

Bennie Jackson Jr. Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Adult Sunday School Teacher at Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church, Palm Bay Florida. He is currently the sitting Treasurer for the [BRIGHT Justice Ministry](#) and past President of the NAACP South Brevard Branch Melbourne Florida. Mr. Jackson is also co-chairman of the [Summit of Seven Boys \(SofS\)](#) and Men Conference and Foundation he was instrumental in the introduction of STEM programs in the SofS Foundation. He is the current President of the Broward County Kampers Klub. My vision for the advancement of the NAARVC Southern Region Treasure position is automation with human final approval and complete financial transparency.

Mr. Jackson attended Ohio Institute of Technology and Southern Illinois University. He earned an associate of science degree in Communication Electronics Technology from Georgia Military College and a degree in Financial Planning from Florida Institute of Technology. He is a U.S. Navy Submarine qualified Veteran. During his distinguished 10 years of service he earned his Submarine Dolphins onboard the USS Henry L. Stimpson SSBN 655. He also served on the USS Compass Island AG- 153. The mission of the Navy's experimental ship, Compass Island is assisting in the development and evaluation of a navigational system independent of shore-based aids. The ship's inertial navigation system S.I.N.S has been called by Navy experts the most significant navigation development since the invention of the compass.

Mr. Jackson is the Past Sr. Engineering Manager of the Harris Corporation in Melbourne Florida where he was employed for 32 years. He was the first Black/African American to be promoted to Engineering Manager and served in the classified intelligence arena. His diverse department included at one point 150 engineers across 5 engineering disciplines supporting 52 different government contracts. Mr. Jackson was instrumental in development and testing of the training program to deploy the first Spread Spectrum Tactical Satellite System Terminal for the U.S. Army under the Jam-Resistant Secure Communications Program (JRSC). He developed the training program for the U.S Navy Multi-band Shipboard Satellite Communications Terminal. He also developed the training program for the FAA Air Traffic Controller and Airways Facilities Maintenance for the Voice Controlled Communication System (VSCS) the FAA's first digital switch platform.

During his 32 years he received many awards and recognition within the Harris Government Communication Systems Division supporting classified missions and programs. He retired from the Harris Corporation in 2016. He is currently a member of several community organizations as a civil rights advocate. He and his wife Dianne have been mentors in the Brevard Public School System for several years where they mentor and engage students in K-12 programs across a variety of subjects.

Mr. Jackson has served on many boards within the Black/African American community for over 30 years. His service has included after school programs in reading, math and engineering subjects within the community.

Mr. Jackson was born in Cincinnati Ohio and raised in Norristown Pa. He and his Dianne have four children Melissa, Juanita, Eric and Rashard they currently have seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren. His philosophy is "A Light House makes no noise, it just shines".