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Race, Civil Rights, and Military Service: A Conversation about Kimberley Phillip’s War! What Is It Good For?

Kimberley L. Phillips is the founding Dean of the Brooklyn College’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences. Phillips earned a bachelor’s degree in history from the University of California, San Diego, and a Ph.D. in American Studies from Yale University. Phillips has a distinguished record of scholarship as a historian of the African American experience. She is the author of AlabamaNorth: African-American Migrants, Community, and Working-Class Activism in Cleveland, 1915-1945. Dean Phillips is a prominent lecturer for the Organization of American Historians and has received fellowships and awards from Harvard University and Wellesley College, among others. War! What Is It Good For?: Black Freedom Struggles and the U.S. Military From World War II to Iraq is her most recent book. She comes to Brooklyn College from the College of William & Mary, where she was the Frances L. and Edwin L. Cummings Associate Professor of History and American Studies, and where she served as the director of the American Studies program and Dean for Educational Policy in Arts and Sciences.

Colonel Stephanie Smith is Special Projects Officer for the Director of the Marine Corps Staff. She is working on anchoring in the history and traditions of the Marine Corps the legacy of the Montford Point Marines, the first African American Marines. They trained in segregated facilities at Montford Point, North Carolina from 1942 to 1949. Commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in May 1987, Col. Smith has served multiple commands as Deputy and Staff Judge Advocate. From 2009 to July 2011, she served as the Commanding Officer of Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego. She is a veteran of Operation Restore Hope in Somalia, Operation Joint Guardian in Kosovo, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom. Colonel Smith’s personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (2nd Award), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2nd Award), and the Army Achievement Medal.

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