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The National Coalition of Black Veterans on Tyler Perry's Netflix release ‘6888th Battalion’



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Knowing the History of the All-Black Women Army Battalion who served in World War II, I must admit I was curious as to

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how the story would be presented as a movie. Movies of historical people and momentous events are made with commercial viewership in mind, often distorting or embellishing truths for entertainment purposes. Well, I found out on New Year’s Day, when I sat down with the family for a viewing, the movie was no exception in that regard. The plot was cleverly built around an



Producer/Actor Tyler Perry salutes the all-Black women Army Battalion known as the “6888th Battalion” which served in World War II in his new docudrama streaming on demand on Netflix. (Photo/Courtesy: Getty and Netflix)

inter-racial love affair that influenced the enlistment of a young Black woman from the South into the Women’s Army Corps (WAC). Whether the affair fact or fiction, I cannot say. However, I can say the history of the battalion was brilliantly woven into the storyline. As I followed the two-hour,

seven minutes film the storyline intersected with the facts as I understood them of the Battalion’s service. It recreated the political/social environment of the times with humor, along with the insults and disrespect the women faced in their efforts to serve our less than appreciative nation. Seeing it all played out in

the movie, it provoked laughter, anger, and a sense of pride in how the leadership and members of the Battalion maintained focus on the mission at hand - moving the mail. The movie focused on the women of the 6888th, however it reflected the history of Black women in general who served

and are serving in the Armed Forces. Those who have distinguished themselves to become the first in their various fields of endeavors survived humiliation and disrespect. The movie provides a long overdue public airing of their trials and tribulations while acknowledging their ac- Please see sports-military 3

2024 and Beyond: What the new administration will mean for hunters, gun owners, and conservationists

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The 2024 U.S. Presidential election marks a pivotal moment for sportsmen, gun owners, and conservation organizations, with far-reaching implications for policies, rights, and public land access. As the nation transitions to a new administration, stark contrasts emerge between its anticipated approach and the previous four years. With changes expected in firearm regulations, conservation priorities, and federal policies, the stage is set for a significant shift that could redefine the future of hunting, shooting, and outdoor traditions. To give our industry clarity, I interviewed Mark Oliva, managing director of public affairs at the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), who shared his insights on what lies ahead. 1. Question: What immediate differences can sportsmen, and gun owners expect in policy, law, and funding directives under the new administration?

Answer: We can expect significant changes in how the Trump administration would work with




Mark Oliva the firearm industry versus what we’ve experienced over the past four years with the Biden-Harris administration. This started, of course, with President Biden calling firearm manufacturers “the enemy” from the debate stage. Since then, his administration has pushed a “whole-of-government” attack on the lawful production and sale of firearms. Immediate changes could be expected in the ATF’s “zero-tolerance” policy, which has seen hundreds of small business firearm retailers lose their licenses over minor clerical errors and many more forced to

surrender those licenses instead of incurring the high monetary costs of fighting to keep their licenses. The ATF could be expected to resume the inspection process that was in place for decades, during which inspections were focused on assisting federal firearms licensees to stay within the laws and regulations instead of punishing them for minor clerical errors. For sportsmen, we could expect the Department of the Interior and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to reverse course on their “bait-and-switch” tactics of opening more public lands to hunting but forcing hunters to use only alternative ammunition through policies that are devoid of scientific evidence of detrimental wildlife population impacts. The more expensive and less available alternatives force some hunters to abandon their hunting traditions. Hunters should be free to choose which ammunition best suits them, and that aligns with sound science. 2. Question: What immediate differences can conservation organizations expect in policy, law, and funding directives under the

new administration? Answer: Conservation is likely to be the priority for the next administration instead of the preservationist mindset that has been the focus of the Biden-Harris administration. Public lands belong to the public and should be open and available for all hunters, recreational shooters, and outdoor enthusiasts. The Biden-Harris administration, just months ago, restricted the use of public lands and shuttered vast swaths of the Bears Ears National Monument when the law specifically prohibits this action. Public use of public lands benefits all when there is a conservation mindset – that the lands’ natural resources and the wildlife that dwell on them should be conserved for future generations instead of walled off and only available to a select few. This invests outdoorsmen and women in the imperative that the lands and wildlife they enjoy are conserved for future generations to have the same opportunities. 3. Question: What will get better or easier for sportsmen? Answer: There will still be challenges for sure, especially by special-interest groups working to attack hunting at the state level. At the federal level, we can

expect some of these barriers to participation to ease. In the final days of 2024, Congress passed the EXPLORE Act, which included the NSSF-priority Range Access Act. When President Biden signs that law, we will see public recreational shooting ranges constructed on qualifying Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service properties where no other public recreational shooting ranges are available nearby. This is a win for recreational shooters and firearm safety and helps make recreational shooters better neighbors across the board. Having safe recreational shooting ranges reduces the likelihood of negligent misuse of firearms and reduces the pollution in our environment. All responsible gun owners want a safe and clean place to shoot and want to see the stereotype of trash-laden ad hoc ranges on public lands become a thing of the past. 4.Question: What will get better or easier for gun owners? Answer: Gun owners can expect a White House administration that respects the lawful ownership and lawful use of firearms instead of one that demonizes them for exercising their rights. Please see sports-Military 3



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