CRMVet Newsletter

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BYP 100 organizers mobilizing at their direct action.

BYP100 is National, member-based organization of Black 18-35 year old activists and organizers, dedicated to creating justice and freedom for all Black people. We do this through building a network focused on transformative leadership development, direct action organizing, advocacy, and political education using a Black queer feminist lens.

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Annual Report for 2025

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WEBSITE REPORT

As of January 1st, our online archive contained 11,041 viewable pages, documents, images, and recordings, 486 videos in our Vimeo video channel, and listings for 696 Freedom Movement veterans.

According to Google, there were 28,879 visits to the CRMA website during December for an average of 931 per day. This is approximately 36% higher than December of last year. Though if we subtract the 8753 from China (as discussed below) our total December traffic is 20,126 which is just slightly less than December of 2024.

Out on the global internet there are 31,470 backlinks to our site by websites owned by organizations, schools, and individuals using us as an information resource.

Roughly 46% of our visitors came from outside the U.S. in December. That is an unusually high number. On average over the course of a year, international users make up 15%-20% of our users. We are proud that our Freedom Movement of the 1960s is still of interest to people around the world and that our site still stands as a free, publicly-available, un-censored international information resource.

For many years, the number of monthly visitors from China has been in the mid hundreds. But starting last August they jumped up into the thousands per month (over 10,000 in October) and 8753 in December — 30% of our total visitors. We have no explanation for this sudden surge in traffic. Perhaps there has been a change in China's centralized educational curriculum, or maybe it is some artifact of AI harvesting raw data from our (and the world's) websites. This unusually high traffic from China skews our totals and traffic comparisons from previous times.

PLEASE DONATE

With a Little Help From Our Friends,
We'll keep on keeping on.

Ever since we established the CRMA (originally known as "CRMVet") in 1999, it has been almost entirely funded by personal donations from Freedom Movement veterans and individual supporters. We carry on this work with almost zero institutional support, foundation grants, or philanthropic contributions. So if you find our CRMA site useful and worthy, please click donate to keep us alive and growing. You can donate via **check,** your bank's **Bill Pay** service, or **PayPal.** Thank you for anything you are able to contribute.

OUR SISTER SITES

SNCC Legacy Project (SLP). SLP preserves and extends SNCC's legacy. Although SNCC the organization no longer exists, we believe that its legacy continues and needs to be brought forward in ways that continue the struggle for freedom, justice and equality today.

Movement History Initiative. A collaborative effort by multiple organizations to build an integrated platform for preserving — and continuing to make freely available to the public — the history, thoughts, stories, strategies, images, videos, and materials of up-from-below peoples' struggles for freedom, justice, and equality. It is being created by veterans of the 1960s Freedom Movement and modern-era, grassroots social- justice activists in Black communities who share their lives-lived experiences from the inside-out to combat distortions, false-narratives and censorship. And to provide momentum for movement building today.

SNCC Digital Gateway (SDG). A joint project of SLP and Duke University, SDG tells the story of how young activists in SNCC united with local people in the South to build a grassroots movement for change that empowered the Black community and transformed the nation.

Black Power Chronicles. The SNCC Legacy Project created the Black Power Chronicles (BPC) in 2015 to help fill the informational void that exists in our historical record about the impact of the Black Power Movement in local communities throughout America.

SCOPE 50. Preserving Civil Rights and the Story of Voting. Website of SCLC/SCOPE project activists.

Veterans of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement. Empowering the next generation, passing it on to carry it on by preserving the history of the Mississippi Movement.

Teaching for Change and Zinn Education Project. Provides teachers and parents with the tools to create schools where students learn to read, write, and change the world by promoting and supporting the teaching of people's history in middle and high school classrooms across the country.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From Protest to Power Podcasts . SNCC Legacy Project (SLP). The central theme of these visual podcasts is the ongoing effort of the Black community to achieve the power to define its existence in America.

