
Buffalo Soldiers Research Museum Newsletter

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Our Ft. Knox Connection

We enjoy visiting Ft. Knox - located about 35 miles southwest of Louisville, KY. It encompasses 170 square miles in three counties and is adjacent to the town of Radcliffe. Elizabethtown is 15 miles south. Ft. Knox has a population of 40,000+soldiers, family members, and civilian employees.

The George Patton Museum of Cavalry and Armor is located on US 31W just south of the US 60 intersection. It is on Fort Knox and requires visitors to go through a security gate. Identification is required for everyone age 16 and older. The museum was established in 1949 to preserve artifacts about the mechanized cavalry and armor. It houses General Patton's finest collection including his ivory gripped Colt pistol and the Cadillac in which he was fatally injured. The museum tells the Army story of building, training, and leading armies throughout US history. Its goal is to inspire visitors to develop good leadership skills. The hours of operation are Monday - Friday 9-4:30 and Saturday/Sunday 10-5:30. It is free and open to the public. For more information call (502) 624-3812 or visit knox.museum@conus.army.mil.

There are several lodging options on the base. The Wickam Inn has suites with a full kitchen. We see military families relocating who enjoy the accommodations there. Recently, we were housed in Yeoman's Hall (pictured below) with rooms designated for each Cavalry unit. We stayed in the 10th Cavalry room and were reminded of the dedication of the Buffalo Soldiers.



The History of the 10th Cavalry Regiment. The 10th Cavalry was formed at Fort Leavenworth, KS in 1866.

Very high standards of recruitment were set by the regiment's commander. By the end of July 1867 eight companies of enlisted men had been recruited. This was the beginning of the 10th Cavalry Regiment later to be named "*Buffalo Soldiers*", motto: "*Ready and Forward*".

Buffalo Soldier Commemorative Coin

The graphic features a central circular emblem with a yellow border. Inside the circle, the text "BUFFALO SOLDIERS" is written in a large, bold, blue font at the top. Below this, "9TH & 10TH (HORSE) CAVALRY ASSOCIATION" is written in a smaller blue font. The center of the circle contains a blue silhouette of a soldier on a horse, holding a rifle. Below the soldier, there are two smaller icons: a yellow and blue shield with a horse and rider, and a brown bison. Underneath these icons are the slogans "WE CAN; WE WILL!" and "READY AND FORWARD!". At the bottom of the circle, the years "1866" and "1944" are displayed. Two crossed sabres with yellow hilts and blue blades are positioned horizontally across the bottom of the circle. The entire graphic is surrounded by promotional text: "Special Buffalo Soldier Promotion!" in blue at the top left, "Save on Commemorative Coins!" in blue at the top right, "Sale ends: July 28, 2011" in red on the left, and "Sale is on right now!" in red on the right. Below the graphic, the text "Commemorative Coins!" is written in green. At the bottom, two gold-colored commemorative coins are shown, one on the left and one on the right. The left coin features the shield and rider icon, and the right coin features the bison icon. Between the coins, the text "Special Promotion!" is written in blue, and "Save \$70 & more!" is written in red.

Special Buffalo Soldier Promotion!

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BUFFALO SOLDIERS

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READY AND FORWARD!

1866 1944

Sale ends: July 28, 2011

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The Buffalo Soldier Commemorative Coins are now on sale, thanks to Trooper Ron Jones from the Greater Los Angeles Area Chapter of the 9th and 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association. The coin was originally minted for the 1992 dedication of the Buffalo Soldier monument at Fort Leavenworth, KS when only 500 coins were made. The original coins are now being reproduced and are available.

All orders made using the promotional code: Buffalo Soldier will receive a 50 cent discount and a 20 cent coin engraving fee waiver. An order of 100 coins with the serial number engraved will cost \$365 after the savings described here. This promotion ends July 28, 2011.

For more information contact:
Business Innovations
6579 Peachtree Industrial Blvd.
Norcross, GA 30092
Sales Manager - Scott Terrell - (770)242-8002

~ Organizations and Events ~

145th National Reunion of the 9th and 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association
July 25-31, 2011
Sheraton Hotel - Birmingham, Alabama

This association holds its annual reunion to coincide with the date that the 9th and 10th (Horse) Cavalry was established - July 28, 1866. Some World War II Buffalo Soldiers still attend this meeting and are available for personal interviews and photo opportunities. Listen to their stories and record their memories for future generations. All chapters are listed below with websites.

