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# CONCERNED BLACK MEN Los Angeles

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*“Supporting Our  
Mission”*

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## *President's Message*



I want to thank the members of the Public Relations Committee for reviving our CBMLA Newsletter. Special thanks to Michael Vasser, Chair of the Public Relations Committee and Benjamin Warner, Member, Public Relations Committee. I appreciate all of their hard work and effort.

Each issue of the newsletter will include a message from me. In this issue, I would like to focus on our **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual CBMLA Awards Gala taking place on Saturday August 19, 2017 from 6:00-11:00 PM at The Proud Bird. The Proud Bird is located at 11022 Aviation Blvd, Los Angeles,**

**CA 90045.** The theme this year is: **“Guiding Today, Creating Direction for Their Tomorrow”**, and our Keynote Speaker is Hampton University graduate Kevin Frazier, Co-Host of *Entertainment Tonight* and founder of urban entertainment website HipHollywood.com. Ticket costs are \$85.00 when purchased before August 1; \$95.00 when purchased after August 1.



Some of the awards include the Mentee/Mentor of the Year for the Welcome to Manhood, Emerging Leaders and CARES Programs during 2016-2017, in addition to recognizing our sponsors for their continued support of our mission. The evening will also include good food, entertainment and a silent auction.

Please support the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Awards Gala by attending! Get your tickets today by going to our website at [www.cbmla.org](http://www.cbmla.org), or contacting Sandra Anderson, Chair, Awards Gala Committee at (323) 868-1073.

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you there!

**Mark H. Anderson**  
President, CBMLA

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*“Enhancing the  
Membership  
Experience”*

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## *Committee Spotlight: Membership*

From CBMLA Membership Chair, Dion R. James:



Membership is key for any organization to thrive. Our plans are to enhance the membership experience, communication, and service for Concerned Black Men Los Angeles in a number of ways, including but not limited to, membership promotion, integration, engagement education, and entertainment.

Some brief notes: at the time of this submission, we have 64 members; the Membership Committee has held two of four member orientations (“mixers”) this year; we held our first, monthly in-person committee meeting this past July.

We are confident that, with the help of all our members, we will surpass our 2017 goal of 100 members before December 31, 2017. In addition, our 2017 **President’s Goals & Expectations** include an addition of 60 mentors, 60 mentees, and 4 schools.

Save the date!

### **In-person Meetings**

1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays – 11am-1pm @ CBMLA Office

### **Membership Orientations**

Quarterly (TBA) Saturdays – 12pm-2pm

It is my pleasure and passion to serve in this role for CBMLA. If any member is interested in serving on the Membership Committee or has any questions or comments regarding this committee’s purpose, feel free to contact me.



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*“Caring for Our  
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## ***A Look Around the Organization***

### **Nick Gabaldón Day!**

Saturday marked CBM's fourth year of participation in Nick Gabaldón Day. Though we had a small group, our mentees had a great time.

The Annual Nick Gabaldón Day celebrates Santa Monica Bay's first documented surfer of African- and Mexican-American descent. The celebration takes place at the historic Inkwel, Tower 20, a historical African-American beach site from the Jim Crow era, and the location where Nick Gabaldón first began his ocean experiences. (Santa Monica Conservancy)

Our mentees received a history lesson, lunch, surf lessons, beach safety instructions and more along with other groups of well-deserving youngsters of color. This was all free, courtesy of Heal the Bay, Surf Academy, and The Black Surfers Collective.





