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From the Editors’ Desk:
Greetings Troopers and Friends.
I hope all is well with each of you and your families. We had a great year in 2015. Life membership approval was up by over 70 new members over 2 years. We have added new chapters and charter applications are on the rise. We now have a home base in Houston, Texas at the Buffalo Soldier Museum. There are many new projects on the horizon and you should make it your business to embrace the new directions planed by our executive board. We need new thoughts and actions from all members of this association. You owe it to yourself to become a part of the next reunion in Houston, Texas in 2016.
“Ready and Forward”
Trooper Don L Johnson

Trooper Henri LeGendre

The association would like to recognize Trooper LeGendre for his diligent work for arranging our MOAU with the Houston Buffalo Soldier Museum. The process has taken over three years to establish. We will have the opportunity to view the facility during our 150th reunion in Houston, TX. See you there.
“Ready and Forward”.

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Trooper William “Bill” Morehouse

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Greetings Troopers, Ladies Auxiliary and Friends,



It was great seeing all those who attended the 149th Anniversary Reunion in Atlanta. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Greater Atlanta Chapter and everyone who made this a memorable reunion.

There were faces missing in Atlanta that we can only see in our memories now. I take solace in the fact that we will pay homage for those who have gone on to Fiddler's Green and we honor them for their contributions. We will keep them in our hearts and be forever grateful for who they were and what they meant to us. We will keep their families in our thoughts and in our prayers.

Thank you for your vote of confidence as reflected by the recent elections. I am honored to have an opportunity to serve another term as your President. I pledge to continue the

work we have started.

We have some exciting cornerstones on the horizon such as the 150th anniversary which will reflect the rich history, heritage, and the amazing achievements of the Buffalo Soldiers. The 150th celebration will be held in Houston, Texas along with the unveiling of the National Headquarters. This is an opportunity for you to invite families and friends to see this ground-breaking event that will have a direct impact on our future and ensure the preservation of the Buffalo Soldier legacy.

I am indebted to the 2012-2015 Executive Board for their tireless efforts over the past four years, as they have tackled projects and issues as a team. As a result, we are a better organization. For all that they have done, I am truly grateful. The Executive Board is composed of proven leaders who bring a range of expertise and perspectives to ensure the organization fulfills its program objectives, process improvements and other outlined goals, while operating in a financially responsible manner.

Last but not least, please join me in congratulating the new 2015 Officers, as they assume their respectful positions. I have all the confidence in their ability to lead the 9th & 10th (Horse) Cavalry Associations to new opportunities ahead.

I encourage you all to get involved, if you have not already done so. Consider pledging one hour per week to work on projects at the local or national level. Consider joining a committee or perhaps become involved in community service or any other activities that will promote awareness of the Buffalo Soldiers and our wonderful history.

Looking forward to working with all of you.

Together we can accomplish great things – *"We Can, We Will"*

Yours in Service,

Willie Edley Jr., National President



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Life Memberships Explodes

The national association has boosted it's life memberships by over (70) members over the last 2 years. Pictured to the right are the Patton brothers Troopers Melvin, Martin and Richard who received their life membership certificates in 2014. Also in this picture is



Richard's wife Vivian and sister. It is truly great to see our family grow by leaps and bounds. To the left



is Trooper Andre Williams of Fort Sill, OK our 1st Vice Pres. being presented his lifetime membership by national president Willie Edley. The cake is from the special Meet and Greet held for life members at the Crowne Plaza Midtown, Atlanta GA.



By Trooper Don Johnson



William "Bill" Morehouse Oldest Member of the Moses Williams Chapter

Willie Morehouse was born on September 4th, 1922 in Elaine, Arkansas. From an early age, Morehouse dedicated his life to serving his community. From construction and military service to feeding the homeless and donating seeing-eye glasses to the underprivileged in Mexico, Morehouse rarely stays still for too long. Today at 91 years old, Morehouse says he doesn't plan on stopping anytime soon.

Morehouse's pattern of hard work, like many in the Silent Generation, began with his hardnosed childhood. Morehouse lost his mother at age 7 and his father was a logger. He had one sibling. Today, Morehouse says that he was raised to always have a job and to never have any less than \$5.00 in his pockets. Although his family and surrounding community groomed him to become

a farmer (even sending him to farming school at age 10), Morehouse was determined to go another route.

At the age of 14, after hitchhiking some 350 miles from his hometown to Paris, Texas, he found a full-time job as a logging truck driver. Morehouse eventually moved onto driving trucks for a construction company when he was 16 years old. Along with the company, Morehouse helped build Maxi Army base in Paris, Texas, as well as other military installations in Texas.

Not long after building the bases, Morehouse developed an interest in becoming a United States soldier. At the age 17, he enlisted under the false pretense that he was already 18 years old. In the military, Morehouse served a range of jobs from being a truck driver, to serving in WWII, to a POW guard at the Fort Vancouver barracks in Washington State.

