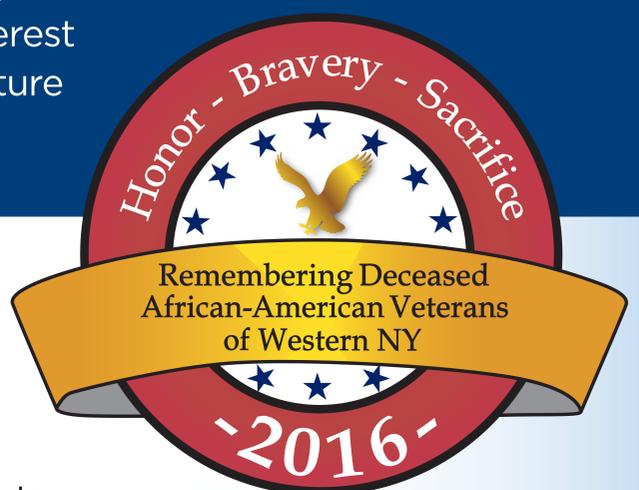


# “Remembering Deceased African American Veterans of Western NY”

An exhibit designed to pay tribute to those who served in the United States Military.

The exhibit created by The Links, Incorporated – Erie County (NY) Chapter, seeks to fill the void present in our local history. The courageous spirit of those Veterans deserves recognition. During the spring of 2016, a partnership was established with the Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. branch of the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library, which will serve as its curator. Partnerships with the VA Western New York Healthcare System, Minority Veterans Program Committee, and Remembering Our Veterans (ROV) interest group, were established to promote future programs related to the exhibit.

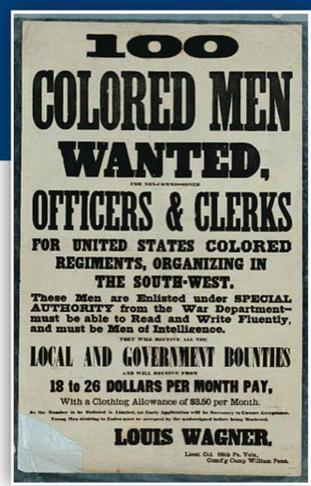


Their logo symbolizes the bravery and sacrifice of the men and women who served and fought to sustain our freedom. The circle stands for African Americans involved in all conflicts.

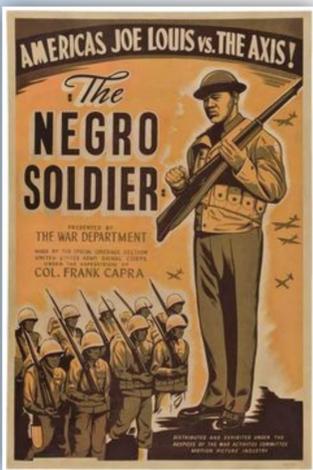
The color red represents bloodshed of the wounded and of those whose lives were lost, while the stars depict freedom. The golden eagle represents stellar performance and the gold band embracing the circle recognizes the richness of their history and their valor.



Displayed on the next eight panels of the exhibit are the 1,500 names of men and women identified as African American who have served in all of the five military branches (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard) and participated in every United States military conflict whether they enlisted voluntarily or were drafted. These men and women endured inequality and social injustice, but ultimately realized progress.



The last panel highlights historic moments African Americans participated in during various conflicts.



Visitors to the exhibit are encouraged to:

- Identify names of Veterans familiar to you – perhaps your neighbor, family member, friend, or community leader.
- Research the military legacy of selected Veterans.
- Engage students in history projects by using the exhibit as an educational resource.
- Join us to help expand this project.

*“Within these names - a legacy of unyielding strength, character and endurance helped to shape this nation so that generations will recognize and own the rich history of their past.”*