

COMMAND TOPICS

February 2024 - "Black History"

Join us as we continue to enjoy and educate ourselves through a diverse assortment of literature, media, art, film, music and more. The intent of the Command Topics is to help further develop an awareness and understanding of diverse and inclusive topics within our unique community.

Each month the Command topics features a new theme or focus that highlights a particular group, topic or perspective, so make sure to check out previous Command Topics by visiting <https://cascom.army.mil/diversity/>

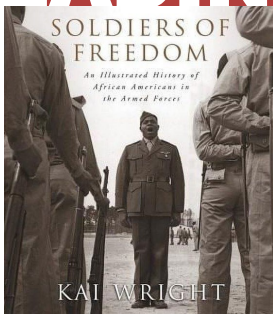
WHAT ARE WE ...

The 24th is based on the true story of the Houston riot of 1917. The film features an African American (A.K.A. Buffalo Soldiers) military unit, the 24th Infantry Regiment in Houston, Texas. Despite their military service, the African American soldiers are subjected to racial discrimination by the all-white police force in Houston as well as from the local white people in Houston. The constant racial discrimination leads to a riot and seizure of military weapons by the African American military unit against the police force and the white locals. The riot and resulting violence ended with multiple soldiers from the 24th being arrested and ultimately executed for mutiny.

WATCHING



READING



Soldiers of Freedom (2018) Spanning from the American Revolution to the war in Afghanistan, this long-overdue, comprehensive history covers the full scope of African Americans' involvement in the armed forces during war and peacetime. Accompanying the informative text are 300 photographs and illustrations, most of them rare, some never before published. Highlights include accounts of: - The Rhode Island 1st Regiment, the first all-black regiment in the U.S. Army. - The New Orleans Battalion of Free Men of Color. - The Battle for Richmond, which resulted in the largest loss of black life in the Civil War. - The 1863 New York City Draft Riot. - The 1919 lynchings of black war vets. - The Navy's reluctant integration during World War II. - The dramatic story of the Tuskegee Airmen. - The war against terrorism in Afghanistan, and much more. The book also features portraits of famous and lesser-known soldiers, including Crispus Attucks, Salem Poor, John Brown, Sergeant William Carney, Dorie Miller and Colin Powell. This dramatic visual history is a moving tribute to the essential and often unsung contributions of African-American soldiers through every generation.

The 92nd All Black Division of the US Army in WWII: Remembering my uncle, Bill Perry. In conversation with Jonathan Speed. The San Francisco Experience.

Jonathan Speed profiles the highly decorated 92nd All Black Division, in which his uncle, Bill Perry served with distinction. The 92nd earned more than 12,000 decorations and citations, as well as two Medals of Honor - America's highest award for military valor in action.

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LISTENING

