville, Maryland
and
Grandson of Theodore “Reggie” de la Rosa
Keeper of the Light house in Trinidad during WW II

I am honored to be associated with such an event as Caribbean Glory. There was a time 65 years ago - not unlike in some parts of the world today - when the world was in turmoil and there existed a need to bring it to order. The call went out world wide and was heard and answered in the Caribbean among the British West Indian colonies of Britain. Many of our people left their friendly shores and landed in war torn Europe unsure of their return, but made a necessary sacrifice. A sacrifice that ensured us of the life we have today. Most of these Caribbean military men and women have passed on; a few are still here with us today. Those few: retired Judge and Royal Air Force Squadron Leader Phillip Louis Ulric Cross, Flight Lieutenant Dudley Thompson; British army soldiers Twistleton Bertrand and Wendell Christian we

honor this June 2009, in a tribute to Caribbean American Heritage Month and their unselfish service. They answered the call to do duty for God and Country and their efforts and bravery cannot go unnoticed. They became our leaders and helped build the foundation that we as a Caribbean people are proud to stand on. As with my grandfather who guided the ships off Trinidad's coast during the desperate war years, these servicemen and women who rushed to Britain's aid were beacons for freedom. Through the tireless efforts of Mr. Gabriel Christian and Judge Andre we can now read of that history, for they made it possible. So, to those who have served, and to those that are currently serving we honor thee; and from the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for all you have done. May God bless you.



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Judge Irving W. André attended the Dominica Grammar School and the University of the West-Indies in Jamaica where he was a Gold Medalist after graduating with a First Class Honours Degree (B.A.) in History, English and Philosophy. Mr. André studied law at Osgoode Hall School in Canada. In 1990, Mr. André was called to the Bar of Ontario, and has served as a Ministry of Labour prosecutor, an Assistant Crown Attorney and later, as a Criminal Defence lawyer. He was appointed a Justice in the Ontario Court of Justice in 2002.

Gabriel J. Christian, Esq. attended the Dominica Grammar School and the University of the District of Columbia College of Business and Public Management in Washington, D.C. where he graduated with a BBA in Procurement and Public Contracting. Mr. Christian studied law at the Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C., graduating with the degree of Juris Doctor in 1991. Mr. Christian was admitted to the Bar in 1991 and now practices law in Maryland. In 2007, Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley appointed Mr. Christian to the position of Judicial Commissioner, Maryland Court of Appeals.

André and Christian have written several works on Dominican/Caribbean history and literature under their Pont Casse Press publishing banner since 1992.

PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT FOR CARIBBEAN GLORY!

We ask you to pledge your support for Caribbean Glory – A documentary which will detail the contributions of the British West Indian military in the building of the modern English speaking Caribbean. All such pledges are tax deductible and made payable to the Dominica Academy of Arts & Sciences www.da-academy.org, a 501(c) (3) US Non-Profit dedicated to the educational development of the Caribbean region and Diaspora. For more details call Gabriel J. Christian, Esq. at 301-218-9400 and for more of that history of World War Service visit www.caribbeanaircrew-ww2.com.



The Genesis of Caribbean Glory

Gabriel J. Christian, Esq.

It is a truism that no nation can long endure without a common understanding of its heritage. So too it is with the Caribbean nation-states which attained independence after the upheaval wrought upon the old colonial order in the aftermath of World War II. Derived from the old British West Indian colonies, these new nations owe much to that martial leadership provided by those whose service to King and Country became the anchor of their very existence. So steeled in battle and the other adversities of a world at war, our Caribbean men and women returned home and expanded the boundaries of freedom and democracy. Today, they are almost all gone.

