

About the Buffalo Soldiers

African Americans have served proudly in every great American war. In 1866, through an act of Congress, legislation was adopted to create six all African American Army units. The units were identified as the 9th and 10th cavalry and the 38th, 39th, 40th, and 41st infantry regiments. The four infantry regiments were later reorganized to form the 24th and 25th infantry regiments.

These fighting men represented the first Black professional soldiers in a peacetime army. The recruits came from varied backgrounds including former slaves and veterans from service in the Civil War.

The nickname "Buffalo Soldiers" began with the Cheyenne warriors in 1867. The actual Cheyenne translation was "Wild Buffalo". The nickname was given out of respect for the fierce fighting ability of the 10th U.S. Cavalry. Over time, Buffalo Soldiers became a generic term for all African American soldiers serving in the 9th and 10th U.S. Cavalry and the 24th and 25th U.S. Infantry Regiments.

During the late 1800s and early 1900s, the Buffalo Soldiers were assigned to the harshest and most desolate posts. Specific duties included subduing Mexican revolutionaries, outlaws, rustlers and warring Native Americans. Additional administrative duties included exploring and mapping the Southwest and establishing outposts for future towns. They were also the first Park Rangers serving from 1899—1904.

Sharing The Legacy



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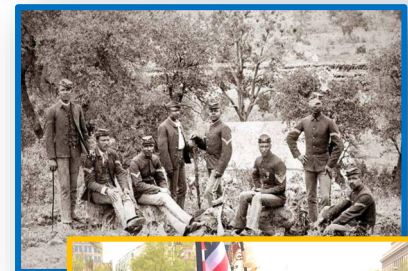
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Ninth & Tenth (Horse) Cavalry Association



*The Ninth and Tenth (Horse) Cavalry Association was founded and established in 1966 to educate the public, celebrate preserve, promote and perpetuate the history, legacy, traditions and outstanding contributions of The Buffalo Soldiers **We are a non-profit 501(c)3 designated as an Official Army Unit.***



About Us

Founded and established in 1966 in Kansas City, MO by 12 "Original Buffalo Soldiers", we are a strong and viable nonprofit that has established itself as a premier, top-notch organization with a stellar reputation rooted in excellence, honor and integrity.

We currently have thirty-two active chartered chapters, over 300 members-at-large (not affiliated with a chapter) across this nation and are partners with the Buffalo Soldier National Museum, actively involved in:

- ◇ Educational Programs
- ◇ Historic Research
- ◇ School Tours
- ◇ Performing Arts Workshops
- ◇ Youth Outreach Programs
- ◇ Buffalo Soldier Corps
- ◇ Jr. Buffalo Soldiers
- ◇ School Appearances
- ◇ Exhibits
- ◇ Parades
- ◇ Reenactments
- ◇ Scholarship programs

All of these are uniquely designed with the goal of sharing this wonderful Buffalo Soldier history. Our Gallant African American Soldiers of the U. S. Army fought and gave their lives in defense of our country with honor, integrity, bravery and valor. The major effort of the Association is to stimulate public interest in the awareness, history, and accomplishments of the Buffalo Soldiers.

Mission

The Mission of the Ninth and Tenth (Horse) Cavalry Association is to educate, celebrate, promote and perpetuate the glorious accomplishments and legacy of America's Forgotten Military Hero's. There were no people more loyal and devoted to their country than the Buffalo Soldier. Their valor, tenacity, courage and strength saved the union, built the railroads and settled the west. In 1944, the end came to the horse cavalry regiments and the curtain was lowered on the long and glorious past of "The Buffalo Soldiers."

Our goal is to enlighten everyone about those who served in these regiments and shared the same common unique experiences, and perpetuate the memories of comrades who have passed on as well as provide community awareness of their rich military heritage.



Some Key Programs

Education, Presentations

Our Chapters and Association members, adult and youth actively and regularly engage in presentations, seminars, workshops, school classrooms, community activities, plays and dramatic reenactments designed specifically to educate and share with all people of the valuable contributions of the Buffalo Soldiers.

Key Programs (cont.)

Community Engagement

We are a community focused organization working collaboratively with and through other organizations and community groups affiliated with educating and presenting the story of African Americans and their military duty since the founding of America. To increase public knowledge of their unique record of service and accomplishments, the association will use all resources to engage in and help empower community activities that feature the contributions of Black Men and Women to American Military History.

Youth Engagement

We have a strong youth focus. We strongly believe the youth must have a rooted and grounded understanding of their historical legacy. This enables them to build and grow great futures as well as it allows us to continue to share our valuable history for generations to come. Our Buffalo Soldier Corps featuring the Jr. Buffalo Soldiers program is the foundation of our youth engagement. Through our educational programs our youth are immersed in the lifestyles, ways and history of the Buffalo Soldiers. Our motto "Learn while having fun!"



"We Can, We Will" - "Ready & Forward"