

FAWMA FOCUS

Friends of the U. S. Army Women’s Museum Association Quarterly Newsletter 3rd Quarter of 2024

From the Co-Presidents

Hello Friends!

The summer flew by and the holiday season is fast approaching.

The holiday season is also the season of giving—Giving Tuesday is 3 December this year. For 2024, our goal is \$10,000 to continue to highlight and showcase the legacy of Army women! Tune-in to our website and social media for our campaign kick-off on November 1st. Thanks to your generosity, we achieved our goal last year, and hope you’ll consider supporting us again this year!

During this season of giving and thankfulness, we always like to share accomplishments we’re extremely proud of -- accomplishments which would not be possible without you:

-The AWM was chosen again this year to receive the Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration’s 2023-2024 Pinnacle Award for achieving “Programs of Distinction.” Like last year, we are among “best in class” recipients, including Smithsonian Museums and National Parks. Your donations support our cutting-edge live studio, and our amazing educator, Valerie Markworth.

-The 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion Exhibit at the AWM opened this April, serving as a tribute to the courageous Army women who triumphed over adversity to fulfill an important mission. Adding to the excitement, Tyler Perry’s highly-anticipated Netflix film, “The Six Triple Eight,” featuring an all-star cast, is scheduled to premiere this December. Recently, the Hollywood celebrity, Kerry Washington, who portrays LTC Charity Adams in the film, toured the museum and the new 6888th exhibit. We invite you to explore this inspiring exhibit and join us in supporting the AWM’s mission to honor and celebrate the legacy of women in the Army—more stories remain to be told.

-The Army Women’s Museum and our fantastic curator, Tracy Bradford, were featured on Discovery Channel’s “Expedition Unknown,” with Josh Gates. The episode, “America’s MIA Heroines,” again showcases brave Army women--who lost their lives while serving their country in WWII.

-FAWMA continues to maintain our top ratings on non-profit watchdog sites-- a four-star rating on Charity Navigator, and a platinum rating on Candid/GuideStar.

YOU have made these accomplishments possible through your donations. And not only are we thankful to our donors, but we are thankful for the valuable time and dedication of our all-volunteer Board and volunteers...PRICELESS.

We wish you a wonderful holiday season filled with joy, love, and laughter!

“Teamwork makes the dream work!” We can’t thank you enough for being part of our team!

Aimee and Cydnee
FAWMA, Co-Presidents

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SPOTLIGHT:



This year Giving Tuesday falls on
Tuesday, December 3rd.

Please join us in supporting the
Army Women's Museum with your
tax deductible contributions!

CURATOR'S CORNER

Greetings from the AWM! Another fantastic quarter is under our belts and the highlight this time was our television premier! In July, the Discovery Channel's *Expedition Unknown* featured the museum in their season finale entitled "America's MIA Heroines." This segment, hosted by Josh Gates, investigated the World War II plane crash that killed 18 WACs and 3 crew members off the Ivory Coast of Africa in 1945. Josh visited the AWM to learn about the Women's Army Corps and explore unpublished photos, newspaper articles, and military documents pertaining to these women's service in Africa. All of the archives featured in the episode can be seen on our Digital Collections site at <https://awm.historyit.com>. If you didn't get to watch the episode live, you can stream it on Max. We now have a wonderful partnership with Dr. Colin Colbourn, the Lead Historian for Project Recover, who is returning to Africa with the support of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) to continue the search in the summer of 2025. Also, as a result of the episode, the family of Leona Seyfert, one of the WACs on lost in the crash, visited the AWM and donated their aunt's collection. The Seyfert collection has been added to our online archives.

This month, the Army Women's Museum had the incredible honor of hosting Kerry Washington, the award-winning actress and star of the highly anticipated Tyler Perry film, "The Six Triple Eight." During her visit, Kerry met our dedicated staff and explored the galleries, including the inspiring new exhibit dedicated to the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion. Her enthusiasm for sharing their story adds a spark of pride to our mission of honoring women's contributions in the Army. As we eagerly await the film's release on Netflix this December 20th, we can't help but feel a wave of excitement for how it will shine a light on these remarkable women. We invite everyone to join us in celebrating this collaboration and to explore the museum's exhibits that honor such impactful legacies.

Thank you all again for your wonderful, generous, and continued support of the AWM. We have the best association in the world and are very grateful!

