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## Tommie Smith Says He's Living Dr. King's Dream



Tommie Smith, who as a U.S. Olympian raised a gloved-fist during the medal ceremony 50 years ago in Mexico City, spoke Thursday at Solano College about the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s hope that the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners would one day be able to sit together at the table of brotherhood.

"I am living Dr. King's dream," Smith said.

A Georgia resident, Smith noted King during his "I have a dream" speech in 1963 referred to the red hills of Georgia as the site for that table of brotherhood.

Smith spoke in the Theater Building as part of Solano College's celebration of Black History Month. He recalled being a senior in high school when King spoke in Washington, D.C.

Smith spoke for 40 minutes after a video that provided background on the 1968 Olympics and what followed his protest. He also took questions from the audience. A book signing followed the talk in the lobby. His book can still be purchased in the SCC Bookstore.

Read the [article in the Daily Republic](#).

*Very special thanks to Jessica Marksbury for the photos.*

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## Black History Month Continues with Military Vets

SCC will host a panel discussion from 11 am to noon on Wednesday with retired Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Jesse Branch and retired Air Force Chief Master Sgt. James Harris as part of the ongoing celebration of Black History Month.

Branch, the first black American promoted to sergeant major in the Corps, is a native of Columbia, S.C. He joined the Marines in 1951, serving in Korea and Vietnam. Among the 14 medals Branch received is the Silver Star, a military decoration for gallantry in combat, and the Purple Heart, the latter accorded to all service persons who were wounded in combat.

Harris began his Air Force career in 1961 and was one of the original Tuskegee Airmen, the popular name for a group of black military pilots who fought in World War II. After his 28-year career, he was recognized as Veteran of the Year in the city of Dixon and continues his work by assisting active-duty service members, their families and veterans in Solano County.

Both men will share their experiences with discrimination throughout their military careers, talk about their difficulties obtaining promotions, and discuss the discrimination they encountered upon returning to civilian life.

Please join us for this event in Building 1400 on the main campus. [Read more in the Times Herald](#).

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## The Sounds of Jazz - Mini Concert



The SCC Jazz Ensemble performed in the 1400 building lobby last Wednesday. The



mini-concert lasted for 40 minutes.

There are plans for repeat performances throughout the spring semester. Students, faculty and staff are always invited to walk over to listen to cool jazz. The dates and times will be posted throughout campus.

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## Employee Assistance Program Newsletter Now Available

The February 2018 edition of [Member Pulse](#), a monthly Employee Assistance Program newsletter, is now available.

**This edition includes the following article topics:**

“Hand-Only CPR: Buying Time Until Help Arrives”

“Keep Moving for a Healthy Hand”

“The New Blood Pressure Numbers: Keeping Yours Under Control”

“Healthy Recipes of the Month”

Log on to access online tools for managing stress, as well as expert guidance, articles and resources for daily living.

**Please Note:**

To use *Member Matters*, you'll need your company access code, which is the word **wise**.

To access some areas of *Member Pulse* you will need a user name and password.

You can create this by entering your company code on the registration page and following the prompts:

<https://members.mhn.com/external/public/default/registration>

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## Club Promo Event Builds Memberships



Club Promo – Spring was held last week in the 1400 Lobby. Among those clubs represented was the French Club, Veterans and even the Cat Club.

This event is held every fall and spring to build club memberships by informing our students of the types of clubs and activities that are available to them here at SCC.

# Happening This Week...



The flyer features logos for the Tri-City NAACP (with text: 'TRICITY BRANCH - UNIT 1000', 'FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COMMUNITIES', 'N.A.A.C.P. 1909', 'SAN FRANCISCO', 'SAN MATEO', 'SOLANO'), UMOJA, and Solano Community College. The background is a stylized American flag. The text reads: '& Tri-City NAACP Presents Voter Education and Registration Workshop at Solano Community College February 14th, 2018 at 12:00 pm In the UMOJA village BLDG 400 Rm 437 Why should I vote!?!'

## Softball

Tuesday, Feb. 13 - Solano @ College of San Mateo (1 & 3 pm)

Thursday, Feb. 15- Solano @ Diablo Valley College(1 & 3 pm)

## Baseball

Tuesday, Feb. 13- Skyline College @ Solano (2pm)

Saturday, Feb. 17- Santa Rosa College @ Solano (1pm)

## President's Holiday

Campus Closed Feb. 16-19



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