



## New Kemet Harambe Chapter of Blacks in Government®

### 2025 CHAPTER ACCOMPLISHMENTS/THEME –

#### “Innovative, Inspirational, and Integrity”

**January** - The Chapter's Membership PowerPoint Orientation Slides were updated for 2025. The 2025 membership theme was “**Innovative, Inspirational, and Integrity.**”

**February** - Chapter members attended virtual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Black History Month events/webinars coordinated by members' government agencies, and other Regions' chapters. Members received a Black History month commemorative gift that was either delivered to their work cubicle or

**March** – Honorable Dr. Ethel Crisp served as the Deputy Chair of the 50<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Committee, with Honorable Gregg Reeves who served as the Chair of the Committee, and Honorable Deena Sheppard served as the Chair, Event Planning Committee whose committee organized the 2025 50<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Event at the Honorable Gerald R. Reed Blacks In Government Headquarters Building which was successfully planned and well received!



**April** – NKHC celebrated their 24th Year Anniversary (Chartered – April 21, 2001). NKHC recognized all members' administrative support staff on National Administrative Professionals Day and Week – April 21 -25 with a letter of appreciation.

**June** – NKHC members visited the Ronald McDonald House in Oak Lawn, Illinois, and prepared delicious and nutritious meals for the families.

**August** – Five (6) NKHC members attended the National Delegates Assembly (NDA) Meeting and the Leadership Summit in New Orleans, Louisiana. **Honorable Dr. Ethel Crisp** gave the Words of Inspiration message at the NDA Meeting on Sunday evening!



**Adrienne Callahan** and **Lashana Sims** coordinated at the Leadership Summit the National Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (S.T.E. M.) Student Competition and the Training in Communications Program's Oratorical Student Competition.

**Honorable Deena Sheppard** received the National Prestige Award and the National President's Award, a double honor and recognition, at the Leadership Summit!

**October** – NKHC Regional Council Representatives – **Honorable Deena Sheppard, Donna Howard, and Honorable Dr. Ethel Crisp** attended all 2025 Region V Council Meetings (including March and June) as well as **Adrienne Callahan**, Region V Director, National Board of Directors, and provided summaries of their attendance at these meetings to the membership.

**November** – NKHC promoted the Patricia Loyd Handy Educational and Essay Competition Scholarship for graduating senior students and college freshmen and the Executive Committee selected **Olivia Lopez**, senior at Disney II Magnet High School for our \$500.00 scholarship. Olivia will be attending Michigan State University when she graduates, majoring in pharmaceutical chemistry.



NKHC members visited the Ronald McDonald House in Oak Lawn, IL once again to prepare pre-Thanksgiving meals for 15 families. Thanks to the following members who prepared the meals: **LaShana Sims, Donna Coleman-Johnson, Cora Helm, Loretta Shaffer and Honorable Dr. Ethel Crisp.**

**December** – NKHC members will be donating toys and clothing to the LaRabida Children's Hospital in Chicago, once again, and delivering them on Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>! This event was coordinated by **Cora Helm**.



A high-five salute and an overflow of appreciation thanks to the following outstanding NKHC members who served on the **Region V Council Executive Committee and on Region V Committees:**



- Honorable **Deena Sheppard** served as the Region V Council Secretary.
- Second Vice President **Tamela Mills** served as the Chair, Finance Committee.
- Secretary **LaShana Sims** served as the Chair, Programs and Planning Committee and also worked with the Region V's Training Coordinator.
- Assistant Treasurer **Donna Howard** served as the Region's Point of Contact for the National Memorial Wall Committee; and
- President **Honorable Dr. Ethel Crisp** served as the Chair, Legislative Committee.

And another round of applause and thanks to the following NKHC members who served on **National Appointments or Elected to National Offices:**



- Second Vice President **Tamela Mills** served as the National Delegates Assembly Team's Training Coordinator and facilitated the National Delegates Assembly's training in June 2025.
- Secretary **LaShana Sims** served as the Chair, Workshops Committee for the National Training Institute.
- **Adrienne Callahan** served as the Director on the National Board of Directors for Region V and the National Programs and Planning Chair.
- President **Honorable Dr. Ethel Crisp** served as the National Delegates Assembly's Parliamentarian; Chair, National Resolutions Committee; Chair, Standing Rules Committee; and served as the Deputy Chair for the 50<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Committee.



Three of our members retired in 2025 with outstanding long-term years of Federal Government service and received a commemorative retirement clock:

<b>Latasha Carson Joiner</b>	<b>45 Years</b>
<b>Donna Coleman Johnson</b>	<b>39 Years</b>
<b>Tywanna Greene</b>	<b>37 Years</b>

Please take a moment to congratulate yourselves and your fellow members for all of the leadership roles, activities, and work that was accomplished in 2025 at the chapter, region, and national levels.

Consider sharing our 2025 accomplishments with your friends and families to help in our efforts to recruit many more new members and let's continue being a **Distinguished Service BIG® Chapter in the Great Lakes Midwest Region V!**  
**We are truly amazing...and we know it!!**