To remember them is to realize a consolidation of a sense of victory, and “can do,” which propelled military veterans such as Norman Washington Manley, Wellington Wellwood Grant, Captain Arthur Cipriani, Tubal Uriah “Buzz” Butler, Edward Scobie, Errol Barrow, Cy Grant, Ulric Cross, Wendell Christian, Michael Manley, Twistleton Bertrand, Dudely Thompson, Milton Cato, Julian Maryshow, and many others to leadership roles in the governance and civic life of their respective countries. Gath-



ering at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland on June 19, 2009, marks another milestone, as it the first time—to our knowledge—that veterans of the British West Indian war effort in World War II are paid tribute on US soil. Their valiant struggle, as part of the Allied crusade against tyranny and for freedom and democracy, allowed us a better dispensation that we enjoy today. But for their efforts in the Caribbean and Europe, coupled with the heroism of

the famed Tuskegee Airmen of the US Army Air Corps which forged an expansion of equality of opportunity, there may have never been a Baroness Scotland now the Attorney General of England, a General Colin Powell, or a President Barack Obama. In a manner that they may never have realized, they ushered in a brave new world of opportunity. So, for those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, their lives were not given in vain.

Irving Andre and I have consecrated the sacrifice of the British West Indian military by rescuing its achievement and glory from oblivion. By rendering that noble military lineage born of our proud British West Indian heritage in words, we ensure that generations yet unborn will know of



these brave men and women. Our work then is the genesis of Caribbean Glory: that philosophy of noble memory enrolled in the service of national development. We see this work, therefore, as a catchment of collected and collective wisdom which inspires us to achieve excellence in all our endeavors. Our work also builds on the unity ethic which birthed Caribbean Diaspora institutions such as the Institute of Caribbean Studies (ICS). By building pan-Caribbean organizations, such as the ICS which promoted Caribbean American Heritage Month, we mirror the unified trajectory of our men and women who came from different islands but served together in the British West Indian Regiments and Royal Air Force. Ambassador to the United States, Glenda Morean-Phillip of the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago exemplifies such a passion for unity and a better Caribbean nation in her support of events such as Caribbean Glory. We owe a debt of gratitude to her and her staff, in particular, her Press Officer, the indefatigable Monique McSween. This is a time of serious challenge in our Caribbean; and we must be mindful that

we preserve that integrity which is the essence of our democracies. Our work then is a clarion call to reject that which departs from our noble traditions of governance in the public interest or deviance in leadership. This exercise is a robust stand in the defense of all that is noble in the British tradition of which those who served were part. As we forge ahead, we must never succumb to such misrule which would so impoverish our people amidst a maelstrom of misconduct which negates the rule of law.

At this moment, may we grant greater meaning to those few we honor this Caribbean Heritage Month. Though frail in body, they are forever brave of heart. They are the last of that contingent which reported for duty to King and Country when war came in 1939. We may never see the likes of them again. It is therefore right and proper that we salute them for having braced themselves to their duties, at Mankind's darkest hour. May we always remember them.

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For King and Country

Judge Irving W. André

This book owes its genesis to an ongoing dialogue between myself and intrepid friend, Attorney Gabriel Christian, with whom I have collaborated for almost thirty-five years. Christian and I graduated from students editing a magazine in the 1970s, to writing a modern history of Dominica in the 1990s. We had then written a well received book on a 1963 carnival tragedy which claimed three lives. Flushed with the success of this book, we were eager to embark on a new literary odyssey.

The subjects of this book were closer than we initially thought. Wendell Christian had regaled his children with his experiences in the British army's Caribbean Forces, Southern Command; and although well into his eighties, had a vivid recollection of his experiences. Twistleton Bertrand revelled in recounting stories of immaculately-dressed German soldiers marching in his homeland just before the war and of the German battleship, Schleswig-Holstein, with its huge guns anchored menacingly in the Roseau roadstead.

History is based on the chronicling of personal narratives. It involves the ordering of such narratives for analytical purposes. It engenders a fuller appreciation of the making of a people by locating their accomplishments within a broader canvas of historical events.



This book seeks to achieve these goals. Whether or not it succeeds in engendering a greater appreciation of the contributions of the West Indians who volunteered to fight the enemy during WWII and were willing to die for their king and country will be decided by the

reader. By recording their contributions, we have taken a modest step in repatriating a part of our history—one which for too long has been held prisoner by a historiography which has paid scant attention to it.

