

## Imam Dr. Talib M. Shareef, Masjid Muhammad, The Nation's Mosque



Talib M. Shareef is President and Imam of the historic, Nation's Mosque, Masjid Muhammad, in Washington, D.C. Imam Shareef, is a retired U.S. Air Force member with 30+ years of service; he has a Doctorate Degree from Global Oved Dei Seminary and University, an MBA from American Intercontinental University, a Diploma from the Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University, and the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center in Arabic and Middle East studies. He is a student of the late Imam W.D. Mohammed, Muslim-American Spokesman for Human Salvation.

Imam Shareef served as Imam in five U.S. cities and seven military locations around the world. Under the high patronage of His Majesty Mohammed VI, the King of Morocco, Imam Shareef received the Kingdom's highest Royal Medal and honor for his outstanding interfaith leadership. He was the first Imam with military service to open a session of the U.S. Congress with prayer. Imam Shareef was honored to sit with and be recognized for his service by President Obama at the White House. He was selected and featured as a Marquis *Who's Who in America*, 73<sup>rd</sup> edition. He was sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and the Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs to speak in several cities and meet with various local, national and international leaders in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He offered the opening prayer on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial for the 50th Anniversary of Dr. King's March on Washington; key speaker at former President George H.W. Bush's Points of Light Conference's Faith Summit; Spoke at the South African Embassy celebration of Nelson Mandela's life; led historic delegation to and addressed over 500,000 in South Africa; Hosted Press Conference/Panel for Presidential Candidate, Senator Bernie Sanders at the Nation's Mosque to address religious bigotry. Spoke at Sojourner Douglass College memorial honoring human rights activist, Coretta Scott King. He participated in signing the Abuja Peace Declaration organized by the International Global Peace Foundation and the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution in Nigeria. He led an interfaith delegation to Italy meeting with the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue. Co-organized, spoke and led the historic Islamic congregational prayer at the Washington National Cathedral. Addressed the ills of Human Trafficking on Capitol Hill. Facilitated Peace Forum at the Global Peace Convention in Manila, Philippines. He established the first Islamic Dietary Nutrition site for elderly members of all faiths in D.C. Served as councilmember for the National Summit on Non-Violence; member of the D.C. Mayor's Interfaith Council; served as President and Chairman of the Interfaith Conference based in the nation's capital. Director, American Muslims Against Terrorism and Extremism.

He served as keynote speaker for the Pentagon and Homeland Security Ramadan programs, co-initiated the U.S. Military commissioning its first Islamic Chaplain in 1993; served as Vice Commander/Chaplain of the Muslim American Veterans Association; Spoke and facilitated interfaith peacebuilding, countering/preventing terrorism/extremism forums in the countries of Denmark, S. Korea, Nigeria, South America, United Arab Emirates, Indonesia, Germany, Philippines, and N. Ireland. He traveled to the Middle East for an orientation on the Israeli-Palestinian Situation. Recipient of recognition such as the Muslim Journal's Imam of the Year Award, Global Ambassador for Peace, the Ministry of Imam W. Deen Mohammed Commitment to Service Award and the NAACP Roy Wilkins Leadership Award. Imam Shareef and wife, Tahirah, have three children, seven grandchildren, are custodial parents of three others and have fostered several children.