Happy Fall Y'all!
Tracy

VIRTUAL STUDIO AND EDUCATION NEWS

It's been another great quarter of Outreach and Educational Programming. Highlights include visits to several local schools, tours, outreach, and virtual programs for 15 separate groups. One of which was a program for our friends from First Command in Colonial Heights. Another notable event was our virtual visit with a class including an ASL interpreter for a School for the Deaf in Indiana.



Great things are happening at the Army Women's Museum and we're thrilled to share it with you!

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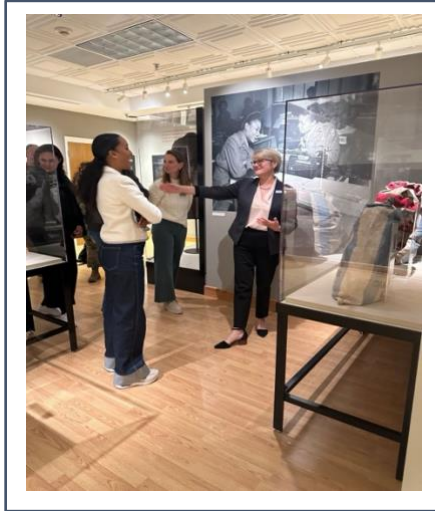
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HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM



The Six Triple Eight Movie is Coming Soon!

The excitement surrounding the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion is truly noticeable as we eagerly anticipate the Netflix premiere of "The Six Triple Eight" on December 20, 2024! This groundbreaking film not only brings to life the inspiring story of LTC Charity Adams, portrayed by the incredibly talented Kerry Washington, but also shines a well-deserved spotlight on the remarkable women of the 6888th—an all-female unit, primarily composed of black women, who triumphed over significant challenges with unwavering resilience and honor. We invite you to join us in celebrating their accomplishments and support the Army Women's Museum (AWM). Together, let's champion their contributions and foster a sense of pride and community as we elevate the narrative of women in the military!

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The AWM partnered with the Fort Gregg-Adams Garrison and Project Recover to host the installation's observance of National POW/MIA Recognition Day. FAWMA showed up in full support during the day! The museum presented a screening of "America's MIA Heroines" prior to the luncheon. We then supported the garrison's POW/MIA luncheon. Guest speaker Dr. Colin Colbourn of Project Recover outlined how the nonprofit helps recover MIA soldiers from all over the world, including the recent recovery project to find 18 missing WACs who disappeared in a plane crash off the coast of Africa in 1945. They are not forgotten, and we hope to bring them home one day.



Read more about today's POW/MIA luncheon here:

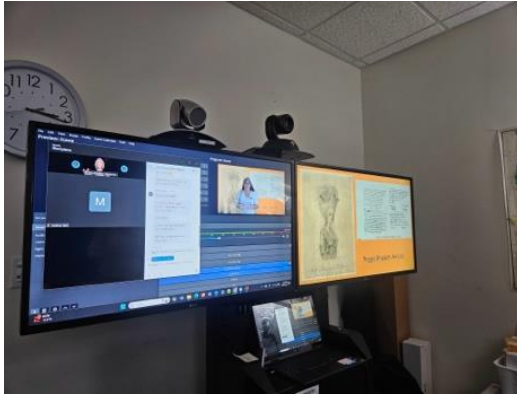
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LTG Milford H. Beagle, Jr. Commanding General of the Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth visits the AWM

The museum enjoyed a wonderful visit from LTG Milford H. Beagle, Jr., Commanding General of the Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. LTG Beagle toured the 6888th Exhibit with the Curator and then hosted a working lunch for local leadership at the AWM. During this visit, LTG Beagle expressed his support for our efforts to have LTC Charity Adams receive an honorary Command and General Staff College (CGSC) Diploma, which will be awarded in May of 2025!



FAWMA EDUCATION AND LIVE STUDIO



The FAWMA educator facilitates a live program about women in the American Revolution with 50 students from the Indiana School for the Deaf on September 30.

OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY



Fort Gregg-Adams Spouse Super Sign-Up

LTC (Ret) Delinda Creal and Educator, Ali Kolleda participate in the Fort Gregg-Adams Super Sign up Day on August 27, 2024.



DLA Visit to the AWM

The Education Specialist gave a warm reception to participants of the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) at the AWM this past month. As government employees, they enjoyed the history of women in the Army and were particularly interested in their role in military logistics. The group gave rave reviews of the museum tour and the galleries.



First Command Tours the AWM

The Education Specialist facilitated a group tour with local community members from First Command on September 26, 2024. The program highlighted the contributions of Army women and their history.



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