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McCoy Family October Newsletter



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!!!

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OUR OFFICIAL REUNION HOTEL IS READY—BOOK YOUR STAY!

Family, it's time to lock in your spot for the 2026 McCoy Family Reunion! 🥳 We've secured a beautiful hotel for our stay, and reservations are now open.

Click the link below to reserve your room today and be right in the heart of all the fun, love, and memories we'll be creating together:

👉🏻 Book Your Room Here - https://group.doubletree.com/edwq82

💛 Let's get excited—2026 will be a reunion to remember!













🎉 **October 5 – Gabrielle Fannie**
Parents: Kendrick and Tammy Fanniel
Descendant of: Eddie Walter McCoy & Clorenda Anderson McCoy

🎉 **October 7 – Marcus Wilson**
Parents: Mavis Smith
Descendant of: Eddie Walter McCoy & Clorenda Anderson McCoy

🎉 **October 25 – Lynnetta McCoy Benjamin**
Parents: Eddie and Lenora McCoy
Descendant of: Eddie Walter McCoy & Clorenda Anderson McCoy

🎉 **McCoy Family Reunion 2026 Registration is Now Open!** 🎉

It's time to secure your spot and be part of an unforgettable reunion experience! Go to:

https://tinyurl.com/McCoyRegistration2026
(or scan the QR code) to get registered today











🎉**October 5**–James Gadson III and Brianna Gadson
Parents: Dennis Smith III and Mavis Smith
Descendant of: Eddie Walter McCoy & Clorenda Anderson McCoy



🎉**October 22**–Dennis Smith III and Mavis Smith
Parents: Dennis & Eddie Mae Smith/Pearlie and Geneva Wilson
Descendant of: Eddie Walter McCoy & Clorenda Anderson McCoy





We are So Proud of Each of You & Your Accomplishments. Congrats!

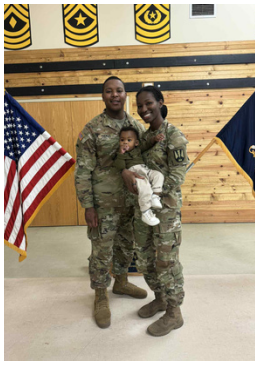
Continuing from last month's spotlight

Not pictured yet served:

Uncle Edward Walther McCoy 1918-1919
Army Parents: Alexander Mccoy Sr, & Susan McCoy PA's Brother



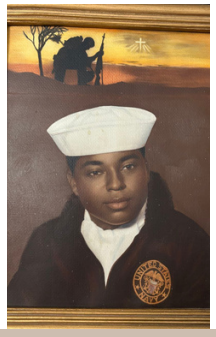
Alanna Thomas
Army National Guard
17 Years
Currently CPT
Commander
Descendant of: Eddie Walter McCoy & Clorenda Anderson McCoy



Mike & Alanna Thomas + daughter Alanna - Army National Guard
17 Years
Currently CPT
Commander
Descendant of: Eddie Walter McCoy & Clorenda Anderson McCoy



Kendrick Fanniel
Army
1996-2020
O-5/ Lieutenant Colonel
Descendant of: Eddie Walter McCoy & Clorenda Anderson McCoy



Carlton Smith
Navy
1983-1987
Navy
Descendant of: Jannie Mae McCoy Smith & Eugene Smith



Eddie McCoy Jr.
US Army 82nd Airborne Division
1969 to 1971
Rank: spec 4



Mary Frances Henderson "Aunt Frankie"
Army
1976 - 1982
Descendant of: Minnie Lee McCoy & Ira C. Henderson





Diyunna Drinkard
#13 Lady Bobcats
Varsity Flag Football
Plays on both offense & defense
Parents: Katrina & Eddie Drinkard Jr.
Descendant of: Eddie Walter McCoy & Clorenda Anderson McCoy



Aaliyah Yarbrough Denton
Nurse Practioner
Pinning Ceremony
Parents: Anthony and Priscilla Yarbrough
Descendant of: Willie Joel McCoy & Needa Williams McCoy



Taylor Smith
Willow Spring High School Varsity Tennis
Parents: Dennis and Mavis Smith
Descendant of: Eddie Walter McCoy & Clorenda Anderson McCoy



✅ **Innovative Business Services, LLC Andrea Pollard, Founder/CEO**
🌟 Virtual Assistant -
https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61559857972236

✅ **Hook'd Crochet Creations – Anissa Rutledge Brown**
🧶 Handmade crochet fashion, accessories & home décor
🔗 **Hookdcrochet.com**

✅ **Code Differently – Grant & Stephanie Eldridge**
💻 Tech training, workforce development & staffing
🔗 **codedifferently.com or @codedifferently**

✅ **Mo Betta Blu's – Alcestis "Blu" Henderson**
🍽️ Soulful food catering made with love
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✅ **RTS HR Consulting, LLC. – Celeste Rhodes**
🎨Human Resources Services
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✅ **Changed Living at Brad's Place Inc. – Willie Alfreida McCoy, Founder/CEO**
🌟 Reentry services, social support for children of incarcerated parents, and substance abuse recovery resources.

