

# 6th Cavalry Museum

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The Chattanooga premiere of *The Six Triple Eight* was just the beginning of a larger project to honor African American heroes at Fort Oglethorpe. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page to learn more as this exciting project develops.

-Chris McKeever, Executive Director

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## Recap: *The Six Triple Eight* Chattanooga Premiere

On February 13, 2020, an enthusiastic crowd of 250 gathered at the UTC University Center Auditorium to enjoy the Chattanooga premiere of *The Six Triple Eight*, Lincoln Penny Films' documentary about the Women's Army Corps' 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion. The 6888th were the only all-female, all African American unit (other than nurses) to serve overseas during World War II. Before shipping out to England in 1945, the unit spent two weeks at Fort Oglethorpe for overseas training.



Board member Nicole Hill and Caswell Partners owner Mike Criscillis welcome guests to the premiere.



An enthusiastic crowd came for the movie and a Q&A about the 6888th's experiences.



Executive Director Chris McKeever welcomed our guests.



Q&A Panelists (LtoR) Beverly Foster, Col. (Ret.) Edna Cummings, Brian Autry and Nicole Brown.

The film screening was followed by a Q&A with local and national experts about the 6888th and their experiences at Fort Oglethorpe. Colonel (Ret.) Edna Cummings, co-producer of the film, was joined by Beverly Foster, President of the Walker County (GA) African American Alumni and Historical Association, and Brian Autry, interpretive ranger at Chickamauga Battlefield. The event was moderated by Nicole Hill of the University of Tennessee and sponsored by Brewer Media Group and the Chattanooga Times Free Press.



*The highlight of the event was meeting Willie Partridge (center), son of 6888th veteran Willie Belle Irvin, and his wife Anna (right), pictured here with Colonel (Ret.) Edna Cummings (left). The Partridge's will be a wonderful resource in helping us with our larger project to install a permanent exhibit about the 6888th at the 6th Cavalry Museum*

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