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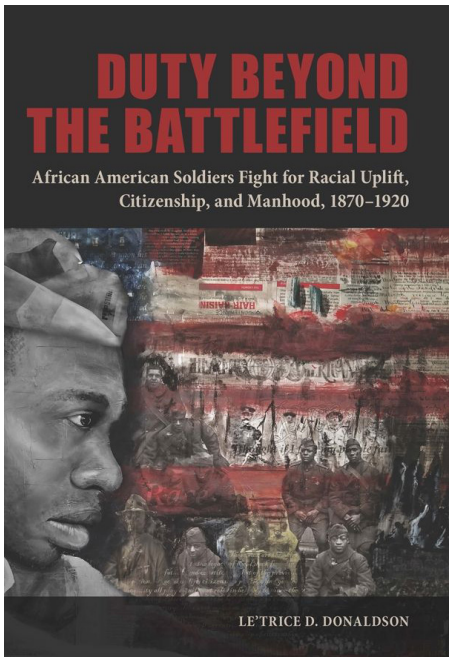

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Duty beyond the Battlefield: African American Soldiers Fight for Racial Uplift, Citizenship, and Manhood, 1870–1920

Thursday, September 17, 2020
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In a bold departure from previous scholarship, Le'Trice D. Donaldson locates the often overlooked era between the Civil War and the end of World War I as the beginning of black soldiers' involvement in the long struggle for civil rights. Donaldson traces the evolution of these soldiers as they used their military service to challenge white notions of an African American second-class citizenry and forged a new identity as freedom fighters willing to demand the rights of full citizenship and manhood.

Duty beyond the Battlefield demonstrates that from the 1870s to 1920s military race men laid the foundation for the "New Negro" movement and the rise of Black Nationalism that influenced the future leaders of the twentieth century Civil Rights movement.

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