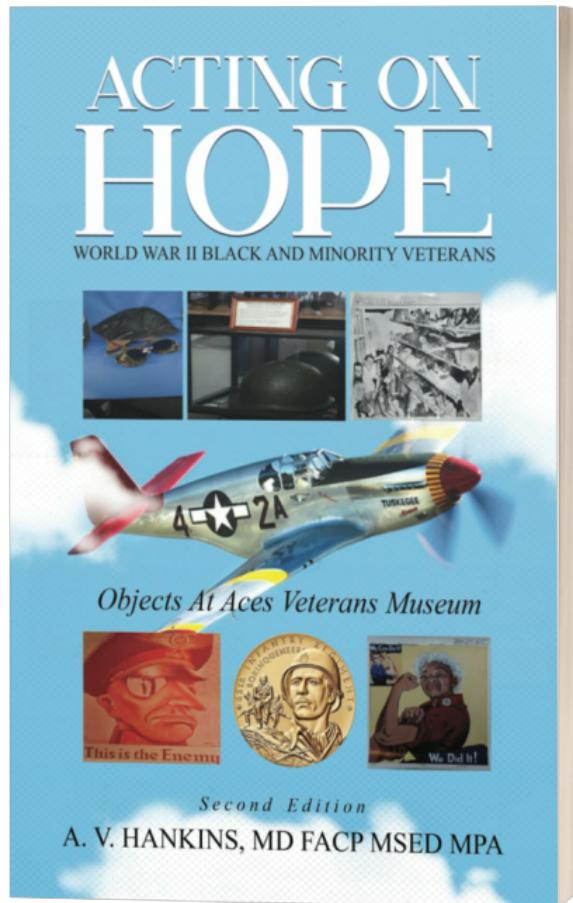


“Acting on Hope” Honors the Courage and Legacy of Black Minority Veterans of World War II

AV Hankins MD FACP documents resilience, sacrifice, and historical transformation through artifacts at ACES Veterans Museum



Los Angeles, California Feb 2, 2026 (IssueWire.com) - *Acting on Hope: World War II Black and Minority Veterans: Objects at ACES Veterans Museum* is a powerful historical work by AV Hankins MD FACP that preserves and elevates the stories of Black and minority service members whose contributions helped shape the modern world. Grounded in carefully curated objects and historical context, the book connects personal artifacts to the broader narrative of World War II and its lasting social impact.

World War II stands as one of the most transformative periods in global history. During this time, women entered the workforce in unprecedented ways, demonstrating skill and resolve under extraordinary circumstances. Black Americans and other minority groups confronted the dual forces of fascism abroad and discrimination at home, yet served with courage, discipline, and unwavering commitment. Their service helped propel the United States from entrenched segregation toward legal desegregation

in both military and civilian life.

Acting on Hope captures these stories through the lens of material culture preserved at the ACES Veterans Museum. Each object reflects lived experiences of endurance, love, sacrifice, and determination. The book emphasizes how hope functioned not as an abstract ideal, but as a guiding force that sustained individuals through hardship and injustice. These veterans acted on hope, believing their service could help create a more equitable future.

AV Hankins MD FACP brings scholarly rigor and deep respect to this work. A medical doctor and preservation advocate, AV Hankins MD FACP has dedicated significant effort to honoring veterans and educating future generations. As Founder and Director of the ACES Veterans Museum, AV Hankins MD FACP has championed the preservation of spaces and stories that recognize Black and minority veterans and their families. The museum's collections serve as both educational tools and acts of remembrance.

Published as a tribute to resilience and historical truth, *Acting on Hope* ensures that the sacrifices of these veterans are neither forgotten nor minimized. The book stands as a meaningful contribution to American history, affirming that courage, dignity, and hope remain central to the nation's ongoing story.

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