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DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S BLACK HISTORIC SITES COMMITTEE TO HONOR ITS FOUNDER ON VETERAN'S DAY, NOVEMBER 11

DETROIT- Join the Detroit Historical Society's Black Historic Sites Committee on Veteran's Day as members honor the group's founder, Ernest C. Browne, Jr. with a wreath laying ceremony at his grave site at 11:30 a.m. in Elmwood Ceremony. Afterward, attendees are invited to join the committee at the Detroit Historical Museum for a reception.

Browne, a World War II pilot that trained at Moton Field in Tuskegee, Alabama, was a civic leader in Detroit. In addition to serving on Detroit's City Council from 1970 to 1977, he served as President of the Michigan Municipal League, a Regional Director of the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials and a Trustee of Starr Commonwealth for Boys.

In 1971, Browne founded the Black Historic Sites Committee to promote greater understanding and appreciation of the contributions of African Americans to the historical development of Metro Detroit. The following year, Browne, along with five other distinguished veterans, founded the Tuskegee Airmen National Museum to honor the contributions of blacks in World War II.

Ernest C. Browne, Jr. died in 2010. For more information on this event or the Black Historic Sites Committee, please visit [facebook.com/BHSC71](https://www.facebook.com/BHSC71).

The **Detroit Historical Society**, established in 1921, is a private, nonprofit organization located in Midtown, the heart of Detroit's cultural center. Founded in 1921, its mission is to tell Detroit's stories and why they matter. Today, the Society operates the Detroit Historical Museum and the Dossin Great Lakes Museum. In addition, the Society is responsible for the conservation and preservation of more than 250,000 artifacts that represent three centuries of our region's rich history. Through its museum exhibits, school tour programs, community-based programs and history-themed outreach efforts, the Society serves more than 150,000 people annually.

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