

EXHIBIT ON DISPLAY
FEBRUARY 17–JULY 15, 2018

FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHT TO FIGHT



AFRICAN AMERICAN EXPERIENCES IN WWII

During World War II, African Americans pursued a double victory—one over the Axis abroad and the other over discrimination at home.

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Fighting for the Right to Fight begins with an overview of America in the 1920s—at the height of the Ku Klux Klan’s power—where segregation and discrimination were part of life for many African Americans. Discriminatory practices were condoned and even codified in parts of the country, especially the South. Many military leaders declared African Americans unfit to serve in combat. Yet once World War II began, thousands of African Americans rushed to enlist, intent on serving the country that treated them as second-class citizens; determined to fight for the freedom that they themselves had been denied. The special exhibit will discuss how hopes of equality inspired many to enlist, the discouraging reality of the segregated non-combat roles given to black recruits, and the continuing fight for “Double Victory” that laid the groundwork for the Civil Rights Movement.

Fighting for the Right to Fight was developed by The National WWII Museum of New Orleans, LA, and sponsored nationally by Abbott Downing and Wells Fargo. A national advisory committee, including the late Dr. Clement Alexander Price of Rutgers University, was commissioned to help frame the exhibition. The committee, led by co-chairs Dr. John Morrow of the University of Georgia and Claudine Brown of the Smithsonian Institution, helped advise on the exhibition’s narrative arc and content.

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