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NEWSLETTER

THE BUFFALO SOLDIER



"READY AND FORWARD!"

9TH & 10TH (HORSE) CAVALRY
ASSOCIATION BUFFALO SOLDIERS
(THE OFFICIAL ARMY UNIT ASSOCIATION)

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New Officers Elected



14th Anniversary Reunion

Pictured above taking the oath of office are:
Derrick Davis, President—
Willie Edley, 1st Vice-President- Franklin Henderson,
2nd Vice-President— Albert Curley, Treasurer—

Leanna Rogers, Secretary— Linda Beaty-Cole,
Assistant Secretary— Robert Bruton, Assistant
Treasurer— Martin Cruise Sr.— Member-at-Large,
Troy Walker, Member-at-Large, (not pictured Cathy
Burch, Member-at-Large— Paul Mathews,
Assistant 2nd Vice President). ... (see page 2)

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Trooper Derrick G. Davis, National President

of the 9th & 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association

On behalf of the 9th & 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association I would like to welcome everyone. The association takes pride in continuing the Legacy of the Buffalo Soldiers by providing services in and for our local communities. The National Association also assists it's Ladies Auxiliary by allocating funds each year for it's Annual Scholarship. High school seniors are encourage to apply for this opportunity, and it gives young adults the assistance they may need to purchase books, or help with any other costs they may face with college expenses. While visiting our website, please feel free to contact us and share your comments and suggestions! We would love to hear from you! The National Association is an Official Army Unit which holds 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Status.

We also convene in various cities during the last weekend of July each year to celebrate the founding of the Association, and to fellowship with soldiers from past service along with descendants and friends in the future. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member please contact us. We are a proud group of men and women who encourage everyone regardless of race, creed, or color to join us. Our motto is "[We Can, We Will](#)" and "[Ready and Forward](#)" and our mantra is "[Lest we forget](#)" Sincerely,
Trooper Derrick G. Davis

National
President



Letter from the Editor

Don Johnson

Welcome fellow troopers to "The Buffalo Soldier", the official newsletter of the 9th & 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association of the Buffalo Soldiers. It is my esteemed pleasure to accept the task of editor of the national association's newsletter. I will endeavor to deliver accurate, concise, relevant and useful information to you in our communication vehicle between Anniversary Reunions. We are embarking on a new plateau of communications as we enter into this information age.

Membership Situation

Report- "As of 15 Jun 2007 , the Association has 1123 members, 332 Life, 6 Honorary, and 785 Annual) compared to 1024 members on 22Mar 2007. Several new members were acquired and some delinquent members renewed their membership. Of 785 annual members, 266 (34%) have not renewed their membership this year. Most of the 266 (95%) are members in a chapter. Chapter presidents are requested to urge their members to send in their dues today. The Association needs them. To the new members, we extend a warm welcome and a special thanks."
Excerpted from the June 2007 buffalo soldier newsletter.

Attention chapter historians. The editor is seeking original articles from local chapter historians. Your annual events, veteran events and participation, family and associate historical presentations on record. Let us highlight your local and current history. Pictures are welcome.





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Attention chapter members make your chapter stand out at the next Anniversary Reunion by being recognized at Executive Board & meeting general meeting session as 100% paid membership status for 2008. The chapter will be noted as a 100% membership supporter of the national Association and receive certificates of membership, retention, and growth. Membership is the life blood of the 9th & 10th organization's existence. We have the hope that newer members will pick up the torch if keeping the history, legacy and unwavering patronize, of the Buffalo Soldiers.

Dues Are Due
January 2008.

Forts of Arizona-

This summer we experienced Arizona first hand so I felt it appropriate to highlight the Forts mention in the State Legislature' Declaration of 2007 as "the year of the Buffalo Soldier ". You will find inserts about three forts; Apache, Grant, & Thomas. Arizona in the 1870's was a state in turmoil as a result of the moral and human losses due to the destructive effects of internal war, the Civil War. The residents of the territory felt robbed and endangered. The Native Americans felt they were endangered of extinction and the new arrival American settlers felt their beckoning dreams of new life and wealth of the newly discovered western territory in the United States was in jeopardy of not coming true. The US Army was at one of it's most depleted points.

