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From: Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum  
204 S Main St; Wichita, KS 67202

**AN EXHIBIT BY WSU MUSEUM STUDIES STUDENTS –  
*SERVICE BEYOND BARRIERS: BRAVERY & SACRIFICE IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY*  
On temporary view at the Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum  
Opens April 24, 2026- Reception 5-7 pm**

Students from the Museum Exhibition class at Wichita State University, under the direction of Holmes Museum of Anthropology Director and Instructor, Rachele Meinecke, have created an exhibit project entitled *Service Beyond Barriers: Bravery and Sacrifice in the Face of Adversity*.

This exhibit is a collaboration between The Kansas African American Museum, the Mid-American All Indian Museum, and the Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum. It explores the powerful and often overlooked stories of minority men and women who have served in the military.

In this exhibit, they focus primarily on African Americans, Native Americans, and women. In the spirit of America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday, this exhibit is a reflection on patriotism, sacrifice, and the meaning of service in America. This exhibit honors those who defended a nation that did not always defend them and recognizes their essential role in shaping both military history and the broader American story.

On temporary view in the Historical Museum's 2nd Floor-Special Exhibits West Gallery.

Be one of the first to view this special exhibit during its reception on Friday, April 24th 5-7pm. The reception is open to the public and has free admission.

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Museum Hours: Tuesday – Friday 11:00 am to 4:00 pm; Saturday & Sunday 1:00 to 5:00 pm.  
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*OUR VISION: To provide a world-class museum experience, advancing the understanding and exploration of the rich historical and cultural heritage of Wichita and Sedgwick County, Kansas.*