

Engineering Project: Fighting for the Right to Fight

African American soldiers played a pivotal role in the Allies' victory during World War II. However, they still were treated as second-class citizens by the nation they served.

Your Team's Project

Your team will design a three-fold project board using words and photographs to tell the story of an African American soldier and their experiences during World War II. The project board should answer the following questions about your subject:

- Who is the subject of your project?
- What did they do to support the war effort during World War II?
- Where did your subject serve? What branch of the military were they a part of?
- What lasting impact did your subject's achievements have? *

*You might not be able to find concrete information about the impact your subject has had. Use the information you find about their story to make an argument about why their achievements were important. For example, your subject may have shared their experiences through writing or interviews. How did their story impact our knowledge of history? What can we learn from their point of view? It is most important to include **why** you think their achievements had a lasting impact.

Designing Your Project Board

For competing teams, it is recommended that you use a threefold project board that can stand on its own. It does not need to be a specific size but should not take up more than a 3 ft x 3 ft footprint.

Your project board should answer the questions above with photos and text. Every photo should have a caption that explains its contents. There are examples of photo captions throughout the WWII Museum's website. The sections of the project board do not need to be organized in a specific way, but a recommended structure is given below. Competing teams will be judged according to the overall organization of the project board and its content.

Recommended structure:

- Center Panel: Overview of subject, including general background information
- Left Panel: The subject's contribution to the war effort
- Right Panel: The lasting impacts of the subject's achievements; the subject's legacy

Competing Teams

Competing Teams should bring their project board to the National WWII Museum on the day of the competition. Museum staff and volunteers will help each team bring their project board to the correct place for judging.

Sources & Citations

Your poster should have content from at least three sources. Somewhere on the website, include a list of sources for your team's research. Any source that you get information, images, or any other content from should be cited. We recommend that sources are cited in MLA format.