Movement Art: If you are aware of any works of art related to the Freedom Movement such as paintings, drawings, murals, statues, and so on, please take a look at our Civil Rights Movement Art page to see if we already have an image of it in our collection. If it isn't included in our collection please email us an image we can post, or a weblink, or some other information that we can use. Thanks.

Movement Materials: Please continue to email to us documents, letters, reports, stories, and other Southern Freedom Movement materials from the period 1950-1970. *See* Submissions details.

TOP-TEN MOST VIEWED

According to Google, here are the top-ten, most-visited sections and individual pages in December. (Note that Google does not count how often PDF files are accessed. Since most of our documents are in PDF format, the "Top Ten" lists are not all that accurate.)

Sections, Landing & Reference Pages

1. C.R. Movement History 1950-1970
2. Freedom Rides and Freedom Riders Resources
3. Freedom Movement Photo Album
4. Freedom Movement Bibliography
5. About the Civil Rights Movement Archive
6. Poems of the Civil Rights Movement
7. March on Washington: Articles & Speeches
8. Civil Rights Movement Major Topic Resources
9. Freedom Movement Videos
10. MLK Speeches & Writings,

Individual Pages & Documents

1. The Other America, Dr. Martin Luther King. (1967)
2. C.R. Movement History: 1961 (Freedom Rides, MS voter registration, Albany GA)
3. C.R. Movement History: 1960 (student sit-ins)
4. C.R. Movement History: 1963 Jan-June (Birmingham, Greenwood, Danville)
5. Louisiana Voter Application and Literacy Tests
6. Poems of Langston Hughes
7. Poem: *Ain't I A Woman?* Sojourner Truth
8. An Appeal For Human Rights (Atlanta Student Movement) (1960)
9. Photo Album: Freedom Movement Posters
10. C.R. Movement History: 1955 (Emmett Till, Montgomery Bus Boycott)

Top Ten Sections & Pages That Others on the Internet Link To

Google reports that out on the global internet there are 31,470 backlinks to materials on our site by people, organizations, grade schools, and universities using us as a trusted information resource. The Top-Ten linked to pages are:

1. CRMA Home Page
2. The Other America, Dr. Martin Luther King. (1967)
3. The Medical Committee for Human Rights (MCHR)
4. Are You "Qualified" to Vote?—Literacy Tests & Voter Applications
5. Public Opinion Polls on Civil Rights Movement activities, 1961-1969
6. *Martin Luther King and the Montgomery Story* Comic Book. (Fellowship of Reconciliation)
7. C.R. Movement History: 1961 (Freedom Rides, MS voter registration, Albany GA)
8. C.R. Movement History: 1960 (student sit-ins)
9. C.R. Movement History: 1963 Jan-June (Birmingham, Greenwood, Danville)
10. Speech to Anti-War Protest, Dr. Martin Luther King. (April 15, 1967)

New Resource Pages

Montgomery Bus Boycott & Rosa Parks Resources, updated

New Movement Documents

1961 SNCC Executive Committee Agenda 8/11/61. Charles McDew & Edward King, SNCC

1961 SNCC Office Report, general report on SNCC activities. Undated (possibly discussed at 8/11/61 ExCom meeting).

1961 SNCC Fall Conference Committee Report, discussed at 8/11/61 ExCom meeting

1963 Report of Federal Aid, AK, KS, LA, MI, NM, OK, TX. USCRC. 1963.

1964 Suggestions for Helping Carole Merritt. Unsigned SNCC. Support mobilization memo for SNCC worker jailed in Canton MS. 2/8/64

1964 Letter to Norma Becker re Freedom Schools curriculum conference, Lois Chaffee, COFO. 3/2/64. 2 pages.

1964 Memo to Norma Becker re UFT locals adopting particular schools for support. John O'Neal, COFO. 3/6/64. 2 pages.

1964 Memo to Norma Becker with copy of letters sent to UFT, Penny Patch, COFO. 3/10/64. 3 pages

1964 Letter to Al Shanker re UFT support for Mississippi Freedom Schools. Bob Moses, COFO. 3/10/64. 2 pages.

1964 Note to Norma Becker re Freedom Schools, Charles Cogen, UFT. 3/13/64 .

1964 Note to Norma Becker re Pittsburgh PA AFT and Freedom Schools, Charles Cogen, UFT. 3/25/64

1964 Women in Poverty. DOL. July 1964.

64?65? CORE Organizational Manual -- Revised. Charles Oldham, CORE. Undated (probably 1964 or 1965). 5 pages.

