

The Youth Resiliency Institute in partnership with the Cherry Hill Community Coalition presents

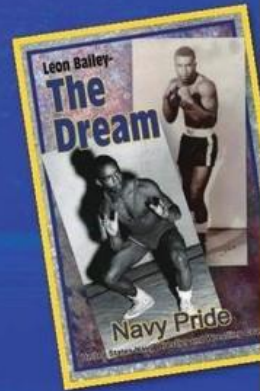
6TH ANNUAL CHERRY HILL ARTS & MUSIC WATERFRONT FESTIVAL



## Are You an African American Veteran from Cherry Hill?

This year the Cherry Hill Arts & Music Waterfront Festival is Celebrating African American Veterans from historic Cherry Hill.

# We Thank You!



**JULY 4, 2022 • 1pm-10pm • Middle Branch Park**

3301 Waterview Ave, Baltimore, MD 21230

**CHAMF wants to be part of the solution.**

We are bringing our partners together to help celebrate our African American Veterans from historic Cherry Hill and provide them with refreshments at our VIP tent during our 4th of July event at the Cherry Hill Arts & Music Waterfront Festival.

**FOOD TRUCKS • ARTS & CRAFT • CHILDREN'S VILLAGE • FIREWORKS SHOW AT 9:30PM**



June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Dear Mr. Leon Bailey,

On behalf of the Cherry Hill Arts & Music Waterfront Festival, we are excited to share that you have been selected to receive a Distinguished Award of Appreciation for your service as veteran. As a former member of the Armed Services, your commitment to your country is greatly honored by the Youth Resiliency Institute. Thank you for your time, bravery, and sacrifice for this country. Your strength also helped to lay a strong foundation in historic Cherry Hill. As you are aware, Cherry Hill was established as a community for GI's returning from WWII and Korea. This location was selected after several other options were opposed by whites who did not want African Americans moving too close to their neighborhoods. As such, we'd like to publicly recognize you during this year's in-person Cherry Hill Arts & Music Waterfront Festival to be held on July 4th in Middle Branch Park. We'd also like to promote your award via social media prior to the festival. Please share a photo of yourself that we have your permission to use publicly.

#### FESTIVAL BACKGROUND

The Cherry Hill Arts & Music Waterfront Festival is managed by the Youth Resiliency Institute (an organization under the umbrella of Fusion Partnerships, Inc). For over twelve years, YRI has been developing, researching, implementing and evaluating culturally responsive community arts in historic Cherry Hill. The festival was co-founded by great grandmother, artist and Cherry Hill resident Ms. Shirley Foulks and Youth Resiliency Institute executive director and cultural arts organizer Fanon Hill.

The Cherry Hill Arts & Music Waterfront Festival has quickly become one of the East Coast's premiere waterfront festivals. In July 2019, we hosted more than 5,000 attendees. You can learn more about the festival here: [cherryhillfest.com](http://cherryhillfest.com).

This year's Cherry Hill Arts & Music Waterfront Festival will be held from 1pm – 10pm at Middle Branch Park (3301 Waterview Rd., Baltimore, MD). We will be in contact with you to let you know what time the award's ceremony will be held during the festival.

Once again, congratulation. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (443) 934-1972 or [fanon@youthresiliencyinstitute.org](mailto:fanon@youthresiliencyinstitute.org).

Sincerely,

  
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