

FAWMA FOCUS

Friends of the U. S. Army Women's Museum Association
A Quarterly Newsletter
2nd Quarter of 2023

From the Co-Presidents

Hello Friends!

We hope you are staying cool during the “hot” summer doing things you enjoy with the people (and fur babies) you love!

Well, it's official! As of 27 April, 2023, Fort Lee was redesignated in a ceremony as Fort Gregg-Adams. And what a ceremony it was! Fort Gregg-Adams' leadership and supporting staff rolled out the red carpet for very special guests, which included LTG (Ret) Arthur Gregg, and Stanley and Judith Earley, the children of LTC (Ret) Charity Adams. Following the ceremony, the AWM staff and FAWMA volunteers hosted the Earley's and other family members of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion at the museum. We were also surprised when celebrity Blair Underwood, his father, COL (Ret) Underwood, and brother and sister were escorted to the museum by our good friends, COL (Ret) Edna Cummings and 1SG (Ret) Liz Helms-Frazier. We were thrilled to give our special guests a “sneak peak” of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion exhibit, which will be unveiled early in 2024!

FAWMA's fiscal year kicked off on 1 July, and we are ready for an exciting year ahead as we continue to focus on supporting the 6888th exhibit. We've mentioned the interactive kiosk—part of the exhibit that we are anxious to support the AWM team in making a reality.

And we couldn't support these efforts without you, our wonderful donors and volunteers! We couldn't support the AWM without YOU!

Finally, we want to give a “shout-out” to the FAWMA Board and volunteers. They were key players in the success of showcasing the AWM at the redesignation event. As we've said many times, we couldn't afford to pay this talented “dream team” for the hours they devote to the AWM!

“Teamwork Makes the Dream Work.”

Aimee and Cydnee

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SPOTLIGHT

75th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMED SERVICES INTEGRATION ACT

The AWM together with the VA Dept of Veterans Services celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act -1948 on Tuesday June 13, 2023 at the Army Women's Museum, Fort Gregg-Adams, VA.

Read about it here:

https://www.army.mil/article/267576/army_womens_museum_celebrates_womens_armed_services_integration_act



Curator's Corner

Hello FAWMA!

We certainly have had an exciting few months here in Central Virginia. On April 27th, Fort Lee was redesignated as Fort Gregg-Adams. This historic change was celebrated with a beautiful ceremony on post that was attended by many friends and family of LTG (Ret) Arthur Gregg and LTC (Ret) Charity Adams. You can see photos from the event below and see the ceremony here:

<https://www.dvidshub.net/video/881576/fort-gregg-adams-redesignation-ceremony-b-roll>

In June, we brought on our new Education Specialist, Ali Kolleda, to work with the Fort Gregg-Adams Museums. Ali is returning to the AWM after great assignments at the Virginia Holocaust Museum and the Fort Monroe Authority. We are thrilled to have her back on the team!

Finally, we partnered with the Virginia Department of Veterans Services for the 75th Anniversary of the Armed Services Integration Act of 1948. The day included a HERstory Fireside Chat featuring history makers COL (Ret) Christine "Nickey" Knighton, the first Army woman to command a Tactical Combat Arms Battalion, and LTC (Ret) Joyce Henderson, a member of the Virginia Board of Veterans Services. A Mentorship Matters panel was held and representatives from the VA Dept. of Veterans Services, the Women Veterans Interactive, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars all supported the event. The day ended with a luncheon for the attendees and museum staff at the Quartermaster Museum.

Please be sure to come visit if you are in the area. I wish you all a safe and happy summer!

Regards,
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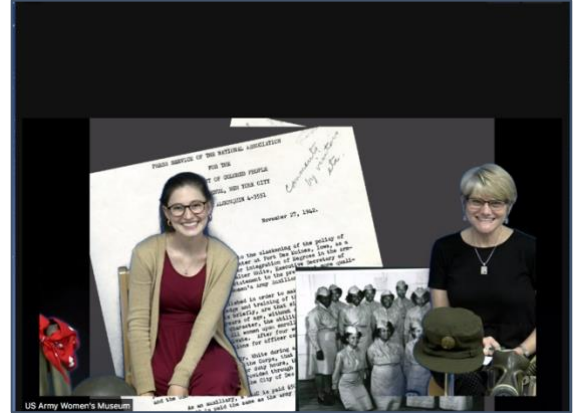


VIRTUAL STUDIO NEWS

FAWMA Digital Education and Live Studio

The live studio has facilitated multiple outreach events this quarter with 14 programs delivered to 7 states including Virginia, Missouri, North Carolina, Florida, New York, New Mexico and Nevada. Our virtual programs reached almost 800 participants including local schools, military participants, community outreach programs, state and national associations, and alliances with other museums. We look forward to the start of our new fiscal year and a productive live studio season. If you are interested in participating in a program, please sign up at CILC for a list of our Pinnacle Award-winning programs at <https://www.cilc.org/ContentProvider/ViewContentProvider.aspx?id=522>

Or scan this code to book a program:



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THANK YOU, DONORS!

We can now accept electronic donations!

If you are interested in donating to the AWM or the new 6888th exhibit, click on our Donate Button <https://armywomensmuseum.org/donate/> on our website.

