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Sarpy Museum Hosts "American Indian Women Veterans of WWII"

Join the Sarpy County Museum on Sunday, February 28th at 2 p.m. as Creighton professor Dr. Pamela Bennett presents *Sometimes Freedom Wears a Woman's Face: American Indian Women Veterans of World War II.*

Dr. Bennett explores American Indian women veterans of World War II as they are the least known group of World War II military veterans. With an estimated wartime enlistment of eight-hundred, these women have not received the academic attention they deserve and very little information on their lives and military experiences has been available. She will also discuss the issue of Native and tribal identities as they influenced these veterans in their decisions regarding military enlistment and community service. This free event, at the Sarpy County Museum, is open to the public.

Pamela D. Bennett teaches Native studies in the Department of History. With a focus on Native culture, gender, and law and policy, Dr. Bennett's research specialty is dedicated to the experiences of Native American women veterans. Dr. Bennett graduated with her PhD in History from the University of Arizona in 2012. Dr. Bennett is Cherokee from her father's side. She is actively engaged with her culture and with Native issues.

About the Sarpy County Museum

The Sarpy County Museum, incorporated in 1953, is committed to protecting, preserving and promoting Sarpy County's rich history. It does this by hosting a variety of free programs, archiving local records and assisting with genealogy research. The museum is generously funded by Sarpy County and continues to rely on donations from members, volunteers and community supporters. The museum is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. For more information, contact the Sarpy County Museum, 402-292-1880 or <u>museum@sarpycountymuseum.org</u>.