



38th Annual City of Tampa
Black History Celebration

Honoring

— ★ Our Veterans:

Celebrating 250 Years of Service and Strength

February 6, 2026

11:00 a.m.

Tampa Convention Center

333 South Franklin Street ★ Tampa, FL



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Program of Events

Mistress of Ceremonies - Ms. Deanne King, WFLA News Channel 8

WELCOME	Mrs. Katrina House President - COTBHC, Inc.
INVOCATION	Ms. Jaida Clark Hillsborough County
PRESENTATION OF COLORS	Blake High School JROTC
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Mr. Carter Hamilton Mayor's Youth Corps
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Ms. Phyllis Wong Gospel Recording Artist
GREETINGS	Honorable Kathy Castor U.S. Rep. 14th Congressional District of FL
GREETINGS & PROCLAMATION	Honorable Jane Castor Mayor, City of Tampa
GREETINGS	Honorable Naya Young District 5, Tampa City Council
U.S. ARMED FORCES ROLL-CALL	Mr. Wendell Carson U.S. Air Force (Retired)
ENTERTAINMENT	Ms. Phyllis Wong Gospel Recording Artist
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	Mrs. Erica Clarke Daughter of Barbara Tripp
KEYNOTE ADDRESS	Fire Chief Barbara Tripp Tampa Fire Rescue
HONOREE RECOGNITION	Ms. Candice Cowen COTBHC, Inc.
COMMUNITY HERO AWARD	Mrs. Katrina House President - COTBHC, Inc.
RECOGNITION OF SPONSORS	Mr. Frank Woodard COTBHC, Inc.
CLOSING REMARKS	Mrs. Katrina House President - COTBHC, Inc.
BLACK NATIONAL ANTHEM	Ms. Phyllis Wong Gospel Recording Artist