After 3 years in the military, Morehouse left the Pacific Northwest to visit Texas. Four months later, he returned to Vancouver, Wash., to marry a woman, Eula Slider, he had become fond of prior to leaving the barracks. The two decided to settle on the west coast and they moved to Portland, Oregon, to be closer to Slider's family. He and Eula Slider would remain husband and wife until Slider's death in 1994. The couple had only one child, Betty Cabin, who currently lives in West Lynn, Oregon. Morehouse translated his construction and military skills into his road and sewer work for the City of Portland which began in 1954. However, working for the City wasn't enough for Morehouse so he enlisted in the National Guard in 1959, where he would stay for another nine years of military service. While there, Morehouse trained in being a driver, working in medics, and working with signal corp -- which deals with organizing and developing communications-- at Fort Lewis near Tacoma, Washington.

Around the same time, Morehouse became involved with the first of many volunteer organizations. The Lion's Club, which is based out of Portland, fundraises to annually donate eye-glasses and send doctors and nurses to Mexico. Also, around Christmas, the Lion's Club takes underprivileged children, who wouldn't otherwise receive gifts during the holiday, to stores around Portland and allows them to pick out new shoes and clothes. He also works with a number of other volunteer organizations including the American Legion, which buys clothes and food for any military veterans in need, CMAX which fundraises to send 35 nurses to an area of need, and the 40 et 8 which also aids any veterans in need.

The volunteer group that Morehouse has invested himself in the most is the Moses Williams Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers. He first joined in 1989 and was quickly appointed to the position of treasurer. At the time, there were around 67 members; however, that number took a sharp dip around 2000 -- leaving only Morehouse and two other men in the group. In 2000, Morehouse assumed the position of president and took it upon himself to revitalize the organization. For 12 years, Morehouse conducted various Buffalo Soldiers outreach events such as toy drive with horseback delivery of the toys to underprivileged children, food drives, educational presentations, provide Honor Guard at various military ceremonies, including holiday parades.

Today, Morehouse serves as the oldest member of the Moses Williams Chapter both in age and in time spent with the Buffalo Soldiers. On top of volunteering, Morehouse spends time with his child, grandchild, and great-grandchildren. Three times a week, Morehouse works out for 2.5 hours at the gym to keep himself healthy. Although Morehouse is no longer the President, he is still a major part of the Chapter. In the future, Morehouse hopes to see it through that a Buffalo Soldier museum is established at the Historical Vancouver Barracks. In whatever he does, Morehouse hopes to uphold the Buffalo Solider way -- being a man of his word and of example.



Written by: Hunter Stewart



Commemorative Ride and Ceremony

On July 23, 2016 Buffalo Soldier, living historians will gather from across the United States at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas for a commemorative ceremony honoring the 1866 formation of the Buffalo Soldier units of the United States Army. This ceremony will mark the beginning of a national, week-long, Sesquicentennial Observance; honoring the African-American cavalry and infantry regiments that became the first black military formations in the standing "peacetime" regular Army of the United States. These black enlisted men and their white officer corps became legendary in their military exploits in the frontier west, the Spanish American War, and the wars and conflicts that followed.

On the 150th anniversary of their formation; two, separate, mounted patrols will depart from New Orleans, Louisiana and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, which were mustering points for the Ninth Cavalry and the Tenth Cavalry, to embark on an historic and symbolic ride to Houston Texas. Mounted riders and equestrian units along the way will join the patrols along their line of march, which will culminate in a military encampment and a parade into Houston, Texas. The encampment will showcase the lives of the frontier soldiers, in the field. The parade will be a salute to the National 9th and 10th Horse Cavalry Association, which will inaugurate their national headquarters and Buffalo Soldier Museum in Houston Texas on July 30, 2016.

During the period July 23- 30, 2016, Buffalo Soldier-enactors and historians, around the country, will hold historical ceremonies and events marking the sesquicentennial of these legendary military units, in their local jurisdictions.

Most historians and the general public are unaware of the amazing exploits of these men, many of whom were veterans of the Union Army during the American civil War. This Sesquicentennial Observance will not only educate the general public but it will introduce dynamic programs aimed at young people that will continue to provide a stronger sense of African American contributions to American military history and a tremendous sense of honor and pride.

We welcome your participation in the planning and execution of this logistically challenging undertaking and we look forward to your active participation. Please respond to Trooper Virgil Griffin at crookedcreek_184@yahoo.com or Trooper Don Lee at d1quel@aol.com if your Chapter would like to be a part of this historical and highly educational event, or you may contact Don Lee at 1-404-735-0982 or Virgil Griffin at 1- 203-910-2051. Reply ASAP.

By: Virgil Griffin



Troopers and Family Transferred To Fiddler's Green Since Last Reunion



When a cavalrymen dies he begins a long march to his ultimate destination. About half-way along the road he enters a broad meadow dotted with trees and crossed by many streams, known as **"Fiddler's Green"**. As he crosses The Green he finds an old canteen, a single spur, and a carbine sling. Continuing on the road he comes to a field camp where he finds all the troopers who have gone before him, with their campfires, tents and pickets lines neatly laid out. All other branches of the military must continue to march without pause. Cavalry though are authorized to dismount, unsaddle and stay in Fiddler's Greentheir canteens ever full...the grass always green and enjoy the companionship and reminisce with old friends.

