

Thirty-Nine House Armed Services Committee Members of 20 States  
Represent Residences of African American Soldiers, Sailors and  
Patriots of the Revolutionary War



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Member	State	District	District Patriot (at least)	State Patriot (at least)
Mike Rogers	Alabama	AL - 3rd	1	1
Martha Roby	Alabama	AL - 2nd	0	1
Mo Brooks	Alabama	AL - 5th	0	1
Jeff Miller	Florida	FL - 1st	24	24
Thomas J. Rooney	Florida	FL - 16th	0	24
Allen West	Florida	FL - 22nd	0	24
Austin Scott	Georgia	GA - 8th	Possible	29**
Bobby Schilling	Illinois	IL - 17th	Possible	1
Todd Young	Indiana	IN - 9th	2	3
John C. Fleming	Louisiana	LA - 4th	Possible	66*
Roscoe G. Bartlett	Maryland	MD - 6th	4	109*
Frank A. LoBiondo	New Jersey	NJ - 2nd	7	63*
Jon Runyan	New Jersey	NJ - 3rd	2*	63*
Chris Gibson	New York	NY - 20th	Possible	177**
Walter B. Jones	North Carolina	NC - 3rd	18	252
Michael Turner	Ohio	OH - 3rd	Possible	1 (Grave)
Bill Shuster	Pennsylvania	PA - 9th	Possible	108**
Todd Russell Platts	Pennsylvania	PA - 19th	Possible	108**
Joe Wilson	South Carolina	SC - 2nd	7	120
Scott Rigell	Virginia	VA - 2nd	21	595
J. Randy Forbes	Virginia	VA - 4th	58	595
Rob Wittman	Virginia	VA - 1st	138	595
Joe Courtney	Connecticut	CT - 2nd	274	821
Hank Johnson	Georgia	GA - 4th	Possible	29**
David Loebsack	Iowa	IO - 2nd	1	1
Chellie Pingree	Maine	ME - 1st	58	78
C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger	Maryland	MD - 2nd	12	109*
Niki Tsongas	Massachusetts	MA - 5th	113	1,570
Rob Andrews	New Jersey	NJ - 1st	2*	63*
William L. Owens	New York	NY - 23rd	Possible	177**
Kathleen C. Hochul	New York	NY - 26th	Possible	177**
Mike McIntyre	North Carolina	NC - 7th	24	252
Larry Kissell	North Carolina	NC - 8th	3	252
Tim Ryan	Ohio	OH - 17th	Possible	1 (Grave)
Betty Sutton	Ohio	OH - 13th	Possible	1 (Grave)
Robert A. Brady	Pennsylvania	PA - 1st	Possible	108**
Mark Critz	Pennsylvania	PA - 12th	Possible	108**
James R. Langevin	Rhode Island	RI - 2nd	228	783
Jim Cooper	Tennessee	TN - 5th	2	5

\*See chart at page 6, notes on patriots.

\*\*Few residences given.

## Fact Sheet about House Armed Services Committee Patriots



- African Americans served in all of the major battles of the Revolutionary War (1775-1783), from Lexington and Concord to Yorktown.
- Revised estimates suggest that between 10,000 or more could have served as soldiers, sailors, marines and civilian workers (referred to interchangeably as soldiers and patriots).
- For generations, historians had estimated that at least 5,000 served; however, less than half were known until the publication of Forgotten Patriots, African American and American Indian Patriots of the Revolutionary War (National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, 2008) that ended speculation with identities, deeds and hometowns.
- Other states, outside the original 13, also were home to black patriots, including Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, Louisiana, Maine, Vermont and Michigan. Liberty Fund DC has shared the names of local patriots with 426 cities, towns and counties in five states. These comprise dozens of congressional districts represented by both Democrats and Republicans.
- 4,807 patriots with known residences hail from the states represented on the House Armed Services Committee. There could be at least 2 to 6 million descendants, from Lexington and Yakima to Honolulu.
- Of the 62 members of Armed Services, 39 represent states where African American Revolutionary War Patriots once resided. 21 represent a community that claims at least one.
- 11 Republicans on Armed Services represent 280 patriots and 10 Democrats represent 715 -- a total of 995 patriots are represented by the members.
- A total of 60 counties and towns in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, North Carolina, Louisiana, Ohio, and Virginia have approved resolutions that honor the patriots and urge Congress to approve the National Liberty Memorial Act. These include a proclamation of Charlotte, N.C. declaring September 3, 2012, "Patriot Dempsey Reed One Nation Day."
- 1,730 patriots are honored, and specifically named, in these resolutions. County commissions and town councils approved them after exhaustive review by local historians. A Goochland County resolution honors 12 patriots. Over 50 are represented there in the 7th Virginia by the House Majority Leader. The descendants of multiple patriots reside in the Speaker's state of Ohio.
- The governors of Connecticut, Rhode Island North Carolina and Virginia (2008) issued proclamations honoring 2,450 patriots with known residences. The Connecticut General Assembly also did so.
- 12 counties and towns in 4 states represented on Armed Services approved resolutions. These honor 312 patriots (196 Republicans and 116 Democrats).
- Over two dozen articles were written about the local project alone, including a front-page story in the Providence Journal.
- Recent news: The Washington Times, "Tribute to black fighters in the Revolutionary War advances," and ct mirror, "Congress moves to honor Connecticut's black Revolutionary War fighters."
- As of 2010, the U.S. had 42,020,743 African American citizens. 37,854,925 are represented by 31 states on Armed Services.



