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Washington, DC's African American Civil War Museum Receives April 2016 Location of the Month Distinction

Historic museum pays homage to the Civil War's less heralded fighters

Washington, DC – The DC Office of Cable Television, Film, Music & Entertainment is pleased to honor the African American Civil War Museum in Washington, DC as the April 2016 Location of the Month.

The African American Civil War Museum was incorporated in 1992 to tell the largely unknown story of the United States Colored Troops (USCT) and African American involvement in the American Civil War.

As a tribute to these soldiers, the African American Civil War Memorial was dedicated in July of 1998 under the leadership of Dr. Frank Smith Jr., and Colin Powell.

The museum is home to countless Civil War era-related records and artifacts such as slave shackles, bill of sales, a Gettysburg musket and other items donated by collectors and decedents of former slaves. The museum also features a miniature model of the Civil War contraband camp that was visited by President Abraham Lincoln and sat on the location that is today known as the U Street corridor. The 5000-square-foot venue features an exhibit showcase that is designed to give a continuous maze-like feel. The museum's auditorium sits 60 people and holds 110



people standing. The entire museum holds 240 people at capacity.

Accompanying the museum is a 16-foot tall bronze sculpture and commemorative wall that anchors the *U Street/African-American Civil War Memorial/Cardozo* Metro station and the greater U Street corridor. *The Spirit of Freedom* African American Civil War Memorial sculpture and its Wall of Honor serves as a reminder of the courageous story of the United States Colored Troops.

The sculpture portrays uniformed soldiers and a sailor with a family depicted on the back of the sculpture, and is situated in the center of a granite-paved plaza, encircled on three sides by the Wall of Honor. The wall lists the names of 209,145 USCT drawn from the official records of the Bureau of United States Colored Troops at the National Archives, on 166 burnished stainless steel plaques arranged by regiment.

In 2011, DC's film commission, which is now part of the DC Office of Cable Television, Film, Music & Entertainment, launched the Location of the Month to bring attention to the wide range of cinematically compelling locations that are available to film and television productions. Former Location of the Month recipients include the Angelika Pop-Up at Union Market in Northeast, the National Museum of the U.S. Navy in Southeast, and the Mansion on O St in Northwest.

To learn more about the African American Civil War Museum and to view photos, please visit the [Location of the Month](#) feature on our web site. If you are interested in using the African American Civil War Museum as a filming location, please contact us at film@dc.gov.

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