

NARA BLACK HISTORY BASIC TRAINING

Feb 18 – Agana Race Riot

The [Agana Race Riot](#) was a series of disputes between Black and white military members from December 24-26, 1944, in Agana, Guam. While developing a base of operations, Black troops from the Marine 25th Depot Company experienced discrimination, racial slurs and constant mistreatment. On Christmas Eve, Black Marines were fired on by their white counterparts when they were seen talking to local Chamoru (indigenous Guamanian) women. The Marines returned to base and armed themselves to confront the offenders. After a couple of days of violence, Black servicemen were arrested and charged with unlawful assembly, rioting, theft of government property, and attempted murder. Forty-four Black Marines were court-martialed. In 1946, their verdicts were overturned and they were released from prison.



Viewing:

- ✓ [Agana Race Riot: A True Story about Guam](#)
- ✓ [How the Agana Race Riots Shaped Modern Race Relations](#)

Reading:

- ✓ [The Christmas Shootings on Guam: Charges of Unlawful Assembly Followed](#), Prologue
- ✓ [Right to Fight: African American Marines in WWII](#), Marines in WWII Commemorative Series