64?65? Test. Unsigned, Louisiana CORE. Test of Civil Rights Movement knowledge, possibly for potential staff. Undated (probably late 1964 or early 1965). 5 pages.

64?65? SNCC Executive Committee members Undated (1964, '65, or maybe '66).

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1965 Tightening Present Projects, Beginning New Programs. Memo to SNCC Executive Committee. Bruce Gordon, SNCC.Undated (probably 1965). 4 pages.

1965 Memo: Executive Committee Meeting. Cleve Sellers, SNCC. 6/30/65.

1965 Memo to Don White re attending Executive Committee Meeting. Cleve Sellers, SNCC. 6/30/65.

Freedom Information Service (FIS) Newsletters

September 1, 1967
September 8, 1967
September 15, 1967
September 22, 1967
September 29, 1967

WATS & Phone Reports (Log of daily phone-in reports)

COFO June 26, 1964.	Columbus MS arrests for handing out leaflets.
SNCC June 26, 1964	Itta Bena MS FBI response to previous incident. Chicago IL student sit-in at U.S. Attorney. Meridian & Philadelphia MS John Lewis & others
SNCC June 26, 1964.	Illinois support protests. Itta Bena MS FBI arrest of three anti-movement harassers.
SNCC June 26, 1964.	Jackson MS missing volunteer, threats, media attention.
SNCC June 26, 1964.	New York City support vigils and meetings. Clinton MS church firebombed. Holmes Co. MS Stokeley Carmichael & Charlie Cobb arrested

Documents from the Northern Wing of the Movement

1963	N-VAC	Nonviolent training syllabus, Bruce Hartford
1964	N-VAC	Pages From a Picket Captains Notebook, Bruce Hartford.
1964	N-VAC	Membership Requirements. Undated (probably early 1964)
1960s		Typical 1960s-era organizational membership cards.

Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) Documents

66? 67?	No Aid and Comfort for the C.I.A!, War Complicity Committee, UCB SDS. Undated (probably 1966 or 1967)
1966	SDS Regional Newsletter Northern Calif. Jan 10, 1966. (18 pages)
1966	Old Town Strike. University of Maine, SDS. Report on SDS support for textile worker strike and problems encountered.
1966	The Role of the Organizer, Walt and Carol Shepperd, SDS. 7/15/66. 14 pages.
1966	Economic Aspects of Imperialism, Harry Magdoff. Monthly Review Nov. 1966. Distributed by Radical Education Project. 32 pages.
1966	Alienation or Participation: the Sociology of Participatory Democracy, Martin Oppenheimer. December 1966. 9 pages.

New Letters & Reports From the Field

6/4/64	Arthur Thomas, NCC	Update on Canton MS
7/10/64	Rev. Alexander Harper, NCC	Report on voter registration work in Canton MS , 4 pages
7/15 /64	Rev. Harvey Beach, NCC	Dear Mrs. Devine, thoughts on role of education in Canton MS movement.
8/2/64	Byrd & McCray, NCC	Minister's Report, NCC work in Canton MS
8/27/64	Rab. Gerald Engel, NCC	General Evaluation of Stay Aug 18-27, Canton MS

New Letters & Reports From Mississippi Freedom Summer

8/4	Dear Friends, Philip Sharp. 5 short letters from Canton MS.
8/6	Letter to family, Larry Wright. Holly Springs, death of Wayne Yancy
8/8	Dear Pa, Mona, Thome, and all, Bernard Wasow. Letter from Columbus MS
8/9	Dear Ones, Judy. Summary letter from Shaw. 2pages.
8/11	Dear Mom and Pop, Judy. Shaw MS.
8/18	Dear Friend, David Barnum. 8 pages descriptive letter from Holmes Co. MS.