10th Cavalry/Buffalo Soldiers of Northern California - Sacramento, CA

Alabama Chapter #1 - Birmingham, AL

Baltimore Metropolitan Area - Baltimore, MD www.louisdiggs.com

Central Savannah River Area - Montmorenci, SC

Donnie W. Brown - El Paso, TX

www.buffalosoldierselpaso.org

Dr. John Morton Finney - Indianapolis, IN

www.buffalosoldiersresearchmuseum.org

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Frankfurt-Atterbury Area - Frankfurt, Germany

Greater Atlanta Area - Atlanta, GA

www.buffalosoldiersaltanta.com

Greater Houston - Houston, TX

www.buffalosoldiermuseum.com

Greater Kansas City-Leavenworth Area - Kansas City, MO

Greater Las Vegas Area - Las Vegas, NV

Greater Los Angeles Area - Los Angeles, CA

www.buffalola.com

Greater New Orleans - New Orleans, LA

Greater North Carolina -Salisbury, NC

Greater Puget Sound - Lakewood, WA

Greater Southern Arizona - Sierra Vista, AZ

www.azbuffalosoldiers.org

Greater Thomasville Georgia Area - Thomasville, GA

George and Carmon Hicks helped establish this chapter

Greater Washington DC Area - Washington DC

www.buffalosoldiers-washington.com

Heartland - Cincinnati, OH

www.buffalosoldiersresearchmuseum.org

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Inland Empire - Tuscany Hills, CA

Junction City, Ft. Riley, Manhattan - Junction City, KS

Lawton/Ft. Sill - Lawton, OK

www.buffalosoldiers-lawtonftsill.org

Midland South Carolina - Shaw AFB, SC

Minnesota - St. Paul, MN

Moses Williams Pacific West - Portland, OR

San Diego - Chula Vista, CA

Tennessee-Kentucky Line - Clarksville, TN

Thomas E. Polk, Sr. - Eden, MD

Vermont Area - Burlington, VT

www.vtbuffalosoldier.com

Wichita Kansas - Wichita, KS

Woods and Wanton - Tampa, FL

www.wdwn-tampa.org

Colonel Charles Young-Allensworth - Allensworth, CA

Mark Matthews - Petersburg, VA

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The Indianapolis World War 2 Roundtable
The Ernie Pyle Chapter
Paul Rogers, President
PO Box 36804-0804
Indianapolis, IN 46236

This organization was formed in 1987 and has since grown to one of the most active in the state of Indiana. Each month, speakers are invited who have a military background or expertise in WWII subject matter. Guest speakers have included Major Paul Tibbets, who dropped the atomic bomb on Japan and George H. Gay, the only survivor from Torpedo 8 Squadron at the Battle of Midway. Other speakers survived Iwo Jima, Normandy and Pearl Harbor attacks. In addition, Indianapolis Major Ballard has been a guest speaker and presented WW2 medals to several Roundtable members.

To join, you do not have to have served in the military. Many members are WW2 military enthusiasts or children of veterans who enjoy being part of preserving military history. Meetings are held the fourth Monday of each month except for November and December at the Knights of Columbus building located at 2100 East 71st St. Meetings begin at 5:30 and includes a buffet dinner (optional). For more information, visit www.militaryroundtable.com.

Information taken from the Indianapolis WWII Roundtable brochure.

Going Green...



Remember this??? Just a few short months ago, we were dealing with winter's wrath. Summer is finally here and the garden is in motion. I use the term "motion" because some plants and flowers thrive while others get infested or simply don't like Indianapolis weather. We are enjoying green beans, peppers, and a variety of greens while we wait for tomatoes and okra. The squirrels or chipmunks enjoyed the majority of the strawberries but we were able to get a few. Our herb garden is plentiful - with chives, oregano and marjoram, thyme, sage, and basil returning from last year. We added cilantro and rosemary - both are quite finicky but are doing well this year.

For the flower garden, we are focused on perennials with yellow and purple flowers as a theme. It will make next year's planting much easier and cheaper! Enjoy the photos...



These photos are from the 2010 garden - George picking okra and collecting small carrots in the basket. There's nothing like fresh vegetables.

The flowers and collard greens (below) are the start of our 2011 garden. Stay tuned. It's going to be good!



For more information about the Buffalo Soldiers, other African American soldiers and Going Green, contact the

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