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BERNARD F. HARRIS JR., a doctoral student at Kansas State University, examines the lives, education, and training of the African American cadets who were trained at the Fort Des Moines Officer Training Camp in preparation for service in World War I. Upon graduation, those officers, Harris argues, helped to chip away at the bedrock of racial intolerance that characterized the United States at the time.

SARAH EIKLEBERRY, assistant professor of kinesiology at St. Ambrose University, describes the interracial work done by the Des Moines YWCA, especially in its Blue Triangle Branch, from 1919 to 1948. She identifies the opportunities the separatist branch and, eventually, the integrated association provided for black women and girls.

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Members of a dance team at the Des Moines YWCA's Blue Triangle Branch strike a joyful pose in 1941. For more on the Blue Triangle Branch of the Des Moines YWCA, see Sarah Eikleberry's article in this issue. Photo from YWCA of Greater Des Moines Records, Iowa Women's Archives, University of Iowa Libraries, Iowa City.

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