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At the book presentation were Betty Bowles, Dolo Schmidt, Lynne Cason, Cheryl Hirschi and Linda Trevellyn.

Although there are no patriots in 11 populous states, like Texas, California and Mississippi, and less populous ones, like Washington State, New Mexico and Hawaii, there could be over 500,000 descendants among them. Washington State alone could have over 18,000. (See chart, page 5)

- Since 1984, when a Washington D.C. woman was refused membership, over 60 African Americans have become members of lineage societies that once were exclusive. Above, a DAR chapter in St. Augustine Florida donates a copy of "Forgotten Patriots" to the local library.

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CRAVEN MET IN  
REGULAR SESSION IN THE MATTOCKS HALL OF THE NORTH CAROLINA  
HISTORY CENTER, 529 SOUTH FRONT STREET, NEW BERN,  
NORTH CAROLINA, ON MONDAY, JULY 2, 2012. THE MEETING  
CONVENED AT 7:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairman Lee Kyle Allen  
Vice Chairman Scott C. Dacey  
Commissioner Thomas F. Mark  
Commissioner Theron L. McCabe  
Commissioner Johnnie Sampson, Jr.  
Commissioner Jefferey S. Taylor  
Commissioner Steve Tyson

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CRAVEN COUNTY AFRICAN AMERICAN  
REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOTS**

The Board considered a request to adopt the following resolution recognizing Craven County's African American Revolutionary War Patriots, which was read into the record by the Chairman. Bernard George, local African American History enthusiast, addressed the Board in support of the resolution. Sheila Moore Cantine, family member of Revolutionary War Patriot, Simeon, Moore, was recognized to speak about her ancestors.

Commissioner Dacey urged citizens to call upon senators and house representatives to pass companion bills. Commissioner McCabe requested that any other living family members who are aware of their relationship to African American Revolutionary War patriots be recognized at the next meeting.

After discussion, it was the consensus to defer this until the December 3, 2012 meeting at the Stanley White Recreation Center to allow ample time for notice to the community. Commissioner McCabe moved to adopt the resolution, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

<b>2010 U.S. Census African Americans</b>	<b>Population Per State</b>	<b>Number of Patriots</b>	<b>2 Children Per Generation</b>	<b>2 Children Per Generation</b>
<i>Total Population</i>	<i>42,020,743</i>	<i>As many as 10,000 Served</i>	<i>Possible descendants based on Patriot Ancestors</i>	<i>Possible descendants based on Percentage of Population</i>
<i>Armed Services Committee (Pop. of 31 States)</i>	<i>37,854,925</i>	<i>4,807*</i>	<i>2,153,536</i>	<i>2,153,529</i>
<b>New York</b>	3,334,550	<b>177</b>	<b>79,296</b>	189,699
<b>Florida</b>	3,200,663	<b>24</b>	<b>10,752</b>	182,083
<b>Georgia</b>	3,054,098	<b>29</b>	<b>12,992</b>	173,745
<b>North Carolina</b>	2,151,456	<b>252</b>	<b>112,896</b>	122,394
<b>Illinois</b>	1,974,113	<b>1</b>	<b>448</b>	112,305
<b>Maryland</b>	1,783,899	<b>109</b>	<b>48,832</b>	101,484
<b>Virginia</b>	1,653,563	<b>595</b>	<b>266,560</b>	94,070
<b>Ohio</b>	1,541,771	<b>1</b>	<b>448</b>	87,710
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	1,507,965	<b>108</b>	<b>48,384</b>	85,787
<b>Louisiana</b>	1,486,885	<b>66</b>	<b>29,568</b>	84,587
<b>South Carolina</b>	1,332,188	<b>120</b>	<b>53,760</b>	75,787
<b>New Jersey</b>	1,300,363	<b>63</b>	<b>28,224</b>	73,976
<b>Alabama</b>	1,281,118	<b>1</b>	<b>448</b>	72,882
<b>Tennessee</b>	1,107,178	<b>5</b>	<b>2,240</b>	62,986
<b>Indiana</b>	654,415	<b>3</b>	<b>1,344</b>	37,229
<b>Massachusetts</b>	508,413	<b>1570</b>	<b>703,360</b>	28,923
<b>Connecticut</b>	405,600	<b>821</b>	<b>367,808</b>	23,074
<b>Iowa</b>	113,225	<b>1</b>	<b>448</b>	6,441
<b>Rhode Island</b>	77,754	<b>783</b>	<b>350,784</b>	4,423
<b>Maine</b>	21,764	<b>78</b>	<b>34,944</b>	1,238
<b>Texas</b>	3,168,469	0	0	<b>180,286</b>
<b>California</b>	2,683,914	0	0	<b>152,715</b>
<b>Mississippi</b>	1,115,801	0	0	<b>63,489</b>
<b>Missouri</b>	747,474	0	0	<b>42,531</b>
<b>Minnesota</b>	327,548	0	0	<b>18,637</b>
<b>Washington</b>	325,004	0	0	<b>18,493</b>
<b>Arizona</b>	318,665	0	0	<b>18,132</b>
<b>Nevada</b>	254,452	0	0	<b>14,478</b>
<b>Colorado</b>	249,812	0	0	<b>14,214</b>
<b>New Mexico</b>	57,040	0	0	<b>3,246</b>
<b>Hawaii</b>	38,820	0	0	<b>2,209</b>