The Civil War has just ended and the troops were looking forward to see family and friends. The military elected to offer service opportunity to freed slaves of the Emancipation Proclamation. The African-American freed slaves had fought well in the now ending war, there were not plentiful farm jobs which had been the country's wealth factor. The attraction of food, clothing, shelter and pay had to be an overwhelming enticement for these men of new lifestyles,

free men. Free men in a country that promised the dream of dreams equality for all.

The 10th Cavalry served this troubled area with the vigor and patriotism of men arriving on shores of a new country. Unfortunate for he Native-Americans that inhabited the land for centuries prior to the great discovery. After the surrender of Geronimo in 1886 the 10th Cavalry performed duties of security for citizens and property of the U.S. government. These soldiers also built many structures that improved and fortified existing camps and forts in the territory. These posts and duties were not the premier



sought after post, at that time, since the Arizona territory is largely dessert and mountains of a harsh nature and of many extremes.

Fort Grant rebuilt in 1872 near a reinforced site at Mount Grahamsee page 4 - forts.....



Fort Grant cont form page 3;
...the fort was destroyed in 1865 to prevent Confederate troops from taking over supplies stored at this remote post. Fort Grant was also a transfer point for troops heading to the Philippines in 1900. The camp had been renamed several times e.g. Camp Stanford, Fort Breckenridge, then back to Fort Grant. In 1905 the fort was closed and has since been converted to a prison in 1973. The troops that were stationed there were transferred to Fort Huachuca.

Fort Huachuca was a home to one of our very own, Trooper Ernest Collier of San Diego, Ca. Trooper

Fort Huachuca this summer, was the focal point of a dedication of the “Buffalo Soldier Legacy Plaza” at the heart of the fort.

Fort Apache was a political football. First named Camp Ord for the commanding General O.C. Ord , assigned to the Arizona territory. In 1870 name changed to camp Mogollon Then renamed Camp Thomas for a Civil War notable, General G.W. Thomas, due to the high numbers of confederate fighters left the territory. Then renamed again Fort Apache to appease the Native Americans of this area.

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Collier recounted memories of when he and his faithful hunting dog had tracked and killed a deer up in the back woods near their home. He hurried home to tell his parent of his success at hunting and the prize awaited in the meadow. Well his father had been an old hand at preparing deer but his tastes now savored for the taste of beef , so he took the deer into the garrison and traded for a side of beef, much to the younger Collier’ surprise. But all was well for the family eat well anyway.





141st Luncheon Speaker , Assistant Secretary of the Army Mr. Ronald J. James

By Ron Jones

Ronald J. James—

Speaker at the Fort Huachuca Luncheon Mr. Ronald J. James, the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower & Reserve Affairs), is responsible for the supervision of the manpower, personnel and reserve component affairs for the Department of Army. In this position, he serves as the Army's principal, responsible for policy and performance



oversight for human resources (civilian and military), equal opportunity, equal employment opportunity, training, readiness, mobilization, military health affairs, force structure, manpower management and other critical matters as part of the Army leadership.

On July 21, 2006, President George W. Bush nominated Ronald J. James as Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower & Reserve Affairs) and he was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on September 29, 2006. Prior to this appointment, Mr. James served as a Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Homeland Security on personnel and employee relations for over

180,000 employees.

In his previous position as Chief Human Capital Officer (CHCO), he was responsible for the design and implementation of the new mission focused MAXHR personnel system mandated by the Homeland Security, and he partnered with the DHS CIO and managed the reduction of nine payroll systems to two with the ultimate goal of one.

Prior to his appointment at the Department of Homeland Security, Mr. James was a partner at the international law firm of Squire Sanders and Dempsey in Cleveland, Ohio where he specialized in regulatory, labor and employment matters. He was appointed by former President Ford and confirmed by the U.S. Senate to the position of Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, where he managed the enforcement activities, procedures and standards of 300 offices nationwide.

Mr. James attended the University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and received a Master of Arts in Economics and Political Science from Southern Illinois University in the Washington, DC extension.

Mr. James also attended the American University Law School in Washington, DC where he earned a Juris Doctor degree. Mr. James served on active duty in the United States Army as an officer in the 101st Airborne Division Artillery.

Forts from page 4..Fort Apache today is a Native American self controlled camping attraction within the reservation.