To reveal the story of the British West Indian military, we conducted a research offensive into the existing literature to gain access to the information within its pages. We scrutinized newspaper coverage of the two World Wars, interviewed veterans, rummaged through the Dominica National Archives, and electronically searched the British archives for information about West Indian ex-servicemen. We unearthed long forgotten photographs which authenticated the experiences of these veterans.

With this book, we hope to create a pantheon of West Indian heroes, men like Felix Eboué, Norman Washington Manley, Errol Barrow, Judge Phillip Louis Ulric Cross, Dudley Thompson, Edward Scobie, Cy Grant, and a host of other West Indian airmen and soldiers whose experiences created an indelible imprint on the former British West Indian Islands.



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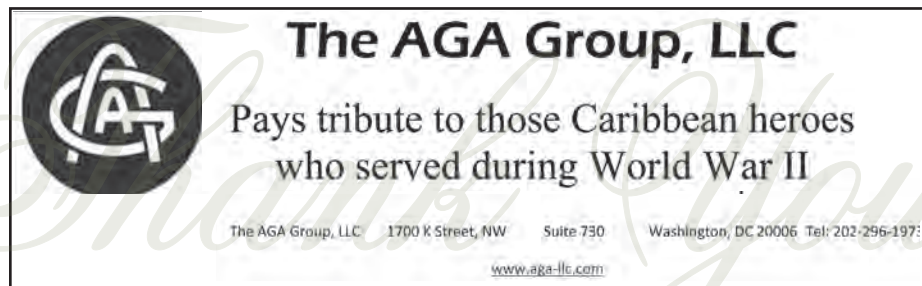
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to Honor Caribbean Americans



Suzanne Matthews-Williams
President,
Prince Georges County Caribbean Council

Prince George's CARIBBEAN COUNCIL RED DRESS BALL *to Honor Caribbean Americans*

MARYLAND – Two Washington area Caribbean American community champions – Dominica-born lawyer Gabriel Christian, and Jamaica-born doctor, Ursula McClymont – are to be honored by the Caribbean Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, at its 16th Red Dress Ball on April 1st at Andrews Air Force Base, in MD.

Gabriel Christian

Lawyer



Making the announcement, Caribbean Council President Suzanne Matthews-Williams said her organization will bestow its Signature Service Award on attorney Gabriel J. Christian “for his tireless commitment to advancing the causes of the Caribbean Community in Prince George's County and the wider community.”

She praised how Christian has lent his knowledge and academic, cultural, and political skills to several locally based organizations, including [ReBuild Dominica](#), instrumental in securing a memorandum of understanding between the University of Maryland Eastern Shore's Food Preservation Program and the Dominica Grammar School, where farmers and entrepreneurs were taught food preservation technology. A founding board member of the Institute of Caribbean Studies, he also authored white papers on legal issues facing Caribbean nation-states. He served as a commissioner on the inaugural State of Maryland Caribbean Commission under Governor Martin O'Malley.

Ursula McClymont

Doctor



Dr. Ursula McClymont, president of the [Linden E. Walters Foundation](#), is being honored for service to the community through the advancement of sports. Her organization was founded in 1998 to honor the legacy of Linden E. Walters, a native of Guyana. “Dr. Ursula McClymont works tirelessly to honor her late husband's legacy and is instrumental in guiding the organization's activities,” said Matthews.

A Tribute to the Caribbean Council of Prince George's County - Thank You!

Volunteerism is an often a "thankless task - but it is essential to the progress of humanity. Volunteerism means unselfish dedication to uplifting the community in the way of artistic or educational endeavors, aiding the needy, helping those who are vulnerable, providing relief in times of disaster, or mentoring a child or adult. Many Caribbean Council members, such as Suzaanne Matthews-Williams and Norma Thompson, have been champions of community development work, cultural expositions of our Caribbean heritage, and general volunteerism since their college days. Such dedication is noble and should encourage more of us to strive for the betterment of our community and humanity. The honorees of the 2023 Caribbean Council Awards Dinner pay tribute here by saying: **THANK YOU!**

A Brief History

THE CARIBBEAN COUNCIL

of Prince George's County

The Caribbean Council of Prince George's County has spearheaded numerous projects to raise Caribbean American visibility within the county. An early initiative was a partnership with Prince George's Community College. As a result of the partnership, it helped transform the school's annual Spring Festival into the current Caribbean Festival.

