

# Q News

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## **Family Business Directory Needs Your Submissions!**

We are still soliciting submissions for our Family Business Directory. To date, we have only received two submissions. This can be a really great way to support family while getting the **Q**uality services and products you need. Our family is full of talented people, and we want us all to be able to have these contacts!

If you have a business or service you would like to include in the family business directory, send your information to [QuandersUnited@gmail.com](mailto:QuandersUnited@gmail.com). Please include name, phone number, email (if you have one), and your website (if applicable). Let's make this awesome resource happen!



## **Upcoming Events**

### **June 30**

Quanders United Cookout & General Meeting @ Cosca Regional Park, Lot #1

### **August 10 - 12**

VA Quander Reunion

### **October 2018**

Family Bus Tour – DC points of interest and Mt. Vernon (details coming soon!)

## **QUANDER FACT**

**Charles Henry Quander** was born in 1830. He had seven brothers and sisters. Charles Henry was a dairy farmer who eventually married Lucinda Hodge. Together they had 12 children, six boys and six girls. The family was based in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. A picture of the home he built in the 1870s graces the cover of this newsletter.

### ***DID YOU KNOW THIS?***

Do you have any Quander facts to share? Send them to [kelci.reedy@gmail.com](mailto:kelci.reedy@gmail.com) or [WatsonNation@gmail.com](mailto:WatsonNation@gmail.com).

### **KNOW YOUR HISTORY!**

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## Quanders featured in Prince George's County Black History Month Exhibition

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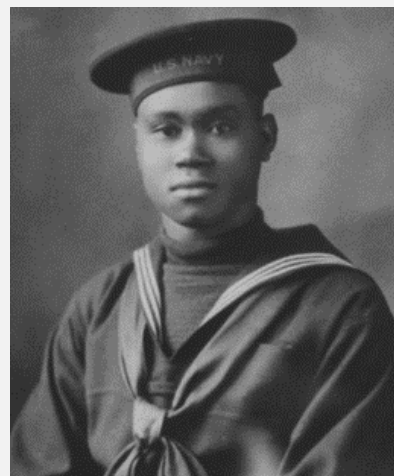
Over 40 Quander relatives were in attendance at the Harmony Hall Regional Center Sunday, January 28, 2018 for the opening of the *We Return Fighting* exhibition focused on World War I and the African American Experience. The exhibit was curated by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Black History Program, and was timed to coincide with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U. S. involvement in World War I. It featured historical artifacts and profiles of African American WWI veterans from Prince George's County and their families.

*We Return Fighting* captured the patriotism of African American enlistees and their support for the war effort, despite the oppressive racial climate African Americans experienced in the opening decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. John Edward Quander, Sr. and his first cousin, Peter Mercer Quander were among the 43 African American WWI veterans from Prince George's County that were featured in the exhibit.



**John Edward Quander, Sr.** was born in Upper Marlboro, Maryland October 29, 1896, the first of 13 children. He worked on a tobacco farm in Prince Georges County before moving to Washington, DC to work at Piggly Wiggly, Sanitary and Safeway food stores where he retired after 42 years. Mr. Quander served as a Corporal in the U.S. Army in World War I and was an active member of the American Legion. He continued to practice the discipline and hard work he learned in the Army throughout his life and passed those traits on to his family. Mr. Quander was a founding member of St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church, and a founding member of the Quanders United. He was also active in the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Holy Name Society, Knights of St. John, and the Kingman Park Civic Association.

**Peter Mercer Quander, Sr.**, the son of James Henry and Katherine (Kate) Quander, was also born in Upper Marlboro, Maryland in 1896. He worked as a farm hand for the Sasser family before migrating to Washington D.C. where he worked in a grocery store. Peter Quander joined the navy in 1918 and served in France as a corporal. As a member of the segregated armed forces, he was assigned a "colored job," mess hall duty onboard the USS Aspen, a cargo ship that ferried munitions between Norfolk, Virginia and French ports. He was honorably discharged in 1919 and resettled in Washington, D.C. Peter Quander was a co-founder of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church and founded its Holy Name Society, where he served as president for more than 30 years. He was also a member and president of the Knights of St. John Commandery #218, and was active with Federated Colored Catholics of the U.S.



The opening program for *We Return Fighting* included an address by Major General Linda L. Singh, Prince George's

County native and Maryland Adjutant General, speaking about challenging the glass ceiling and racism as an African American woman in the military.

Evelyn Quander Rattley, John Edward Quander's daughter and Quander matriarch, and Rohulamin Quander, President of the Quander Historical Society, were in attendance at the opening. Eleven of John Edward Quander's 14 living grandchildren and their families also attended the opening program for the exhibit, including John Edward Quander the third, named for his grandfather, and Helene Quander Hutchinson, who traveled from the Bahamas to be at the opening of the *We Return Fighting* exhibition.



Helene Quander Hutchinson and Evelyn Quander Rattley



CeCe Quander pointing to her grandfather's name

A photo collage that included portraits of Peter Mercer Quander and John Edward Quander was part of the exhibit, as well as a wall embossed with the names of the 43 African American WWI veterans from Prince George's County who were featured in *We Return Fighting*.



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The *We Return Fighting* exhibit was staged for Black History Month at the Harmony Hall Regional Center in Ft. Washington, Maryland from January 28 to March 9, 2018.

*This article was submitted by Sandra Rattley, a journalist and documentary film producer, daughter of Evelyn Quander Rattley, and granddaughter of John Edward Quander.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are saddened to hear of the untimely passing of  
**Jose Ramon Bumbray, Jr.** on April 5, 2018.  
Son of Jose Sr. and Helen Bumbray

**Next submission deadline for Q News is**

**Sunday, July 22, 2018**

**Be sure to submit your announcements and pictures  
to Kelci or Debbie by then!**

**Do you have any useful/informative/fun things to share? Submit in the following manner:**

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**We look forward to hearing from you!**