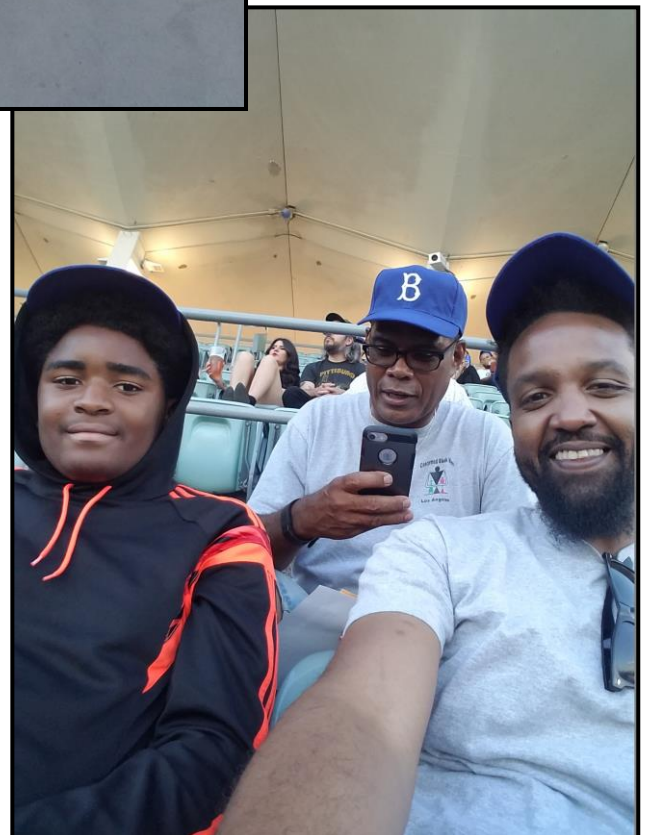
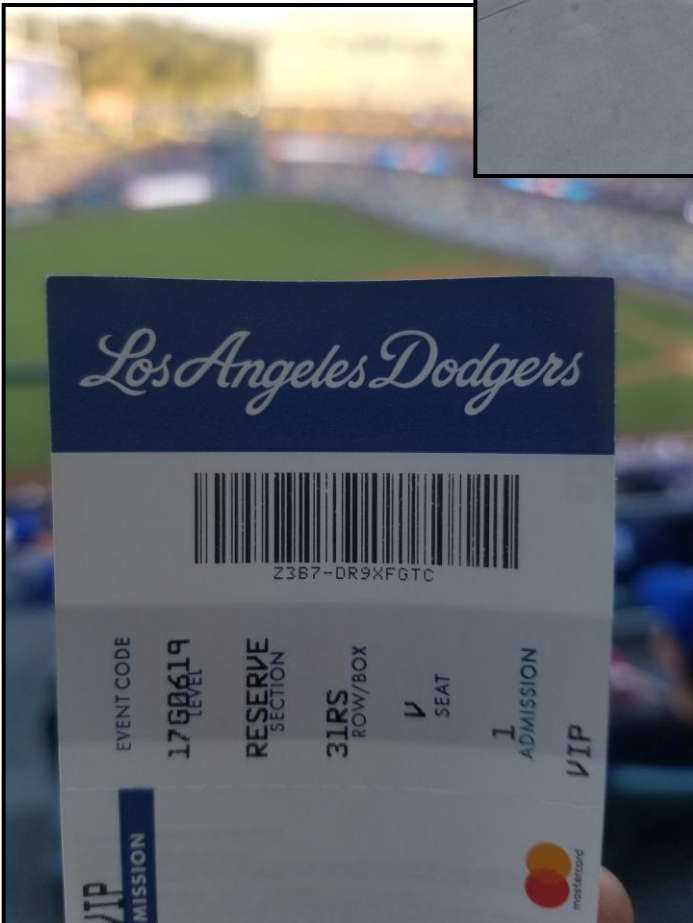
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## *Look Around the Organization*

### Welcome to Manhood visits Edwards Air Force Base!

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On Thursday July 6, 2017, a group of CBMLA mentors and mentees participated in a field trip to Edwards Air Force Base in Lancaster, CA for a guided tour of several airplane hangars and as well as to view the aircraft in those hangars. Of greatest interest was the RQ-4 Global Hawk, an unmanned surveillance aircraft (UAV). The Global Hawk is operated by the United States Air Force, used as a high-altitude platform covering the spectrum of intelligence collection capability to support forces in worldwide military operations. Pictured below are our mentees and mentors in the hangar housing the RQ-4 Global Hawk at EAFB. Special thanks to Cedric White, CBMLA member (Lancaster), for organizing this field trip!

