

INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP, NONVIOLENCE, & SERVICE

## LEARN LEAD SERVE INC.



GANDHI-KING  
SEASON FOR  
NONVIOLENCE



### You are invited to the 26th Annual Gandhi-King Season of Nonviolence Event!

Tuesday, March 28, 2023, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

The New York Society for Ethical Culture's Adler Concert Hall

2 West 64<sup>th</sup> St, at Central Park West, Manhattan, NY 10023



#### Keynote Speaker: Dr. Elizabeth Eckford

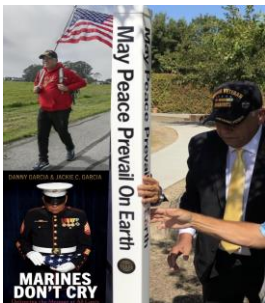
Elizabeth Eckford is a true hero of the Civil Rights Movement. In 1957, 15-year-old Elizabeth was one of nine Black students, now known as **The Little Rock Nine**.

Following the U.S. Supreme Court decision of *Brown v. Board of Education*, these students were chosen for their academic excellence to attend the most prestigious school in the state of Arkansas, previously all-white. In unlawful resistance, the Arkansas governor called upon the Arkansas National Guard to block these brave students from fulfilling this Court mandate. On that fateful day, Elizabeth arrived alone to an angry mob of segregationists. This photo by Will Counts galvanized worldwide attention, and U.S. President Eisenhower was prompted into responding to the crisis by calling in 1,200 armed Federal Troops to usher these students safely to school.

Elizabeth's courage in the face of extreme circumstances calls us into action to end the violence of racism that still plagues our communities and nation, and to stand for peace. Dr. Eckford went on to earn a Degree in History from Central State University in Ohio. In 2018, she was awarded an honorary Doctorate Degree from Knox College. Dr. Eckford is the subject of many historic books, including *Little Rock Girl 1957: How a Photograph Changed the Fight for Integration*, by Shelly Tougas. In 2018, she wrote her autobiography, *The Worst First Day: Bullied While Desegregating Little Rock Central High*. In 1999, Dr. Elizabeth Eckford was awarded the highest civilian award in the United States, the U.S. Congressional Gold Medal. [The Story Behind the Famous Little Rock Nine 'Scream Image' - HISTORY](#)



#### Meet Sergeant Danny Garcia



Famously known as "The Walking Man", Sgt Danny Garcia is a U.S. Marine and has walked over 52,000,000 steps on six continents for children and world peace since 1996. During his journeys, he has made presentations to Kings, Presidents, and other world leaders, including four U.S. Presidents, the Pope, and Mother Teresa, on his journey for peace. Danny will be walking to our event from Florida on his way to the UN through Washington, D.C., honoring and thanking God, veterans, first, responders, and their families. The story of Danny's life and passion for God is chronicled in his book "Marines Don't Cry." Danny walks to bring us together, not just as a nation but as a people. [About – Global Walk](#)

#### Multicultural and Intergenerational Speakers and Performers

United Nations World Flags Ceremony and dynamic presentations and performances by students and youth groups.

Please Join Us!

Families, Adults, Youth, and School Groups are Welcome!

For more information and to reserve seats, please go to

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