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Two AAMI Programs Coming to Sioux City

(CEDAR RAPIDS, IA) - The Sioux City Public Museum has partnered with the African American Museum of Iowa (AAMI) to host youth and adult programming on Tuesday August 16, 2011.

During the morning program children will read a story to learn about the Tuskegee Airmen and why they were called “Red Tails.” Intended for kindergarten through 3rd grade students, children will also create their own redtail paper airplane and compete in a paper airplane regatta & flying contest. This free program is from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. and will take place at the Sioux City Public Museum.

The second program features historical reenactor Robert Maydwell and is called “My Friend the Buffalo Solider.” Designed for adults, those attending will step into the world of the Buffalo Soldiers. From the perspective of a fellow West Point grad, Maydwell will describe the experiences of Lieutenant Henry O. Flipper, the first African American West Point Graduate and leader of the Buffalo Soldiers. The Buffalo Soldiers were established by Congress as the first peacetime all-black regiments in the regular U.S. Army. This free program is from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. and will take place the Sioux City Public Museum.

Robert Maydwell’s program is made possible by a grant through Humanities Iowa and the National Endowment for the Humanities. The event is 1 of 23 events in a series of statewide programs designed to educate the public on the military involvement of African Americans throughout U.S. history; other programs are taking place in Burlington, Cedar Rapids, Council Bluffs, Dubuque, Fort Dodge, and Iowa City. The series of statewide programs takes place in conjunction with the AAMI’s current temporary exhibit *Unconditional Loyalty*, which will be on display until December 17, 2011.

These events are free and open to the public. For more information on this or other programs visit the AAMI website at www.blackiowa.org or call 319-862-2101 ext. 22. The African American Museum of Iowa is open Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and is located at 55 12th SE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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