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Story of WWII ‘Monuments Men’ Explored at Hampton History Museum February 5

Hampton, VA - Amanda Williams, education manager for the MacArthur Memorial, will present the true story of the heroes who saved tens of thousands of priceless artworks during World War II portrayed in the 2014 hit film “Monuments Men” as part of the Hampton History Museum’s Port Hampton Lecture Series on Monday, February 5, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

World War II presented an enormous threat to the cultural heritage of Europe and Asia. It also marked the first conflict in which there was a concerted effort by the U.S. military to protect cultural objects and historic buildings. This became known as the Monuments, Fine Arts, and Archives section (MFAA). This project unfolded in different ways in the European and Pacific theaters, but at the forefront of this titanic effort was a handful of dedicated service members known today as the “Monuments Men.”

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Throughout the war, and against tremendous odds, this small group was remarkably successful in their efforts to preserve thousands of years of cultural heritage. Without the work of these Monuments Men, the defeat of the Axis Powers in 1945 would have been incomplete.

Amanda Williams is a graduate of Randolph-Macon Woman's College with a B.A. in History and Art History. She received a MA in History from Old Dominion University. She began her career as an Archaeologist at Historic Jamestown before moving to the MacArthur Memorial in 2009 to serve as Education Manager. She specializes in military history, intelligence studies, and women's history.

Admission to the talk is free for museum members, \$5.00 for non-members. The Hampton History Museum is located at 120 Old Hampton Lane in Downtown Hampton. There is free parking in the garage across the street from the museum. For more information call 757-727-1102 or visit www.HamptonHistoryMuseum.org.

Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the award-winning Hampton Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement, the site of the first arrival of Africans in English North America, and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, harbor tours and cruises, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.

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