✅ **Artful Acres – Kendrick Fanniel**
🎨 Handmade soaps, plants, and original art.
🔗 **Visit - www.tiktok.com/@artfulacresllc**

✅ **Dreamtime Enterprises LLC – Alisa Gentry**
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✅ **Global Impact Providers – Marshonda Henderson**
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📱 **Facebook: UnleashYourAIGenius**

✅ **Karen (Kerry) Miller – AVON Independent Representative**
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🛍️ www.youravon.com/kmiller1422 | 📞 **(615) 268-0076**

✅ **Cherished One Home Care – Henry Gentry**
👨🏾‍⚕️ Compassionate Care for Veterans & Seniors
🏡 cherishedonehomecare.com

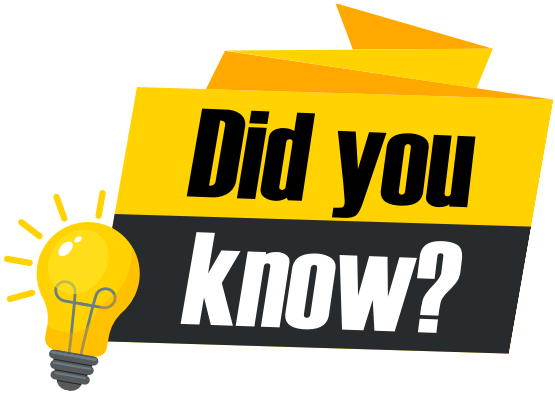
✅ **iCare Home Care Services LLC – Dianna Smith**
👨🏾‍⚕️ **Quality Home Care for Seniors**
🏡 icarehomecareservices.com

LET'S UPLIFT & SUPPORT THE AMAZING ENTREPRENEURS IN OUR FAMILY! 💚



For November, we'll continue celebrating our birthdays, anniversaries, births, and remembrance announcements — plus keep shining a light on our amazing young family members through our Youth Spotlight! 🌟
The Youth Spotlight highlights anyone under 35 who's sharing their gifts and talents with the world. Let's support and uplift our young people — encourage them to submit, or share on their behalf!
👉🏽 Submit your November Celebration info here:
https://tinyurl.com/McCoyNovemberCelebrations





Since our next reunion will be over Juneteenth weekend we thought it would be great to share not only some family history but some over all black history each month

✅ Ida B. Wells – A fearless journalist and civil rights activist who led an anti-lynching crusade in the 1890s and co-founded the NAACP. 📰
✅ Garrett A. Morgan – Invented the modern gas mask and the three-light traffic signal, saving countless lives. 🚦
✅ Mary McLeod Bethune – Founded Bethune-Cookman University and served as an advisor to President Franklin D. Roosevelt. 🎓
✅ Robert Smalls – An enslaved man who heroically commandeered a Confederate ship during the Civil War, freeing himself and his crew, later becoming a U.S. Congressman. ⚓
✅ Dr. Mae Jemison – In 1992, she became the first African American woman to travel into space aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour. 🚀

✅ McCoy Family Fact:
Our cousin Eugene "Salt" Smith received the honorary Key to the City of Aliquippa after over 40 years of service to the community.
– Thank you, Cousin leaving an awesome legacy of service!
✅ Looking for more inspirational family facts please share we have a rich history.



📢 Final Note from the Planning Team
This newsletter was created with love and is in no way meant to exclude anyone. We've included the information provided by family members who filled out the form. If we missed anyone, we truly apologize and ask for your grace as we build this together. 💛 Our goal is to continue this monthly, so let's start gathering our November celebrations now! 👉🏻 Submit your November info here: https://tinyurl.com/McCoyNovemberCelebrations
We also need your help!
📍 We're collecting physical addresses for all VIP family members (Ma & Pa's living grandchildren (the sons & daughters of Ma & Pa's 6 kids).
👥 Plus, we're looking for 2–3 volunteers from each of Ma & Pa's family lines to help us gather birthdays, anniversaries, phone numbers, and more.
If you're willing to help or have questions, please reach out:
📱 Text us at 412-414-8443
🌐 Or connect with us on Facebook: McCoy Family Facebook Group
Let's continue celebrating, connecting, and preserving our beautiful legacy—together. 💛

TIMOTHY 4:12 (NIV)
"DON'T LET ANYONE LOOK DOWN ON YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE YOUNG, BUT SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE BELIEVERS IN SPEECH, IN CONDUCT, IN LOVE, IN FAITH AND IN PURITY"