Among its activities, the Caribbean Council hosts an annual Caribbean Heritage Festival on the first Saturday of June at the Bladensburg Waterfront Park to celebrate June as [Caribbean Heritage Month](#).

The Caribbean Unity Ball was instituted to celebrate the inroads of the Caribbean Council, where the Council's newly elected officers were installed by the County Executive and State's Attorney while welcoming the Caribbean diplomatic corps to the County.

The Annual Red Dress Ball & Awards Ceremony at Andrews Air Force Base is now the signature fundraising event for the Council.

The West Indian American Military Members Association (WIAMMA) - Brief History & Tribute

The West Indian Military Members Association ("WIAMMA") was founded in 1996 by a group of Caribbean military members who wanted to educate others about the contributions that members have made and continue to make to the United States; celebrate their accomplishments; and acknowledge the continuous sacrifices of members and their families. WIAMMA has partnered with many different organizations over the years to host events at Andrews Air Force Base. Such an event, epic in scope, was Operation Caribbean Glory - A Tribute to the British West Indian Military of World War II, held at Andrews Air Force Base - The Club on June 19, 2009.

American" was added to the association name to reflect our patriotism because most members, their spouses, children and family are American citizens. In addition, Americans from all backgrounds support our mission; therefore we consider them a part of the WIAMMA family.



Caribbean Glory - June 19, 2009, Andrews Air Force Base (L-R) Major Samuel J. Christian (US Army), Royal Navy attache at the British Embassy, Brigadier General Ancil Antoine (Trinidad & Tobago Defence Force-Director Inter-American Defence Board)) Squadron Leader, Royal Air Force, Phillip Louis Ulric Cross, DFCO, DFC (Trinidad), Colonel Rberto Hylton, Chief of Police of Prince George's County, Lt. Colonel Anthony Phillip-Spencer (Trinidad & Tobago Military Attache to the United States). Foreground, Alberta Christian, MSA and Wendell MxKenzie Christian, British Army, South Caribbean Forces World War II.



Dr. Clayton Shillingford, President of the Dominica Academy of Arts & Sciences, Baroness Patricia Scotland of Asthal, Attorney General of England, MC of Caribbean Glory Lynton Scotland, Originator of Operation Caribbean Glory Gabriel J. Christian, Esq., and Judge Irving W. Andre of the Superior Court of Brampton Ontario, co-author with Gabriel J Christian of "*For King & Country: The Service and Sacrifice of the British West Indian Military, 2009 Edition*".

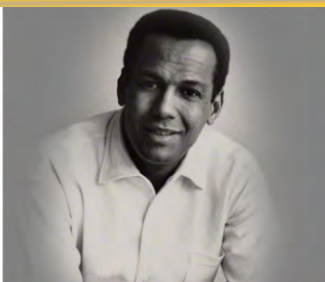
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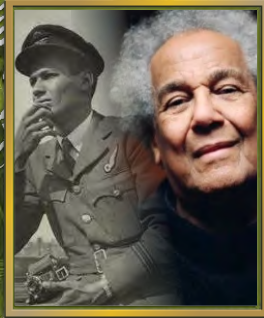
"The Last Salute"

The following are the names of the British West Indian (Caribbean) World War II veterans honored at "Operation Caribbean Glory: at Andrews Air Force Base on June 19, 2009. They served the noble cause of liberty that sought to free humanity from the bondage of dictatorship and inequity so we can enjoy the freedoms we have today.

WE SHALL REMEMBER THEM.