New Stories & Narratives

Black Power Chronicles Interviews

Koko Barnes,	interviewed by Faye Edwards Coleman. Newport News VA, SNCC, Black Panther Party, New School Afro-American Thought, Emmett Till, Linwood Bunch, UCC Commission for Racial Justice.
Milton Coleman,	interviewed by Kwame Holman. Milwaukee, Greenwood Black Power declaration 1966, Stokely Carmichael, Malcolm X, the Black press, impact of Black Power movement.
Nkenge Touré,	interviewed by Nkechi Taifa. Early activism, Black Panther Party, The Black Voice, arrest, women's issues, DC Rape Crisis Center, National Black Women's Health Project.
Reggie Robinson,	interviewed by Karen Spellman. East Baltimore, Civic Interest Group (CIG), SNCC, Mississippi, Ella Baker, Bob Moses, Washington DC, Juneteenth.

New Articles & Speeches From the Southern Freedom Movement

Address to the Annual Meeting of Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity, Jackson MS. Charles Wittenstein, AJC. . 9/10/64. 2 pages.

How Companies Use Rights Act to Break Southern Unions. Jack Minnis, SNCC/SCEF. Undated 1967

In Memory, New Tributes

No new memories or tributes added this month.

Frequently Asked Questions, New Answers:

No new answers added this month.

New Poems

Reflection on White Civil Rights Veterans. Maria Gitin. 2025

New Photos, Art, & Posters

Young People Lead the Way
The Louisiana Movement

Web Links and Bibliography updated, revised, & expanded.

Archive of Previous Monthly Newsletters

Recent Books by or About Movement Veterans:

Police Against the Movement: The Sabotage of the Civil Rights Struggle and the Activists Who Fought Back. Clark Davis. 2025. Princeton University Press. An examination of the civil rights struggle through its work against police violence, malpractice, and illegal surveillance such as the FBI's massive CONINTEL disruption and political-repression program. Describes CORE, SNCC, and other organization's direct action resistance to police abuses.

Spell Freedom: The Underground Schools That Built the Civil Rights Movement. Atria/One Signal Publishers (Simon & Schuster) March 2025. The little known story of how four activists in the 1950s created and built a semi-clandestine network of Citizenship Schools across the Jim Crow South. A network that formed a foundation for the Freedom Movement's voting rights battles of the 1960s. Septima Clark, Esau Jenkins, Bernice Robinson, and Myles Horton of the Highlander Center.

Recent Books by or About Movement Veterans:

Mississippi's Black Cotton. By MacArthur Cotton and John Obee, foreword by Nikole Hannah-Jones. University of Georgia Press. May 1, 2025. A personal history of the 1960's Mississippi Civil Rights Movement by SNCC Field Secretary MacArthur Cotton, who lived it.

If Anybody Should Ask You ... This Is What Happened: A Memoir, by Gwendolyn J. Dennis-Mack. 2024. The personal story of an African American high school girl who joined the movement of young people to desegregate American classrooms in Deep South Georgia.

More Voices of Civil Rights Lawyers: Continuing the Struggle, by Kent Spriggs. Stories and descriptions by 23 Civil Rights Lawyers about their struggles to advance and maintain human rights in the United States South.

The Tougaloo Nine: The Jackson Library Sit-In at the Crossroads of Civil War and Civil Rights, by M.J. O'Brien. University Press of Mississippi. 2025. Detailed story and historical context of key student-led direct action protest in Mississippi.

As always comments, suggestions, corrections, and submissions from Freedom Movement activists are welcome. Veterans of the Southern Freedom Movement who are listed on the website's Roll Call are encouraged to contribute to the website their stories, thoughts, documents, and memories & tributes of those who have passed on by emailing them in to us.

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