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National Veterans Memorial and Museum Honors Black History Month with Veterans' Stories

New Content Weekly Plus Special Virtual Events with a Tuskegee Airman and Gen. Colin L. Powell

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) – During February, the National Veterans Memorial and Museum will highlight stories of Black American Veterans – their fight to serve their country, their courage, sacrifices and triumphs. Stories will be shared from the Revolutionary War up to present day on our social media channels, in weekly videos and article posts, and two special virtual streaming events.

To keep track of the newest stories and upcoming events, please check the museum's new <u>Black History page</u> at <u>NationalVMM.org</u>. The web page includes:

- A new video and corresponding blog will be added each week in February;
- Blogs and content from the Buffalo Soldiers to inventions created by African Americans utilized by our military;
- Upcoming virtual events with iconic American Veterans.

February 6: Rally Point with a Tuskegee Airman and Museum Reopening for Guests

The museum kicks off Black History Month Saturday, when Lt. Col. Harold Brown (Retired), a member of the famed Tuskegee Airmen of World War II, joins our monthly <u>virtual Rally Point conversation</u> live and free of charge on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>YouTube</u> at 10 a.m. The Tuskegee Airmen were the first Black military aviators in the U.S. Army Air Corps, a precursor to the U.S. Air Force. Their success encouraged the eventual integration of the U.S. armed services.

The National Veterans Memorial and Museum also will <u>welcome guests back in the building</u> where they can explore an alcove devoted to the Tuskegee Airmen and their accomplishments which earned them more than 150 Distinguished Flying Crosses. Learn about their ties to Columbus, Ohio.

February 28: Veterans Voices with Gen. Colin L. Powell

Gen. Colin L. Powell, U.S. Army (Retired), will share his insights on the 30th anniversary of the U.S. and Coalition victory in Operation Desert Storm. Powell served 35 years in the Army, rising to the rank of four-star general and serving as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the highest military position in the Department of Defense.

About the National Veterans Memorial and Museum

The National Veterans Memorial and Museum takes visitors on a narrative journey telling individual stories and shared experiences of Veterans from all military branches throughout history. The Memorial and Museum also honors the sacrifices of men and women in service and their families. History is presented in a dynamic, participatory experience with photos, letters and personal effects, multimedia presentations, interactive exhibits, online events and digital content. Together, these elements link our national story to the larger context of the world.

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