

THE JDF FOOTPRINTS NEWSLETTER

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Promoting foot health and healthy lifestyles for the underserved.

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Foot health, general health and mental health all work together to keep our bodies strong. Our Community Giveaways provide goods to people in need to help improve their lifestyles. Last fall we saturated Newport News, VA with goods families could use just in time for the kids to return to school. We partnered with the African American Historical Society of Newport News, AAHSNN, to honor and celebrate WWII, Korean and Vietnam vets, along with 98-year old Colonel Aaron Dotson, father of JDF co-founder, Robert Jenkins. Robert is a native of this underserved community and he didn't go back home empty handed. Pictured on the bottom left is some of the merchandise he gave back to his hometown. Robert is seated on the right. Below is an event review.



Newport News native Robert Jenkins speaking at the 2022 Armed Forces Day celebration with Col. Aaron Dotson on the left behind him.

Armed Forces Family Day 2022



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On August 28th 2022 Veterans from WWII, KOREA, VIETNAM and the citizens of Newport News were blessed beyond their wildest imagination by the Jenkins Donelson Foundation in a giveaway celebration that almost defies description. Carolyn and Robert Jenkins knew that our military veterans, their families, and the needy were more often overlooked and forgotten than celebrated; what can we do, they asked? Recruiting the African American Historical Society of Newport News as partners they launched a most ambitious giveaway campaign this city has ever seen. Congressman, mayor, Veterans Administration, American Legion, City of Newport News, and a host of vendors, volunteers, and citizens to this day marvel and speak with the highest praise and gratitude to the Jenkins Donelson Foundation for their grand giveaway. We're honored to share a few words of recognition.

Ernest Thompson
African American Historical Society of Newport News

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