- **Cy Grant**, Royal Air Force, (Guyana) 2010
- **Wendell McKenzie Christian**, British Army, South Caribbean Forces (Dominica) - 2011
- **Dudley Thompson**, Royal Air Force (Jamaica) - 2012
- **Phillip Louis Ulric Cross**, Royal Air Force (Trinidad & Tobago) 2013
- **Twistleton St. Rose Bertrand**, British Army, South Caribbean Forces (Dominica) 2019





Cy Grant

Royal Air Force, (Guyana)
1919 - 2010

Cyril Ewart Lionel "Cy" Grant was a Guyanese actor, musician, writer, poet and World War II veteran. In the 1950s, he became the first black person to be featured regularly on television in Britain, mostly due to his appearances on the BBC current affairs show *Tonight*.

Following service in the Royal Air Force during World War II, Grant worked as an actor and singer, before establishing the Drum Arts Centre in London in the 1970s. In the 1980s, he was appointed director of Concord Multicultural Festivals. A published poet and author of several books, including his 2007 memoir *Blackness and the Dreaming Soul* and other writing that reflected his belief in Taoism and an expansive world view, Grant was made an Honorary Fellow of Roehampton University in 1997, and a member of the Scientific and Medical Network in 2001. In 2008, he assisted in the founding of an online archive to trace and commemorate Caribbean airmen of the Second World War.

Part of his enduring desire was to see proper recognition for the RAF aircrew that lost their lives over Europe in WWII. He remained a firm supporter of the Bomber Command Memorial Appeal which still seeks to raise a monument to aircrew somewhere in London. He told me that in his view it would be a memorial for peace for that is what his comrades died for.

Grant wrote a memoir *Blackness and the Dreaming Soul (2007)* which shed light on some of his frustration as a West Indian living in Britain. He long believed that his skin colour had limited his ability to reach his full potential. He was torn between being raised in Empire but perceived as a perpetual outsider.

Grant never tired of trying to resolve this inner conflict. His intellectual inspiration increasingly derived from his admiration for the great French Caribbean scholar and politician, Aime Cesaire. Grant saw Cesaire's *cahier d'un retour au pays natal* (notebook of a return to my native land) as a blueprint for enlightened action for minorities in Western societies. In essence they have to know where they are from in order to make peace with the society in which they exist.

This interest in Cesaire dovetailed with an interest since the 1970s in Tao Te Ching which offered grant a way to reconcile his feelings of being a perpetual outsider in British society. He described it as offering him a path to spiritual wholeness.

An event sponsored by the Attorney General, the Rt Hon Patricia Scotland, will pay tribute to Cy Grant and Caribbean aircrews at the House of Lords on March 4th. Cy Grant is survived by his wife, Dorith, their four children and his grandchildren.



Wendell McKenzie Christian

**British Army, South Caribbean Forces, (Dominica)
1921 - 2011**

Wendell McKenzie Christian was born on March 5, stood tall throughout his life. He stood tall while growing up in the 1920s in the village of Delices. He stood ramrod straight while clothed in the army fatigues of the British Army, Windward Islands Battalion, "C" Platoon, South Caribbean Forces, where he trained in St. Lucia for a war which ended before he fixed his bayonet on the killing fields in Europe and Africa.

In later decades, this man of great moral rectitude witnessed the triumphs of his children as they soared to great professional heights in North America. He also endured the tragedy of a fallen son, Dr. Welsworth Christian, who predeceased him in 1990.

His moral fortitude remained unwavering right to the end. Even while advanced age confined him to a wheelchair, Wendell Christian maintained a twinkle in his eye, purity of spirit and a clarity of mind that defied death until the very end. Wendell Christian, according to son Gabriel Christian, was an unrepentant British colonial. To the very end, he could recite the soaring rhetoric of Sir Winston Churchill and fondly recall his army training under white or "high coloured" officers at the Vigie barracks in St. Lucia, along with more than 50 young Dominican men. He became a police officer after the war and gravitated to the Fire Service, in 1955, attaining the rank of Station Officer.

He and his wife, Alberta, nourished and nurtured seven children, Hildreth, Wellsworth, Lawson, Samuel, Gabriel, Esther and Christalin. The Christian siblings thrived under the tutelage and example of their parents. Hildreth is a well respected environmental engineer, Wellsworth eventually became Dominica's first local veterinary surgeon and Chief Veterinary Officer, Lawson qualified as an electrical engineer, Samuel, a battalion surgeon and Major in the U.S. Army Reserve, while Esther is both an authoress and Certified Public Accountant.

