



Senator Bill Cassidy Announces 76th Washington Mardi Gras Congressman Troy Carter as Chairman King Rico Alvendia and Queen Kendall Williams to Reign

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Date June 26, 2024 – Senator Bill Cassidy, Captain of the Mystick Krewe of Louisianans, in conjunction with the Senior Lieutenants of the organization, proudly announce that **Congressman Troy A. Carter, Sr. of Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District, will serve as the Chairman of the 2025 Washington Mardi Gras Ball.** The event will be held from January 23-26, 2025, at The Washington Hilton.

“I am elated to serve as Chairman of this legendary event, and as a born and raised native of the Mardi Gras Center of the universe - New Orleans - I look forward to bringing a taste of the Big Easy to the Nation's Capital,” said Congressman Carter.

Carter has chosen Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Roderick “Rico” Alvendia to reign as King and Kendall Elizabeth Williams will reign as Queen of the 76th Washington Mardi Gras Ball.



Congressman Troy A. Carter, Sr. represents Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives, serving on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and as the Ranking Member on the Homeland Security Committee's Emergency Management and Technology subcommittee. He has a rich background in public service, including roles on the Small Business Committee, the Louisiana House of Representatives, the New Orleans City Council, and the Louisiana State Senate. Congressman Carter holds degrees from Xavier University, Holy Cross University, and has studied at Harvard and Carnegie Mellon. He has been honored with honorary doctorates from Xavier University and Southern University at New Orleans. Known for his advocacy in criminal justice reform, healthcare, civil rights, education, environmental justice, and mental health, Congressman Carter is also a dedicated family man, married to Brigadier General Ana Carter, with two sons, Troy Jr., and Joshua. They reside on the Westbank in New Orleans.



Rico Alvendia is an accomplished Louisiana attorney and the founding partner of Alvendia, Kelly & Demarest Law Firm in New Orleans. A 1998 graduate of Loyola Law School, Alvendia was named the Loyola Law Distinguished Alumni of the Year in 2008. He served honorably for 25 years as an Officer in the U.S. Army JAG Corps and was deployed to Baghdad, Iraq in 2004 with the Louisiana 256th Infantry “Tiger” Brigade. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his meritorious service during combat operations. Currently, Alvendia serves as a Presidential Appointee on the West Point Academy Board of Visitors. He co-founded the “Legion of Mars Mardi Krewe” in 2012, a New Orleans Carnival Organization dedicated to honoring and assisting veterans and first responders. He is married to Kristin Alvendia, an advocate for Mental Health awareness, and has one son, Noah Alvendia, who attends Jesuit High School in New Orleans.



Kendall Elizabeth Williams is a 2024 graduate of Louise S. McGehee School and a proud member of the National Honor Society and Beta Club. Williams received the Daughters of the American Revolution award for outstanding students in the field of history. Her leadership roles at McGehee include serving as a Student Ambassador, Peer Support Leader, and President of the Diversity Club, transforming it into one of the largest clubs on campus. Kendall is also an accomplished athlete, having played on the varsity volleyball, basketball, softball, and track teams, winning a State Championship with the track team in her senior year. She has been a summer camp counselor and interned at The Trial Team – Special Litigation Division of Chehardy Sherman Williams law firm. Kendall is the daughter of the 2016 Washington Mardi King, James Williams, and his wife Elizabeth.

One of the nation’s capital’s most celebrated and largest events, the Mystic Krewe of Louisianians and its hundreds of krewe members bring a touch of Louisiana to thousands of guests in a multi-night celebration. Washington Mardi Gras is proudly celebrating 75+ years of themed balls, dinner dances, royal courts, and other beloved royal traditions.

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