

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

Racism and the Perils of Combat

Documentaries tell stories of courage

Two documentaries that profile American soldiers who served their country in major conflicts and faced racism at home are profiled in two documentaries airing during Black History Month on PBS.

Hosted and narrated by Academy Award-winning actor Louis Gossett Jr., "Marines of Montford Point: Fighting for Freedom," profiles the first African-Americans recruits in the United States Marine

Corps, beginning with their experiences at the Montford Point Base, a segregated boot camp in the heart of the Jim Crow South.

All-black battalions from Montford

Point loyally served their country (some as officers) in three major conflicts — World War II, the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War — while fighting for their civil rights back home.

During the film, which airs on Wednesday, Feb. 12 from 11 p.m. to 12 a.m., Montford Point veterans recount the racism they faced both within and outside the military and reminisce about the rigors of basic training, the harsh conditions of the barracks and the perils of combat.

On Sunday, Feb. 17, also from 11 pm. to midnight, PBS will show "Red Tail Reborn," the story of the Tuskegee Airmen.

Amidst racial naysayers during World War II, the first and only black fighter pilots, were commissioned in 1941 to help defend the distressed bombers in the European theater. This film tells their story and the story of people who strive to educate Americans about the airmen and their signature planes with a distinctive red tail.



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'Old School' Funk -- Melvin Broadous presents Jeff Lorber, Patrick Lamb and Marlon McClain bringing back 'Old School' funk on Friday, Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. at MacTarnahan's Live Lounge. For reservations and tickets, call 503-295-6542.

Sliders Grill -- Sliders Grill, 3011 N. Lombard, features an eclectic assortment of performers on the main stage, accompanied by delicious food. Call 503-459-4488 for more information.

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Sunday Night Jazz -- Jazz enthusiasts can enjoy listening to the cool sounds of Mel Brown, in the Rogue River Room at Chinook Winds Casino Resort in Lincoln City. No cover charge.

Hip-hop Dance Classes -- Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation is hosting family friendly hip-hop dance classes for ages 5 to 18. Various lessons teach rhythm, technique, coordination, agility and teamwork through urban dance moves. For more information, call 360-696-8236.

Open Mic Night -- Every Wednesday night at 7 p.m., Proper Eats Market and Café, 8638 N. Lombard St., host open-mic night.

Forbidden Love -- A young bride-to-be yearns for her forbidden lover and an escape from the constraints of her impending marriage in "Bodas de Sangre," a Miracles Theatre Group production at Milagro Theater, 525 S.E. Stark St. The play runs through Feb. 23 in its original Spanish with English subtitles.

Stories of America -- Saturday, Feb. 9 at 6:30 p.m., McMenemy's Kennedy School, 5736 N.E. 33rd, and the Storytellers Guild presents stories, songs, and poems for all ages; sharing our folk roots from big city to the forests of the Pacific NW. For more information please visit portlandstorytelling.org.

Newport Seafood/Wine Fest -- Feb. 22 - 24, the Oregon coastal town of Newport will host the 31st-annual festival; featuring exotic seafood, over 70 wineries, 140 exhibitors and more. Call 800-262-7844 for more information.

Sea Monsters -- Spectacular photo-realistic animation brings creatures of the deep to life in the new National Geographic Ominimax film Sea Monsters: a Prehistoric Adventure, now

Mel Brown Trio -- Friday, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m., the Upstairs Lounge at Salty's on the Columbia, 3839 N.E. Marine Dr., will host the Oregon Hall of Music Inductees. The Mel Brown Trio will create music, mix and mingle as they toast the release of their new CD recorded live at Salty's. For reservations, call 503-288-4444.