

We are especially pleased and honored to feature the hope-filled work of the Women's Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church because of their positive message to our young men. June is noted for Father's Day. In Black America, our Black fathers have become an endangered species.

The recent Vietnam War commemorations have failed, for the most part, to note that the war was largely fought with Black blood. Our participation was so out of proportion to our

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numbers in America's population, that some questioned if our mammoth involvement were reflective of a Black genocidal plot.

Whatever the reasons for the disproportionate numbers of Black troops and casualties in the Vietnam War, our young of this generation are bereft of positive Black male role models. Thus, during this month when we celebrate Father's Day, it means a great deal when we can tell the story of Black women who are attempting-in addition to their many other programs-to provide leadership in meeting the needs of this generation of young people whose Black male role models have been decimated by the War in Vietnam.

Please write and share your views about this crisis in Black American life.

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