

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Vancouver Police Department Selects New Chief: The city of Vancouver recently chose a new police chief. Acting Chief Brain Martinek assumed the role of Chief of the Vancouver Police Department. I sent Chief Martinek our congratulations shortly after the announcement of his appointment.

In that congratulatory message I encouraged the new Chief to engage the Branch on the issues of diversity, racial profiling, disparate treatment and youth employment. We look forward to developing a working relationship with Chief Martinek.

We are proud to say that there was at least one African American finalist. Mr. Tommy W. Tunson possesses Juris Doctor, Bachelor of Science, is a veteran of Dessert Storm and is bilingual (English and Spanish). It is not often that you find a candidate with such outstanding credentials.

I have suggested to Chief Martinek that he consider Mr. Tunson as his Deputy Chief. Selected or not Mr. Tunson has impeccable credentials. Not even the Columbian could deny his credentials; they just chose not to print them. Visit our website and check out Mr. Tunson's resume for yourself.

Earl W. Ford

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2002

10:00AM – 12:00 noon

COMMUNITY AME ZION CHURCH

3605 E 13TH STREET

SPEAKER MR. TONY ORANGE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

WASHINGTON STATE COMMISSION ON AFRICAN AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Mr. Orange is conducting a series of **Regional Feedback Forums** around the state. The Vancouver forum is one in a series of regional feedback forums hosted throughout Washington State. It has been designed to share and seek important information regarding issues impacting African Americans.

At this forum, you and others will have the opportunity to:

- Hear an update regarding 2002 Legislative Agenda
- Provide input regarding 2003 Legislative Agenda

The upcoming forum will be co-sponsored by the:

Vancouver Branch NAACP

www.naacpvanc.org

360-256-6232

Community AME Zion Church

360- 693-4566

Vancouver Masonic Lodge # 47

If you have any questions please contact Tony Orange at (360) 752-0127 or Earl Ford at (360) 885-0644, earlwford@aol.com. We sincerely hope to see you there.

Vancouver Branch NAACP

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