Author, community leader, attorney and Caribbean nationalist, Gabriel Christian, has been a monumental force in the Dominica Cadet Corps and has been involved in numerous initiatives such as the Dominica Academy of Arts and Sciences that have inured to the benefit of Dominica and indeed the West-Indies. Wendell Christian fervently believed that example was better than precept and if his children's extraordinary success is any indication, he was a fine example. He received a Long Service Medal for more than twenty five years with the Fire Service while Alberta was granted the Meritorious Service Medal for her twenty years served at the Workshop for the Blind. Fittingly, son Gabriel co-authored *For King and Country*, a book which featured his father's service in the British West-Indian military with the likes of Mr. Twistleton St. Rose Bertrand, Mr. G.O.N. Emanuel, Mr. Cletus Angol and West-Indian greats such as former R.A.F. pilots Ulric Cross, DFC, Honourable Dudley Thompson and the late Flight Lieutenant, Cy Grant.

But the accolades that mattered most to Wendell Christian are those most overlooked. He was a doting husband for 57 years, an exceptional father, a devout Christian and a distinguished ex-serviceman.

Wendell Christian made his final salute in the afternoon of October 7, 2011. We stopped, stood at attention and saluted him in return. The old Christian soldier who had never abandoned his post, has finally marched home. And as this last member of the old Christian Orchestra approached the pearly gates of heaven, he fittingly sang an old English hymn in the best musical traditions of his illustrious family:

***"Onward Christian soldiers marching as to war,
with the Cross of Jesus, going on before."***

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Dudley Thompson

Royal Air Force, (Jamaica)
1917-2012

Dudley Thompson, born in Panama, Dudley's father was a teacher who had come to the country for work purposes and who returned to Jamaica in 1927.

Dudley grew up in Westmoreland in Jamaica and on completing high school won a scholarship to the Mico Teacher's College where he trained as a teacher for three years. After completing his studies, Thompson went to teach first in the parish of St. Mary and then in that of Westmoreland. In 1940 Dudley's life changed when he read a magazine in a dentist's office that contained extracts of Adolf Hitler's *Mein Kampf*. Dudley read the German leader's disparaging views about "Negroes" and was immediately enraged and gripped by a desire to be rid of the German leader.

Leaving teaching behind he traveled by ship with a small number of his fellow countrymen to England and on arrival went immediately to an RAF recruitment centre. He would become one of the RAF's first black pilots and as a flight lieutenant would serve in a number of different roles, in Training Command from 1941-1942, as a bomb aimer with 49 Pathfinders Squadron from 1943-44 and was awarded several decorations. He finished the war as Jamaican liaison officer to the Colonial Office from 1944-1945.

In 1945 Dudley married Genevieve Hannah Cezair with whom he had a son and three daughters, one of his daughters would go on to become the novelist Margaret Cezair-Thompson. In 1946, Dudley began studying jurisprudence as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University. He would not only obtain degrees as a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Civil Law, but would also become involved with the pan-African movement at the university.

After qualifying as a barrister in the early 1950s Dudley went to practice law in Africa becoming involved in various nationalist movements. Firstly, he assembled the legal team that defended Jomo Kenyatta after his arrest by British colonial authorities in 1952. In Tanganyika (now Tanzania) he would become a friend of Julius Nyerere a founder of the Tanganyika African National Union which campaigned for independence from Britain.

In 1955 Dudley returned to Jamaica educating people about the importance of the links between the Caribbean and Africa. He would practice law across what was the British West Indies, being appointed Queen's Counsel in 1963, and worked with independence movements in what was British Honduras (Belize) and the Bahamas. Between 1962 and 1978 he served as member of the Jamaican Senate and as a member of the House of Representatives from 1978 to 1983. He held several offices of state in Jamaica including Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and Minister of National Security and Justice and represented Jamaica at both the UN and Organisation of African Unity.

He would also serve as Ambassador and High Commissioner to several African countries including Nigeria, Ghana, Namibia and Sierra Leone. Dudley died at the age of 95 in New York.



