



## Executive Director's Report

October 2021

### America250 Council

America250 is the multi-year commemoration of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States of America that peaks on July 4, 2026. The America250 Foundation is the nonprofit partner of the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission, established by Congress to orchestrate the largest and most inclusive commemoration in our nation's history. We were asked to be a part of this Council because the 1. Veteran members believed the Buffalo Soldiers History and Legacy have gone far to long without the recognition we deserve. 2. This is an opportunity to showcase the vital contributions, legacy and military history of the Buffalo Soldiers to the building of this Nation. And 3. As part of the Veterans, Military & Family Members Council, we will have a say in how we think the Buffalo Soldiers will be honored and celebrated during the years leading up to and in the year of the Nation's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration by submitting recommendations for national and community projects.

### National Museum/National Association Partnership Meeting.

**Meeting Date: 08/28/2021**

**Present:**

Nina Amos  
Desmond Bertrand-Smith  
Captain Paul Matthews

#### Meeting Topic & Summary

**Topic:** The Association & Museum Joint Marketing Opportunities

**Summary:** Captain Matthews would like to see us work and benefit together on a marketing campaign. This campaign will enhance both our positions and awareness in the communities at large. This will be very beneficial as our partnership continues to grow.

**Action Items:** We will explore and come up with ideas we can put into action.

**Topic:**           **The Possibility of an Association Display case in the Museum to showcase our Partnership**

**Summary:**       Captain Matthews & Desmond thought this was a good idea. Captain suggested we put it on the main floor in one of the display rooms, and we use some of our Artifacts already in Storage to display.

**Action Items:** The Museum will provide us a case to put some of our 9th & 10<sup>th</sup> artifacts in and let us know when ready.  
Trooper Amos will work with the Executive Board on what we should pull from storage to display (we discussed some ideas) and she will go and set it up. (Others may be involved as will)

**Topic:**           **The Museum & Association's Storage & Distribution of National Artifacts Written Agreement**

**Summary:**       The Museum suggested and I am in agreement we should have a written guideline for the National Artifacts in Storage which will include the following:

1. Yearly Storage fee and payment Date
  - a. If any changes to fees, dates, ect. What is the acceptable notification process for changes to take effect?
2. How are the Artifacts to be used and by whom?
  - a. Chapters for Reunions
    - i. What is the outlined process for Chapter to request National artifacts for display at reunions, costs - who responsibility, insurance liabilities, shipping ect.
  - b. Who, if anyone else can request National Artifacts?
3. A Liaison from the Houston Chapter will be assigned to work with us when Artifacts need to be used.

**Action Items:** Trooper Amos will work with the Executive Board assigned committee and The National Museum to compile and agreement and all necessary required documents.  
It will be approved by the Association Executive Board and the Museum, then jointly signed.

**Topic:**           **Ongoing Virtual Museum/Association Historical Presentations**

**Summary:**       Captain suggested we utilize all this historical knowledge within our Association and Museum troopers. By Having an ongoing Virtual History Day Presentation, (Monthly, Quarterly) where all the Chapters and our member-at-large members can get involved in preparing a presentation to present as well utilizing our national Historians who can prepare and do Community Presentations virtually. We will work through/with the Museum to do presentations. For example, similar to what we did for this past reunion, Trooper Bell's presentation, Trooper Maree Roger's & Joan Cruise High Tea Tablescapes.

**Action Items:** The Museum/Trooper Amos will outline a plan of action, when we can start, and presentation details (time constraints, formats ect.)  
The Museum/Association/Chapters/Members-at-large will come up with topics to present and will work with the Museum to get going.

**Topic: Reunion 2023 – Houston, TX**

**Summary:** Captain Matthews mentioned that they are receiving a grant for the Texas parks & Wildlife, for this reunion and this will go to having a special designed project for the Jr. Buffalo Soldiers and our Youth. Maybe a campout and other activities. I mentioned we would be going to Mammoth Cave for our next Youth Summit.

**Action Items:** Trooper Amos will share our Mammoth Cave Youth Summit Agenda once solidified.  
The Museum will work with the Buffalo Soldier Corp for Reunion 2023 and Youth Activities.

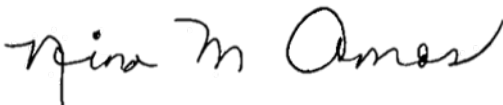
**Topic: The National Association Ft. Leavenworth Museum Project**

**Summary:** Our general consensus is this is a great idea for the association and it would be embarrassing to have another non-Association Buffalo Group(s) step in to build this Museum when it's all about us and we have a GREAT opportunity to showcase us and leave a lasting legacy.

It is imperative that the Association have a strong understanding of the of the WHOLE PROJECT & PROCESS. The Museum is more than willing to help us and should be a major part of the process, having been through this process.

**Action Items:** We must work with the Association Executive Board to provide a clear understanding of this project and it's value/benefits to us as an association and or legacy, including Artifact sharing with the Army.

Respectfully Submitted



Trooper Nina Amos  
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