Representative	District	Patriot Notes
Martha Roby	AL - 2nd	Jim Capers (3rd). 32 soldiers of Louisiana under Galvez at Mobile's Battle of Battle of Fort Charlotte (then FL)
Mike Rogers	AL - 3rd	Jim Capers (3rd). 32 soldiers of Louisiana under Galvez at Mobile's Battle of Battle of Fort Charlotte (then FL)
Mo Brooks	AL - 5th	Jim Capers (3rd). 32 soldiers of Louisiana under Galvez at Mobile's Battle of Battle of Fort Charlotte (then FL)
Thomas J. Rooney	FL - 16th	24 soldiers of Louisiana under Galvez at Pensacola. Maria Jefferson DAR Chapter, St. Augustine (7th) donates copy of black patriot research.
Jeff Miller	FL - 1st	24 soldiers of Louisiana under Galvez at Pensacola. Maria Jefferson DAR Chapter, St. Augustine (7th) donates copy of black patriot research.
Allen West	FL - 22nd	24 soldiers of Louisiana under Galvez at Pensacola. Maria Jefferson DAR Chapter, St. Augustine (7th) donates copy of black patriot research.
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Bobby Schilling	IL - 17th	Jacob Going (15th)
Todd Young	IN - 9th	Andrew Ferguson & William Hood (9th), Jacob Going (8th)
David Loebsack	IO - 2nd	Cato Meed of Montrose, Lee Co.
John C. Fleming	LA - 4th	*Records suggest up to 1,700 served from Louisiana under Galvez. Known are 8 residents of New Orleans. 10 at Baton Rouge. 25 at Mobile. 17 at Pensacola. 6 at Mobile/Pensacola. 1 served in all three campaigns.
C.A. Dutch Ruppberger	MD - 2nd	*Another 229 possible for MD
Roscoe G. Bartlett	MD - 6th	*Another 229 possible for MD
Rob Andrews	NJ - 1st	*Shares patriot with 3rd: Burlington County. Hundreds more served in N.J. battles, including 130 at Monmouth
Frank A. LoBiondo	NJ - 2nd	*Hundreds more served in N.J. battles, including 130 at Monmouth
Jon Runyan	NJ - 3rd	*Shares patriot with 1st: Burlington County. Hundreds more served in N.J. battles, including 130 at Monmouth
Chris Gibson	NY - 20th	16 NYC, 2 Albany, 3 Dutchess Co., 4 Ulster Co., 3 Westchester Co., 3 Dutchess Co., 1 each: Orange Co., Schenectady Co., Montgomery Co., Schoharie Co.
William L. Owens	NY - 23rd	16 NYC, 2 Albany, 3 Dutchess Co., 4 Ulster Co., 3 Westchester Co., 3 Dutchess Co., 1 each: Orange Co., Schenectady Co., Montgomery Co., Schoharie Co.
Kathleen C. Hochul	NY - 26th	16 NYC, 2 Albany, 3 Dutchess Co., 4 Ulster Co., 3 Westchester Co., 3 Dutchess Co., 1 each: Orange Co., Schenectady Co., Montgomery Co., Schoharie Co.
Betty Sutton	OH - 13th	The descendants of Wilmore Male, John Redman, Richard Redman Henry Dorton, and Basil Norman (18th) reside in Ohio. Mound Cemetery in Marietta is the burial place of Basil Norman and 40 white compatriots. A descendant is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.
Tim Ryan	OH - 17th	The descendants of Wilmore Male, John Redman, Richard Redman Henry Dorton, and Basil Norman (18th) reside in Ohio. Mound Cemetery in Marietta is the burial place of Basil Norman and 40 white compatriots. A descendant is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.
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Jim Cooper	TN - 5th	Mark Murray (5th) and Anthony Garns (5th). Peter Jennings grave in Murfreesboro's (6th)