Philip Louis Ulric Cross

**Royal Air Force, (Trinidad & Tobago)
1917 - 2013**

Philip Louis Ulric Cross was born in Port of Spain, Trinidad in 1917 to Reginald and Maud Cross. At the age of 11 he qualified for free secondary education. At 14 he wrote his name as "Flight Lieutenant Cross DFC" in the flyleaves of two of his school books: Kennedy's Latin Primer and Shakespeare's As You Like It. He explained in Hear-Say: "To me that was the height of anybody's ambition, to be a Flight Lieutenant in the Royal Air Force and to get the DFC. Most of my friends thought I was mad!"

Cross volunteered for the RAF after he witnessed the defeat of the British at Dunkirk in 1940, and saw that the Nazis were continuing to gain power across Europe. At the start of the war many black colonials who volunteered for the RAF were turned away, but after the Battle of Britain in 1940 the RAF realised they had to change and move with the times. In 1941, with 250 other Trinidadians, Ulric crossed the Atlantic Ocean to start his training at RAF Cranwell at Sleaford in Lincolnshire. Of the 250, 52 were killed in action. In spite of flying on 80 bombing missions to Germany and occupied France, Ulric survived and he has been described as the highest ranking and one of the most distinguished West Indian airmen in the Second World War.

During his training Cross learnt such skills as wireless operation, meteorology, bomb aiming, navigation and Morse code. After he graduated as a pilot officer he was assigned to Bomber Command. He served as a navigator in the 139 (Jamaica) Squadron. Cross was the only West Indian in the squadron, but he said it was very cosmopolitan and included Polish, Indians, English, Welsh, Scottish, Scandinavians and Dutch.

In 1943 Cross made an appearance in the short propaganda film West Indies Calling. This was produced by the Ministry of Information to show how West Indians in Britain were involved in the war effort. In 1945 the London-based League of Coloured Peoples noted in one of their newsletters that the recent awards to Ulric of the Distinguished Flying Cross in June 1944 and the Distinguished Service Order in November 1944 was "a joy to every West Indian heart." They also informed their readers that Cross had been appointed the first liaison officer for West Indians in the RAF.

Cross was interviewed about his RAF service in BBC Radio 2's The Forgotten Volunteers (2000) and Steven Hatton's acclaimed film Into the Wind (2009). A documentary by Frances-Anne Solomon, inspired by his life, is currently in production. In 2011 Cross received the Order of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the nation's highest award.

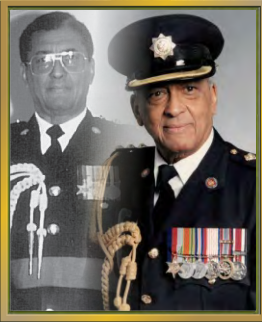
Reflecting on his experiences of wartime Britain for Mike Phillips and Trevor Phillips in their book and BBC TV documentary Windrush (1998), Cross said: "the strange thing is that when you're really young you feel immortal. That may well be a defence mechanism, but you do feel immortal, and you knew that obviously the possibility existed, that every time you got up in an aeroplane and flew over Germany you wouldn't come back. But the young feel they will live forever...And I felt I was doing the right thing in trying to stop Hitler...for myself, this was a tremendous adventure and I was doing it for the right reasons."

In retirement he had been living with his daughter Nicola in Port of Spain.

**A bemedalled Cross with Prince Philip during
a Royal visit to Trinidad and Tobago in 2009**



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Twistleton St. Rose Bertrand

**British Army, South Caribbean Forces, (Dominica)
1924-2019**

Twistleton "Twist" Bertrand, born at Portsmouth on September 24, 1924, and slipped into history December 8, 2019. He died in the suburbs of Toronto, Canada surrounded by his family and his beloved wife of sixty-six years Yolanda Bertrand (nee McIntyre). He leaves to mourn his sons, Trevor, Terry and Garvin and his daughter Kathy Andre. Kathy is the wife of the distinguished Canadian jurist and author Irving W. Andre whose roots also reside in Portsmouth. He was also the oldest brother of my friend from childhood, the distinguished D.C. area surveyor, Fitzroy "Poy" Bertrand.