*** Trooper James Cooper**

Los Angles Chapter

*** Trooper James Gilliam**

Delaware Chapter

Marquis JaRae Amos son of Trooper Nina Amos

Helen Lott wife of Trooper Wallace Lott

Another First at the Buffalo Soldier Reunion

It was ten years ago on **July 28, 2005** in Tampa Florida, during the 139th Reunion when the members were surprised to be a part of the wedding of Trooper Don L. Johnson and then Bettye Greene Honeywell at their home church. The only people that knew what was going to happen beside the bride and groom were the Chaplain Trooper Lesley Stokes and the pastor of the church, the Rev. Willie James Cook, Sr. To add mystery to the surprise for those Buffalo Soldier members and family members attending was the playing of Patti LaBelle's songs, "Finally" followed by "My Love Sweet Love" at the conclusion of Trooper James Williams sermon. There was love in the air that night when Don walked down the aisle to the front of church in his tux and Bettye entered in her formal gown.

Now it is after ten years the two did it again with a **10 Year Marriage Renewal** in Atlanta, Ga. at the Cascade United Methodist Church with Assistant Chaplain Trooper Rev. Eddie D. Sumbler announcing that before the worship service there would be a Wedding Renewal and giving the charge in renewing their vows. The surprise was the renewal ceremony for the

Buffalo Soldiers members and members of the Cascade church that attended with an added surprise that the bride Bettye Greene Johnson singing "The Lord's Prayer" to seal the renewal.

Pictured on left is the happy couple Troopers Don L. and Bettye Greene Johnson, and on the right is the couple with the Trooper Rev. Eddie D. Sumbler after the ceremony.

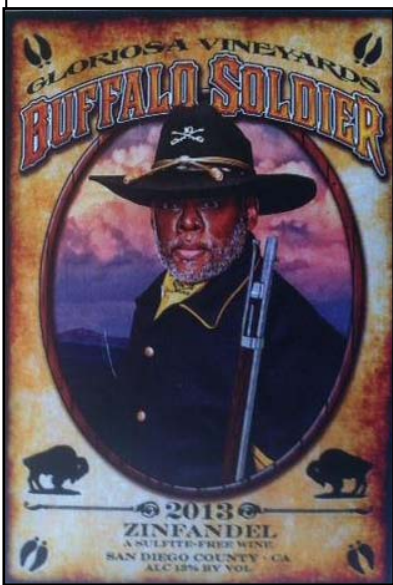
By: Troopers Don L. and Bettye G. Johnson





Gloriousa Vineyard - I received a call from an old friend Mountain Man, a gentle wildly bearded guy, who reminds of Daniel Boone in some ways. He said that his friend has a vineyard near Pine Valley and has named his new wine after the "Buffalo Soldiers". After speaking with the vineyard owner Mert, several chapter members travelled to Campo to meet Mert and Gloria Thomas. Unfortunately, Gloria was away on business trip, but Mert, a kindhearted gentleman showed us around the Gloriousa Vineyard named for his wife Gloria. The first building was a small clay chapel with two small stained glass windows with one on each side of the door. Inside was just enough room for a vintage 1800 organ and one church pew.

This vineyard is a family owned business located a mile from the U.S. - Mexico border, sitting high in the hills of Campo. This is also the last US Army post of the Buffalo Soldiers, unfortunately all that remains are the dilapidated barracks. The vineyard has no electricity, but is powered by solar panels. Gloriousa grapes are grown on sulfite-free



wines. Tours at the vineyard includes tasting of their prized wines which use organic methods and are sold in Albertsons and Windmill Farms stores. Mert is retired from the Forest Service and Gloria is a retired Antique Collector; a flattering duo. Together they have a beautifully renovated washhouse that was once used at Camp Pendleton, now transformed into living quarters for two. Inside the cottage you will find, a full kitchen, a nicely arranged living room with vintage furniture, a grandfather clock in the corner, pictures displayed on the walls of new and old times, and clay tile floor throughout. There's even a cast iron wood burning stove in the corner and the room flows right into the bedroom, where a water basin sits on the antique dresser. The bathroom has a rustic look with a sunken bathtub where you can watch Merts' tomato plants growing outside the bay window. We finally got to see their new wine, and were amazed to see one of our Troopers featured on the front label, in a reenactment uniform, black stetson hat with the 10th cross saber and wool jacket and scarf. Mert admits he doesn't know who the gentleman is, but would like to find out. The wine is a full bodied Zinfandel from buxom grapes; it's deep, rich color and complex bouquet.

After a few calls and emails, I found out the picture is that of Trooper Earl Crutchfield of the Woods and Wanton Chapter. We purchased a "Soldier" wine, the San Diego stop by for a glass with me. Gloriousa Vineyard.



in Tampa FL. case of "Buffalo" so if you're in go area, please visit and enjoy Compliments of

San Diego Chapter (Troopers: Greene, Keown, White, Hilliard, and Johnson)

Submitted by Trooper Rachel Hilliard



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