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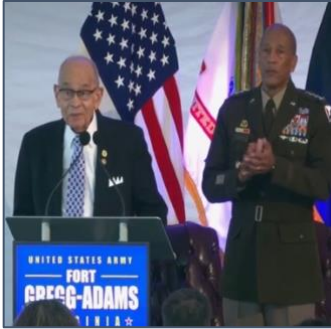


BRICK CAMPAIGN

Do you want to be a part of history? Order a customized brick that will be placed in the landscape areas around the outside of the US Army Women's Museum. Donate a brick as a lasting tribute to honor a service member, a civilian, a spouse, a friend, a family member, a retiree or yourself in support of our country, our service and our museum. For more information go to our website at: <https://thatsmybrick.com/armywmnsva>

HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM

Fort Lee was redesignated Fort Gregg-Adams in honor of LTG (Ret) Arthur Gregg and LTC (Ret) Charity Adams on April 27, 2023.



LTG (Ret) Arthur Gregg remarks at redesignation.



FAWMA Co-Presidents with MG Deborah L. Kotulich.



MG Mark Simerly redesignating Fort Lee to Fort Gregg-Adams.



Blair Underwood, COL (Ret) Frank Underwood, Sr. and LTC (Ret) Delinda Creal.



LTG (Ret) Gwen Bingham and COL (Ret) Aimee Kominak.



LTC (Ret) Charity Adams Earley's children: Judith and Stan Earley at the AWM.



The Charity Adams-Earley family touring the AWM archives.



COL (Ret) Frank Underwood, Sr. and Maj (Ret) Flo Dunn.

Welcome, Ali Kolleda!

Ali Kolleda is the new education specialist for the Fort Gregg-Adams Museums and Ordnance Training Support Facility. She has also served as the archivist for the Fort Monroe Authority in Hampton and the assistant curator at the Virginia Holocaust Museum in Richmond. In these positions, Ms. Kolleda has created and implemented interpretive educational programming, created exhibits, and provided significant research tools. Her goal as a museum professional is to engage audiences with museum collections and teach a diverse historical narrative, representative of all voices. Ali Kolleda holds a master's degree in Public History from James Madison University. Welcome, Ali!





BG Michelle K. Donahue selected as incoming CASCOM Commander

The DoD announced on May 24th that BG Michelle K. Donahue will become the new U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command commanding general in a press release. BG Donahue, Deputy Director, Readiness, Strategy, and Operations, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C., also served as Commandant, US Army Quartermaster School, US Army Sustainment Center of Excellence at Fort Gregg-Adams.

Congratulations! For more information:

<https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3404526/general-officer-assignments/>

The AWM featured in GoArmy Campaign

In June, the Army Women's Museum was featured in a video as part of the GoArmy campaign. The three-minute segment was filmed at the AWM and features CPT Morgan Kiser, a Proponent Officer with the Transportation School.

The video has received over 700 views since its release in March.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QIMDreaHFws>



Army History Magazine features the AWM

The AWM is featured in the latest issue of *Army History*, the Center of Military History Professional Bulletin.

To check out the feature article go to <https://history.army.mil/armyhistory/index.html>.

The AWM supports MSG (Ret) Andrea Motley Crabtree and her story.

MSG (Ret) Andrea Motley Crabtree, the Army's first female deep-sea diver, was featured on the CBS Evening News with Nora Roberts. MSG (Ret) Crabtree's story is represented in the Army Women's Museum and a portion of the news segment was filmed at the museum. The newsreel link: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/andrea-motley-crabtree-army-military-first-female-black-deep-sea-diver/>

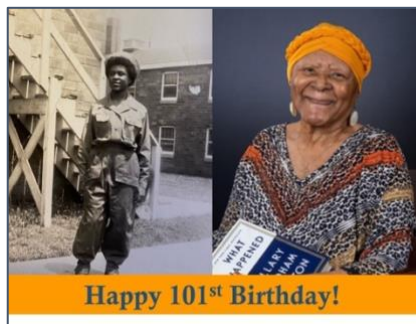


2023 Descendants of the 6888th at the unveiling of Rue Charity Adams in Petit-Quevilly, France

Vive la Rue Charity Adams! In 2021, Vicki Archileti, our volunteer archivist at the AWM, provided extensive research to city leaders in Petit-Quevilly, France, for an exhibit and a street dedicated to LTC (Ret) Charity Adams and the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion. The unit was housed in a converted factory in Petit-Quevilly during World War II. Descendants of the 6888th, on a recent tour of the unit's assignments in Europe, participated in a ceremony in Petit-Quevilly for the street naming on 28 JUN.



OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY



Happy Birthday, Mrs. Gladys Blount

Mrs. Gladys Blount, a veteran of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, turned 101 on June 6th. Mrs. Blount is one of six surviving Women's Army Corps (WAC) members of the Six Triple Eight, a central postal directory battalion that served during World War II. We wish Mrs. Blount good health for the coming year.



Chickahominy YMCA visits the Army Women's Museum

A group of active adults from the Chickahominy YMCA braved the wind and rain to visit the AWM in June. They received a personal guided tour from the brand-new Fort Gregg-Adams Museum's Educator, Ali Kolleda. The group leader sent a thank you note that read, "We enjoyed your professional, knowledgeable, and positive tour. You have the right personality for this job, and it showed throughout the tour."



Local Students visit the AWM

In May, 80 students from Walnut Hill Elementary School in Petersburg visited the AWM for a history lesson before heading to the post Bowling Alley later in the afternoon to celebrate a successful school year!

2nd Annual Volunteer Luncheon

The Fort Gregg-Adams Museums and Ordnance Training Support Facility held their second annual volunteer luncheon on April 10th. The ceremony honored 18 volunteers who have served over 600 hours this year to date! Each volunteer was presented with a personalized note from MG Simerly, CASCOM Commander, and a length of service pin.

Vicki Archileti receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from Elijah Palmer, Volunteer Coordinator.



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