

Accomplished:



## African American Civil War Memorial

By Lucy Moore

So you visited the MLK Memorial. Is that because you want to honor African Americans? If so, then maybe you would want to visit the African American Civil War Memorial on U Street above the metro.

The first thing you might notice about the African American Civil War Memorial is the statue created by Ed Hamilton, spirit of freedom, as it was named. It represents 3 soldiers and a sailor defending freedom. Above them is the face of the spirit of freedom watching over like an angel with her arms crossed. On the other side of the statue there's a soldier with his family. Written on the statues base is "Civil War to civil rights and beyond. This memorial is dedicated to those who served in African American units of the Union Army in the Civil War."

On the left or right of the statue is a short wall, the wall was named the wall of honor. It was named that because it has 216,145 names written on it. 7,000 of those names are the names of the white officers who started the United States colored, troops the USCT for short. The rest are the names of the African American soldiers and members of the USCT.

The African American Civil War Museum opened in 2011, and is across from the African American Civil War Memorial. Inside are photographs, newspaper articles, and replicas of clothing, uniforms, and weapons from the Civil War. The Museum documents the family trees of more than 2,000 descendants of the men who served in the USCT.

You might be thinking, “If I go to the African American Civil War Memorial then I won't honor MLK because he wasn't in the Civil War.” Well MLK and the USCT were fighting for similar things. While MLK peacefully fought for full civil rights for African Americans, and years before the USCT had fought for freedom for African Americans.

I hope I have convinced you to go to the African American Civil War Memorial, and that D.C. has a lot more history than just presidents and monuments that can be enjoyed.



## Frederick Douglass House

**By Coles Henderson**

So you've visited the White House! The home of the President! But did you know there is another important local house in DC? An important person lived there too - Frederic Douglass! He was a famous abolitionist. The Frederick Douglass house is located in Anacostia. If you like places where important people lived, you should visit the Frederick Douglass' house.

At the Frederick Douglass house, you can have a guided tour of the Douglass home. The Frederick Douglass house is a place of beauty. The White House and the Frederick Douglass house are both houses.

At the Frederick Douglass house, you can learn about Frederick Douglass' life. There is also a museum there.

The Frederick Douglass house is on a big hill and from the top you can see houses, buildings and even the national mall. Inside you can even see Frederick Douglass' real shoes! You can also see, the West Wing, where he had important meetings.

You might be asking... “but what about the president's house?” You might think that you can only see museums and important houses on the national mall. However, there are many things to see and do in Anacostia. In Anacostia, you can go to the Anacostia river bike trail/path. It can take you to many places. In Anacostia you can also find museums and a rich African American history.

As you can see, the White House is not the only important house in D.C. So you should visit the Frederick Douglass house so you can learn both the federal and local history.



## **African American Civil War Memorial**

**By Arianna Bilal-Threats**

Are you enjoying your time at the MLK Memorial? Do you like to admire statues of African Americans? Would you like to visit another **important** memorial that not everybody knows about?

If you said yes to the questions I just asked, you're in luck because above the U street metro there is the African American Civil War Memorial ! At the African American Civil War Memorial you will see a big statue of 3 infantrymen, that means a soldier belonging to an infantry unit. You will also see a sailor defending freedom. Above them is a face representing freedom.

Want to learn more? Find the museum across the street. In the museum you may find old artifacts like guns, uniforms, and food.

You can also do other things on U street. Like Ben's chili bowl, It has a mural outside of it, a picture of important role models. It's also one of the best half smokes in Washington D.C.

“You may be asking yourself...Why not just find a museum that can tell me about MLK? He’s important too.”

Well I’m not telling you not to go to the MLK memorial but, the African American Civil War museum may have more about the African American Civil War Memorial than a museum that has *some* about MLK. Also the MLK memorial only honors 1 person but, the African American Civil War Memorial honors more than 1 person. To be exact, it honors 178,000 black soldiers.

So now you know another place you should go to- The African American Civil War Memorial! You may be looking for federal history, but the National Mall isn't the only place you can learn federal history. You can go to the U street neighborhood to learn both federal and local history, which you can't do at the National Mall.



Developing:



## Frederick Douglass House

**By Noah Hirst**

So you have visited the white house. I'm sure it was very nice. You could also visit the Fredrick Douglass house because you can see where he lived his last 17 years in that house in Anacostia. Also this can teach why we still honor him today.

Also, you can see artefacts of his past at the museum below the house. You can also see pictures of him when he was finally free and when he was helping slaves.

So you want me to drive all the way to Anacostia to see this one house? No! You are going to see all these cool things in Anacostia. Not just the Frederick Douglass. Some things you will see are the Community Museum, the Riverwalk Trail, Kenilworth Park, the Aquatic Gardens, the Anacostia Art Center, and Martin Luther King Avenue. There is also a view of the Washington Monument and the whole mall from the house.

So I hope I have persuaded you to go to the Fredrick Douglass house. If you do, I hope that you have a wonderful time on the tour and, if you see it, the museum below.





## **Founders Library**

**By Myles McKeever**

I noticed you went to the library of congress. But, did you know there is another famous library in DC? If you are interested in black history you should go to the Founders Library at Howard University.

Did you know that at the Founders Library there are statues of black people that made history? And there are pictures of singers, jazz musicians, dancers, and all kinds of famous people.

Did you also know that until 1910, Howards Library was held on the top floor of the main building? But it was so filled with books they had to build a new one. If you go here you will also see all kinds of good books.

Another cool thing is from 1944-1945, Thurgood Marshall and Charles Hamilton Houston used the Founders Library to craft their legal strategy at the heart of the Brown vs. Board of Education supreme court case that desegregated the nation's public schools.

You may be thinking, "why can't I just go to the Library of congress?" Well because the Library of Congress does not have as much

black history as the Founders Library does. So if you like black history go to the Founders Library because it has a lot of black history and much more!

As you can see, the Founders Library is really interesting, so what are you waiting for go explore!

Beginning:



## **African American Civil War Memorial**

**By Rashaad Short**

People should go to the African American Civil War Memorial. People can go to the African American Civil War Memorial because if you go there you will learn a lot about African American Civil War soldiers. They have names on the Wall of Honor. People also go there to honor the black men how fought in the Civil War. What if I just want to go to the National Mall? There's more than just the National Mall. You should go to U Street to see the African American Civil War Memorial.



## Atlas Theatre

By Unique Browne

I see you visited the Kennedy Center. There is also an amazing place called the Atlas Theatre and the Atlas Theatre is on H Street.

The Atlas Theatre is a good place to visit if you like art music and dance .

The Atlas Theatre is important because H Street is important. The Atlas Theatre was one of the first theatres to open their doors to African Americans after segregation.

The Atlas Theatre lets the community express creativity.

What if I already visited the Atlas Theatre?

If you go to H Street you can see a lot of things like stores and fast food places . You should go to the Atlas Theatre because they have different shows.

In conclusion, you should go to the Atlas Theatre to watch their shows and enjoy H Street.

