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Newport News Sheriff Gabe Morgan gets White House Invitation

The White House extends an invitation to Sheriff Gabe Morgan to attend a celebration of African American History – A Salute to Volunteer Service.

The ceremony will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 22nd at the White House, Washington, DC.

Morgan made history earlier this year here in Newport News. He is the first African American to be elected Sheriff of Newport News. He is honored to be one of the invited guests to Wednesday's Black History Celebration in the nation's capitol.

President George W. Bush will be **speaking** at the ceremony. Following the 9-11 attacks on U.S. citizens, his administration renamed and expanded the Freedom Corps program. (freedomcorp.gov). The President believes strongly in the nation's commitment to volunteerism. From time-to-time, he recognizes citizens who stand out for their volunteer service.

Six individuals will be recognized at Wednesday's ceremony. While Sheriff Morgan is not among the elite six, he is honored to be an invited guest. Only a select group of individuals have been asked to be there.

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