

Briare pledges full support for housing, employment

Bill Briare, 44, candidate for Mayor of Las Vegas, has made a contract with the Black community.

Briare said in an interview with the VOICE this week that his word is his contract. His word to the predominately Black community is that: -- "I support continued and expanded public housing in problem areas such as Vegas Heights, and Madison Terrace, which would provide home ownership as well as low income rentals. I would continue the effort to establish offsite improvements for Vegas Heights subdivision (streets, lights, and gutters).

"...Opportunity programs such as Comprehensive Employment Training Act and Economic Opportunity Board should be continued and expanded upon to allow the less fortunate an opportunity for training, counseling and jobs..."

"West Las Vegas, particularly Jackson Street and Golden West areas, should be redeveloped, and through city, state and federal agencies, minority businessmen should be given the technical management and financial assistance so that they might become a part of the mainstream of local and tourists business trade. Take affirmative action to secure municipal contracts with minority businesses."

Briare said he has lived in the Las Vegas area 20 years. He was a State Legislator from 1959 to 1960. "I couldn't afford to return, so I ran and was elected to the County Commission in 1961. I was reelected in 1965. After my second term as a commissioner, I stayed out of public office and stayed around the house as a private citizen with my wife and six children."

Briare owned an insurance business until 1971, when he sold it and acquired some rental income property--two office buildings. He calls himself a "small business investment manager."

He said his favorite hobby is fishing, which worked out very well recently for Elder Andrew Jackson, of Las Vegas.

Briare related the following story.

"One day at about 6 a.m., I was on shore when I heard faint screams for help from the deepest part of Lake Mead. I jumped into my boat and headed toward the screams. I found Jackson and a friend holding onto each other in the water. I pulled up beside them and said, 'You guys picked a fine time to go swimming,' I wasn't trying to be funny; it just came out. Jackson and his friend had been in the water for seven hours. Their boat had overturned, but luckily they had on life preservers."

Briare is one of the founders of the Economic Opportunity Board, and he served on the first board. "I like the board because it was the first time a group had gotten together in this area to help each other," Briare said.

Candidate Braire concluded, quote, "I would like to further emphasize this is my contract to the Black community of Las Vegas, and please note I am the only municipal candidate who has publicly stated a position on issues concerning the West Las Vegas community."



Marine Pilot Price



"Breeze" Goodlett

Black chopper pilots happy in Marine Corps

What does it take to become a Marine Corps helicopter pilot?

Two recent Black graduates of North Carolina colleges set good standards for comparison by aspiring "chopper" pilots: leadership qualities, achievement in academic and athletics plus the ability to accept challenges.

First Lt. Walter Eugene (Breeze) Goodlett flies the Marine Corps' Cobra, a light-weight jet attack helicopter that is fast and highly maneuverable. Flown by a two-man crew, it cruises at 160 miles per hour or dives at 190 mph.

First LT. James C. Price pilots a Sea Knight, a twin-turbin, tandem-rotor helicopter that can

transport 15 men or move 5,000 lbs. of supplies 100 nautical miles.

The two men are currently stationed at the Marine Corps Air Station, New River, North Carolina. Both excelled in high school, were college leaders, active in athletics and ready to meet the challenge of aviation and the Corps.

Price graduated in 1967 from Ralph J. Bunche High School in Weldon. He was vice president of student government there, an academic leader (fourth in a class of 61 persons), and a forward on the basketball team, averaging almost 20 points per game.

He continued to play basketball at North Carolina Wesleyan in Rocky Mount, N.C.,

where he received a bachelor's degree in 1971 and immediately was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps.

Coming from a similar background, 1st Lt. Goodlett was graduated in 1968 from North High School in Rowan. He was on the honor roll, played basketball and started learning karate.

At Western Carolina University, he was a member of the National Honor Society and vice president of a student organization.

Goodlett, too, was commissioned a second lieutenant upon graduation from WCU.

Price and Goodlett had joined the Corps' Platoon Leaders Class (PLC) and trained to become Marine officers

during summer vacations of their sophomore and junior years.

Shortly after college graduation, both were sent to flight school at Pensacola, Fla., for initial flight training in conventional aircraft.

When they completed basic instruction, Price and Goodlett chose helicopter aircraft for further training.

The first helicopter "hops" were unusual experiences for both Marines, because each had accumulated about 120 hours of flight time in conventional aircraft.

Both men suggest that those interested in learning more about opportunities in the Marine Corps should call 800-423-2600 (toll free) or contact their local recruiters.

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