

## DEBBIE-ANN PAIGE



Debbie-Ann Paige is a public historian specializing in local African American history, a co-president of the newly chartered Richard B. Dickenson Staten Island Chapter of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS) and professional genealogist. She has worked on numerous local history projects including: In Pursuit of Freedom with the Brooklyn Historical Society; From Farm to City with the Staten Island Museum; the designation of the Louis Napoleon House as a site to freedom with

the National Park Service Underground Railroad Network on behalf of the Sandy Ground Historical Society, and the recent City Council street renaming of the corner of Fairview Avenue and Knox Place as "Samuel A. Browne Way" in the Castleton Hill section of Staten Island. Debbie-Ann has appeared as a historical interpreter on the Emmy winning show "Secrets of New York," and is working closely with Frederick Douglass Memorial Park to transcribe their historical records. She facilitates public history forums throughout Staten Island focused on the historical perspectives of race relations and lectures as an adjunct at the College of Staten Island.

Additionally, Debbie-Ann is a policy analyst with the Council of State Governments Eastern Regional Conference working with state policymakers on issues relevant to veterans' affairs and staffs the organization's new initiative Council on Communities of Color (CCC). For the past two years, Debbie-Ann has also served as an advisor to the Daniel Society, Center for Law and Justice.

Debbie-Ann holds a BS in Business Studies from Southern New Hampshire University, and both a BA and MA in History from the College of Staten Island, CUNY. She and her husband of 34 years resettled in Staten Island after Ernest retired from the USN 2004. Their son Eric lives in Brazil and daughter English lives on Staten Island. They recently welcomed two sweet kittens (T'Challa and Shuri) into their home.