



*Bankers Trust and Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield Present:*

*The 2009 Edna Griffin Series*

**Tuesday, Sept 15, 7:00 PM: A Most Remarkable Fort Des Moines Alumnus: 1LT Jonathan M. Rucker, DD, MD, 1892-1970.** Doug Fisher, World War One historian and Chairman of Virginia Commerce Bancorp, will discuss Dr. Rucker, the one of the 104 black physicians who trained at Fort Des Moines in 1917 as part of the Medical Officer Training Camp. This camp is not well-known, and Fisher has combed the Army Surgeon General's collections and the National Archives for information on the camp and Rucker.

**Saturday, October 10, 11:00 AM: A Musical Journey through the Civil Rights Movement.** Dr. Jacqueline Thompson, a storyteller and dancer from Ottumwa, tells the story of the 1960's civil rights movement in stories, songs, and dance.

**Saturday, October 24, 11:00 AM: Attorney Charles Howard.** Russell Lovell, Associate Dean at Drake Law School, will discuss Edna Griffin's attorney, Charles Howard. Howard was a member of the first officer candidate school for African American men at Fort Des Moines, and became a nationally-known defense attorney and civil rights leader, keynoting the Progressive Party convention in 1948.

**Tuesday, October 27, 6:00 PM: A Raisin in the Sun** Ruth Ann Gaines and the Fort Des Moines players reprise their popular performance of Lorraine Hansberry's classic play. This performance will be staged in the Museum chapel.

**Saturday, October 31, 11:00 AM: Justice Older than the Law: The Story of Dovey Roundtree.** Washington, DC, journalist Katie McCabe will discuss and sign copies of the memoirs of Dovey Roundtree, an Alabama Civil Rights leader who, like Edna Griffin, honed her leadership skills as an African American woman in the Women's Army Corps.

**Saturday, November 7, 11:00 AM: The Benefits and Drawbacks of Being a WAC.** Dr. Mary Lou Nosco, a veteran of the Women's Army Corps, will discuss the economic, educational, social, and personal implications for women who joined the Women's Army Corps from 1946 through 1976. This is the first research to cover this period of time.



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