A jovial, kind and gracious, man Major Bertrand, or Uncle Twist (to us the young ones) often regaled us with stories of the war years and of his time in service. Bertrand served alongside our father Wendell McKenzie Christian in "C" Company, Windward Islands Battalion, British Army, South Caribbean Forces. Other notable Dominicans who served included Dominica Grammar School old boys such as Royal Air Force members Osmund St. Clair Alleyne, Lacombe Alphonsus McCoy and Harold Cherberd Bryant, DFC (all of whom perished in air combat over Europe), former Judge Glenworth Emmanuel (Royal Navy), and British Army soldiers Stafford "Star" Lestrade, D.K. Burton, Fred James and George Chambers.

Twist had signed up to defend his country. The youth of his generation had followed the boxing match, via radio, which pitted the legendary African American boxer Joe Louis, (the "Brown Bomber") against the German Max Schmeling. Schmeling was often trumpeted as an exemplar of the Adolph Hitler's Nazi super-race. According to Twist, "We jumped for joy when Joe Louis knocked out Max Schmeling at that famous boxing match at Madison Square Garden. We knew that Hitler preached race hatred and wanted to conquer the world. We wanted none of that." During the early part of World War II, marauding German U-Boats were torpedoing ships up and down the Caribbean and our people suffered from the resultant shortages of food and other necessities. In an interview I did with him in 2011, Bertrand recalled.

"Early in World War II, we would listen to the war bulletins from the BBC at the business establishment of Robert Douglas; alongside us was Wendell Christian, Clifford Severin who later joined the Royal Air Force and Glen Emmanuel who later joined the Royal Navy. We saw our allied American subs around Portsmouth searching for Nazi U-Boats off our coast which were sinking allied ships. We saw the US Army Air Corp Bolo Bombers dive over Douglas Bay looking for German U-Boats. We saw one boat ablaze, with wounded sailors and soldiers, limp into Portsmouth after being attacked by German U-Boats. The Free French forces and French refugees thronged Portsmouth at that time, after the defeat of France in 1940. The French islands of Guadeloupe and Martinique – to the north and south of our island – had fallen to the Vichy collaborationist regime of Marshall Petain and Dominica and the whole Caribbean was threatened by the German onslaught. That is why the British Army recruited us to save the region from fascism and ensure that supplies such as oil could reach the allies. Your Dad and I, among others, were concerned by these events and that is what inspired us to join the battle for freedom. The USS Partridge came to Portsmouth frequently, as it was engaged in chasing U-Boats and clearing our area of German mines. We once took a little boat to go alongside USS Partridge and another US submarine which almost got torpedoed by US Army Air Corps planes from Antigua and St. Lucia."

Those who served from our region were all volunteers. They knew that their service and sacrifice would buttress the freedom and dignity of our people. Today that self-determination and democracy whose bounds they sought to expand, are under threat as never before. The high ideals of integrity and honorable selfless duty they rendered are being assailed by those who lack any intrinsic sense of duty to country, over self. The history of that great generation of West Indians was captured in the work For King & Country, the Service and Sacrifice of the British West Indian Military (Irving W. Andre, Gabriel J. Christian, Pont Casse Press, 2009). (<https://shelfwise.directfrompublisher.com/catalog/book/king-country>.)

Twist Bertrand had a keen sense of humor and a good singing voice. In his last years he would often call me and detail elements of Dominican life that are long gone. On one such call, he spoke of the song that he and comrades sang during the war:





Pierre McLeod, Vice President of the West Indian American Military Members Association (WIAMMA) at Andrews Air Force Base at Caribbean Glory dinner June 19, 2009. WIAMMA was the host of Operation Caribbean Glory.



Seated Dudley Thompson, OJ, QC, Flight Lieutenant Royal Air Force, Bomber Command, World War II (Jamaica) Behind, Carmen Edwards, Mrs. Cecil Eistrup-Thompson and the late Leo Edwards, a legendary Caribbean community leader.



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