Fort Thomas was a central hub in the Arizona territory. The

much talked about “Major Wham Robbery” summed up the sentiments of the times and area. The paymaster’ robbery was aimed at the African American troopers that had taken the oath of service and attempted to uphold the



doctrines set forth in our constitution, Life, Liberty, and Justice for all. These newly freed men only trying to establish there birth right as

men of honor. The Arizona territory produced such men by being awarded over 150 Medals of Honor, many to the Buffalo soldiers and Indian Scouts. Thank you Troopers for your service and commitment.



A Fiddler's Green Tribute to all the



Troopers we've lost since the 140th Reunion

When a cavalryman 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 Green ...their canteens ever full...the grass always green and enjoy the companionship and reminisce with old friends.

2007 - Members added to the rolls of Fiddler's Green

Between the period of August 2006 and July 2007:

- ❖ William A. Aleshire, Bowie, MD
- ❖ Robert K. Allen, Junction City, KS
- ❖ John O. Bibbs, Kansas City, KS
- ❖ Albert O. Bly, Kansas City, MO
- ❖ Warren Chapman, Houston, TX
- ❖ Lorenzo Denson, Sr., Cincinnati, OH
- ❖ Carl F. Flipper, Portland, OR
- ❖ Amos O. Gray, Maumelle, AR
- ❖ Will Harris, Jr., Bronx, NY
- ❖ John R. Ishmael, Lawrenceville, NJ
- ❖ Catherine Johnson, El Paso, TX
- ❖ Alpheus Jones, Pensacola, FL
- ❖ Chester E. Jordan, El Paso, TX
- ❖ Wilfred Matthews, Lake Charles, LA
- ❖ James P. Meigs, Jr., Junction City, KS
- ❖ Roland C. McConnell, Baltimore, MD
- ❖ Thomas C. Peirce, Halton City, TX
- ❖ William Prince, Houston, TX

- ❖ Leslie S. Stokes, Sr., Richmond, VA
- ❖ Billy L. Thomas, North Las Vegas, NV
- ❖ William Waddell, Ka'a'awa, HI
- ❖ Goldthrit Weaver, Las Cruces, NM
- ❖ Frederick H. Williams, Chicago, IL
- ❖ Wilbert Wilson, Tulsa, OK

Member of the Ladies Auxiliary who has passed on:

- ❖ Ruby L Pettis, Topeka, KS
- Trooper's family members of who have passed on:*
- ❖ Mary L Pettis, Richmond, CA. Mother of Troopers Richard W. Terrell, San Jose, CA and William H. Terrell, Sr., Sacramento, CA.
 - ❖ Naomi Goode, Los Angeles, CA. Mother of Trooper Andrew Aston, Jr., Los Angeles, CA.
 - ❖ Sifu Steve Herring, Los Angeles, CA. Brother of Trooper Ron Jones, Culver City, CA.
 - ❖ Ruth LeGendre, Charleston, NC. Wife of Trooper Henri LeGendre.
 - ❖ Inez Vampran, Lawton, OK, Wife of Trooper Paul A. Vampran.
 - ❖ Hermie Brown, El Paso, TX

The following troopers have reported to SICK CALL:

Trooper Braxton Berkley's wife
Trooper Walter Brady
Trooper Royal Carter
Trooper Bruce Dennis' wife
Trooper Jessie Harris
Trooper Robert McDaniel's wife
Trooper Robert Perry
Trooper John Tull

Have you recently spoken to one of the troopers mentioned above? Between now and the next newsletter, take the time to let the troopers know that you are thinking about them. If you can offer any assistance, ask them if there is anything you can do. At a minimum, we can all pray for their speedy return to the regiment. As reported in the "Bugle Call" by Trooper Ron Jones –Aug. 2007 with additions...



Elected Officers And Presidents Appointments / Committees

National officers elected in Tucson, AZ. at the 141st Anniversary Reunion;

President -Derrick G. Davis
Executive Assistant –
Margaret Britton
1st Vice President –Willie Edley
2nd Vice President – Franklin Henderson
Assistant 2nd Vice President-
Paul Matthews
Secretary – Leanna Rodgers
Assistant Secretary- Linda Beaty-Cole
Treasurer- Albert Curley
Assistant Treasurer- Robert Burton

Past National Presidents – Richard Robinson , Harold Cole, Franklin Henderson, Turl Covington

Members at Large- Cathy Burch , Martin Cruise, Troy Walker

Appointed :

