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U.S. Sen. Blackburn champions Tennessee in Senate-passed National Defense bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.) fought to secure vital wins in the Senate-passed National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The bill was passed on July 27.

“Once again, I am honored to have fought for priorities in the



Sen. Marsha Blackburn

calate their aggression, it’s vital our military stands ready. We succeed by supporting service-members and their families, promoting innovative research, advancing cybersecurity, and providing our men and women in uniform with the resources they need to fight and win.”

- KEY POINTS ON BLACKBURN’S WORK:
- Allocate \$10 million toward mobile mammography services

- for women veterans.
- Support the Pathfinder Program by encouraging additional funding for defense capabilities and partnering with private sector developers at Vanderbilt University; the University of Memphis; Tennessee Technological University; and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville;
 - Increase funding by \$9 million for the classified additive manufacturing partnership between the Air Force Research Laboratory and Oak Ridge National Laboratory for future Air Force assets, including at Arnold Air Force Base.
 - Secure funding to support a multipurpose training range at Fort Campbell that trains and tests the skills necessary to detect, identify, and defeat stationary infantry and stationary or moving armor targets in a tactical array.
 - Authorize funding for CH-47 Block II Chinook Helicopters

- flown at Fort Campbell;
- Provide \$2.5 million for the planning and design of a new air traffic control tower at Fort Campbell;
 - Authorize funding for construction of the Uranium Processing Facility at the Y-12 National Security Complex; and
 - Include report language addressing the establishment of a pilot program to provide DoD with qualified civilian personnel to ensure the U.S. has the talent to address cyber vulnerabilities.

This builds upon Blackburn’s bipartisan measure in the FY2021 NDAA that created a pilot program allowing the National Guard to provide “rapid, remote response for cyber assistance” to state and local governments, along with critical infrastructure entities when they are hit with cyberattacks.

Alabama angler puts Yamaha Power Pay bonuses over \$1 million

Kennesaw, GA – Anthony Vintson of northern Alabama helped put Yamaha Power Pay contingency payouts over the \$1 million mark with his recent 7th place finish during a recent Alabama Bass Team Trail event on Wheeler Lake.

Vintson, who served eight years in the U.S. Army, most of which as part of the 101st Airborne Division, became President of the Auburn Bass Fishing Team while earning a degree in accounting and finance. He now spends his days working at a public accounting firm and loves to compete in Alabama Bass Team Trail events.

His recent 7th place finish at Wheeler was good enough to make him the Power Pay winner

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who ultimately pushed payouts of the four-year-old program to more than a million dollars paid-out to registered tournament anglers.

“As the Yamaha Power Pay program reaches this incredible milestone of \$1 million in payouts, we would like to thank our angler customers for their loyalty to the Yamaha brand,” said Connor Megan, Pro Staff and Sponsorship Supervisor, Yamaha Marine Engine Systems. “We plan to continue the Power Pay momentum by adding more events and bigger payouts. Yamaha outboard owners enrolled in the program will have more opportunities than ever before to earn money through Power Pay!”

Vintson used forward facing sonar on his beloved Xpress boat powered by a Yamaha 250 V MAX SHO to spot stumps holding fish in 6 to 10-feet of water, and most of their catch bit a Roboworm on a drop shot.

“I love my Xpress boat because it’s tough enough to stand up to

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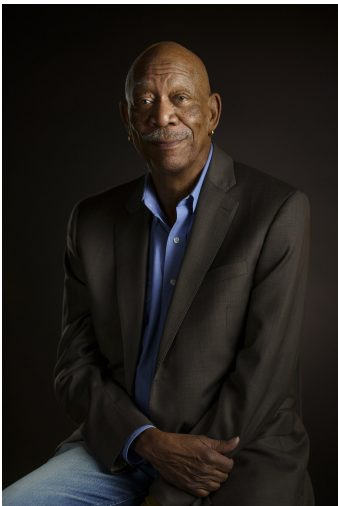
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Morgan Freeman examines role of the historic ‘761st Tank Battalion: The Original Black Panthers’ in a documentary on the History Channel on August 20

One of last surviving members featured



Morgan Freeman

Executive produced and featuring Academy Award-winning actor Morgan Freeman, “761st Tank Battalion: The Original Black Panthers” will tell the true story of the 761st Tank Battalion, the first Black tank unit to serve in combat during WWII, and explore in-depth the major battles they faced both overseas while in combat and back home in the United States.

“It is my honor to partner with The HISTORY Channel on telling the important story of the heroic 761st Battalion,” said Freeman. “The 761st is a story I’ve wanted to tell for more than two decades. And now, during this time when the sharing of Black history is being censored and omitted, the bravery and valor of these incredible men not only deserves but needs to be told. Their sacrifice for this country was crucial to our victory over Nazi Germany. But they have never received proper credit.”

It features an interview with one of the last surviving members of the 761st Battalion, as well as the current and first Black Secretary of Defense, Secretary Lloyd J. Austin III, alongside new and archival interviews, period footage, still photographs and new commentary and stories from family and relatives of the Black Panther soldiers.

The documentary will also feature insights and opinions of

prominent historians on WWII. It premieres Sunday, August 20 at 8/7c; and streams the next day.

“Black Patriots: The 761st Battalion” is produced for The HISTORY Channel by Revelations Entertainment, in association with GroupM Motion Entertainment. It is directed by Phil Bertelsen, who will serve as executive producer along with James Younger, Lori McCreary and Kelly Mendelsohn for Revelations Entertainment. Richard Foster and Chet Fenster serve as executive producers for GroupM Motion Entertainment.

Eli Lehrer and Jennifer Wagman serve as executive producers for The HISTORY Channel.

EDITOR’S NOTE: The 761st Tank Battalion is also a member of the National Coalition of Black Veteran Organizations. This Black organization has been crusading for the recognition of Black veterans and Black military units for decades. Its biggest campaign resulted in Gen.

Charles Young being posthumously promoted to Brigadier General after decades to give Brig. Gen. Young, a Buffalo Soldier, his due which was bestowed on him in 2022. Young was the fourth African American to graduate from West Point. He was denied his promotion through the influence of Gov. Bilbo of Mississippi during Pres. Woodrow Wilson administration.

The campaign for Young’s promotion was initiated in 1978 by Charles Blatcher III, chairman of the National Coalition of Black Veteran Organizations.

For more information, you may email Charles Blatcher III at cnmmmf@aol.com.

We highly recommend our readers to watch “761st Tank Battalion: The Original Black Panthers” on the History Channel on August 20 at 8/7 central time. Make it a family affair.

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“Where there is no vision, the people will perish.”

FedEx St. Jude and U.S. Steel offer complimentary tickets to military and veterans

The FedEx St. Jude Championship, in partnership with U.S. Steel’s Big River Steel, will offer complimentary military and veteran tickets for the 2023 championship. Military members and veterans have the opportunity to reserve two (2) complimentary grounds tickets per day (Wed.-Sun.). While onsite and upon showing valid military ID, all military members plus one accompanied guest will have access to the Patriots’ Outpost presented by Big River Steel, an open-air venue with shaded seating on the 8th hole. For more information, visit fedexchamp@pgatourhq.com

The FedEx St. Jude Championship is August 9-13 at TPC Southwind.

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