Chaplain - Fred Gray, R J Clark, Asst Chaplin

Parliamentarians – Isaac Prentice, Alfonse Benson

Sergeants-at- Arms - Virgil Griffin, James Gilchrist

Historians – Frank Bell, Robert Powell, Bill Spaulding

Web Master /Editor of the Newsletter- Don Johnson

Committees :

Anniversary Reunion –

Host Chapter- Las Vegas, NV
Chapter 2008

Ways and Means –Martin Cruise (Chair), Franklin Henderson,

Don Johnson , Willie Edley
Constitution and Bylaws –,

Tyrone Brown (Chair) Michael Theard ,Bill Spaulding

Public Relations – Sam Samuels (Chair), Martin Cruise , Calvin Horton,

Nominating Committee – Willie Edley, (Chair) Michael

Theard, Martin Cruise, Lloyd Bowser,

Audit Committee –

Larry Thornton (Chair) , Abbie Thornton Asst ,Albert Curley, Ernest Collier,

Calvin Horton,

New Chapter Petition Review-

Willie Edley (Chair) James Manning, Frank Bell., Bill Spaulding

Awards – Michael Theard , Frank Bell, Harold Cole, Fred Gray

Special Projects- Tyrone

Brown , Calvin Horton, Richard Robinson, Harold Cole

Policies and Procedures – Michael Theard (Chair), Don Johnson, Martin Cruise, Kevin McCoy

Your Chapter founders are an integral part of the national body's history also. We are the most sought after group in the US today. Everyone wants more information about the deeds and service of the freed men, the Americans from Africa. Do your founders the honor by sumitting their biographies for publication.

In that same line of thought we encourage you to research any lineage in your immediate area for Troopers unacknowledged. On our website there is a link to a research group out of Indiana. Please access this site and share any undisclosed history on unsung heroes in your area. We are hot right now, there is a new movie planned about the 92nd Infantry Division in WWII.

Thank You Trooper Franklin Henderson

Trooper Franklin Henderson , I would like to say thank you very much for you unwavering service as "The Buffalo Soldier" newsletter editor for the Ninth and Tenth (Horse) Cavalry Association. We owe you



a special tribute for keeping us informed and connected

to each other thru your excellent reporting of historical and current events. Your 18 years & 60 issues are greatly appreciated. But we hope there may be an article or two left in your pen.



Ladies Auxiliary

**\$1000.00 scholarship winners
141st Anniversary Reunion -Tucson AZ,
July 28, 2007**

Mary Pearl Allen of Lawton OK., will attend the University of Central Oklahoma where she will major in Business Law and minor in Family-owned business. This young lady is an athlete, community leader and is a working her way thru school while maintaining a grade point average of 3.8. Ms. Allen was recommended by Annie Jones Gray.

Alyssia Cunningham of Greensboro NC was a former recipient in 2006 and reapplied in 2007. Ms. Cunningham attends NC Agricultural & Technical State University and is studding Computer Science. Ms Cunningham is a Hewlett-Packard Scholar, in the Honors Program, a member of Alpha Lambda Delta National Society and has maintained a 3.78 grade point average.

Ms. Cunningham was recommended by Linda Beaty-Cole.

Bethany Jean of Junction City Kansas will attend Southern Nazarene University, where she will study Graphics Design. Ms Jean maintained a 3.68 grade point average in the Honors, Advance Placement Division and Math classes while participating in school athletics, student government, and her local church. Ms. Jean was also employed by her school and had designs of her own implemented as improvements to her school campus. Ms. Jean was recommended by Consuelo Curley.

Chanelle Johnson of Washington DC will attend the University of North Carolina-Charlotte where she will major in Pre-Kinesiology and minor in Spanish.

This young lady has an impressive resume including multiple talents and skills, is employed while attending school participates in athletics, is a community leader, and volunteers locally and abroad. Ms. Johnson maintained a 2.56 grade point average. This young lady was recommended by Edwin Sherrod.

” The Year of The Buffalo Soldier”



The Arizona
Legislature
established House
Resolution 2047,
declaring that this
year is

” The Year of The Buffalo Soldier”.

The resolution acknowledges the significant presence and affect that the Buffalo Soldiers had in the settling of the western territory of Arizona. It recognizes that the bravery and patriotism of these African-Americans service to the country and to the State of Arizona.

The Tenth Cavalry was dispatched to Arizona to cover as much of the unsettled territory as possible. The resolution also highlights three forts that the soldiers provided protection to, forts; Apache, Grant and Thomas.