



# The Buffalo Soldier



## NEWSLETTER

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

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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 2015. Life membership approvals were up by almost 50 new members. We have added new chapters and charter applications are on the rise. Charter info will be forth coming in the next issue. We now have a home based in Houston, Texas. There are many new projects on the horizon and you should make it your business to embrace the new directions planned 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.

“Ready and Forward”  
**Trooper Don L. Johnson**  
*Newsletter Editor*



### Anniversary Reunion 2016 Houston, TX

**Greetings** to all Troopers, Friends and Descendants!

We are looking forward to sharing our great Reunion with each of you, as well as making this Reunion a success.

On July 23, 2016 Buffalo Soldiers and 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. On the 150<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Horse Cavalry Association, which will inaugurate their national headquarters and Buffalo Soldier Museum in Houston Texas on July 30, 2016. Please do not hesitate to contact me Don Lee at 1- 404-735-0982 or Virgil Griffin at 1- 203-910-2051 if we can be of any assistance to you. We look forward to seeing you in July 2016 for the 150<sup>th</sup> Reunion

*By: Don Lee and Virgil Griffin*

### Founders Spotlight

**Trooper James G. Madison**

10th U. S. Horse Cavalry, Troop E



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## **Greetings To All Troopers, Ladies Auxiliary, Family and Friends**

**Happy New Year!** I hope this New Year brings good fortune and health to each of you. 2015 is officially recorded as an extremely successful year for the Association. We have been involved in many worthwhile projects and activities from coast to coast. Thank you for whatever role you have played in this successful year.

Congratulations to the Chapters of this association for the marvelous work you continue to do in communities throughout this nation as you share the history and legacy of the Buffalo Soldiers.

A very special thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary for the work you do and the impact you have in the communities you touch. Your gift to aspiring college students and military families is invaluable.

We finally have a National Headquarter after years of pursuing this goal. The MOU has been signed between the Buffalo Soldier Museum and the Association. There are still critical tasks to be completed related to that project. Stay tuned for additional information and perhaps a role you might play.

The Buffalo Soldier Corp continues to make great strides as we partner with other agencies to have a positive impact on our youth.

I want to extend my deepest sympathies to families who have suffered the loss of a love one this past year. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Please call us if you need us.

Finally, I want to thank everyone for your support and kindness over the past several years. It has been my honor to serve you!

**Yours in Service,**

***Willie Edley Jr.,***

***National President***



## 9th Cavalry, Fort Davis, 1875



(Image Courtesy of Fort Davis National Historic Site)

See more at: <http://www.blackpast.org/aaw/buffalo-soldiers-fort-davis-texas-1867-1885#sthash.coPgFmkl.dpuf>

**Fort Davis** stands unique among frontier forts in that it became the Regimental Headquarters for all four Buffalo Soldier regiments that served during the last decades of the 19th-century. Troopers of the Ninth Cavalry were the first Buffalo Soldiers to garrison Fort Davis. Arriving in the summer of 1867, they reoccupied the fort that had been abandoned by Union forces at the outbreak of the Civil War. In addition to helping construct a new post, they had the responsibility of protecting travelers on the San Antonio-El Paso Road, a segment of the southern Overland Route to California. The Ninth was soon joined by companies of the Twenty-fourth Infantry. Performing the usual, tedious, everyday duties in garrison, they also provided an invaluable service scouting, guarding water holes, repairing telegraph lines, and escorting wagon trains, survey parties, and stage coaches. With the arrival of two companies of the Twenty-fifth Infantry in July of 1870, Buffalo Soldiers from three regiments were now stationed at the post. The troops were involved in numerous expeditions against Apaches into the Guadalupe Mountains and the southern Staked Plains of western Texas. Although rarely encountering the elusive Apaches, these Buffalo Soldiers proved that troops could survive in rugged mountains areas and regions almost void of water. Perhaps the most important field work for the men of the Twenty-fifth was constructing over 91 miles of telegraph line west from Fort Davis. The line became a vital communications link during operations against the aggressive and powerful Apache leader Victorio. The major campaign occurred in 1879-1880. Buffalo Soldiers of the Tenth Cavalry, who first arrived at the fort in 1875, and the Twenty-fourth Infantry, forced Victorio to retreat into Mexico where he was later killed by Mexican troops. In 1881, the court-martial of the first African-American graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, Lt. Henry O. Flipper, played out at Fort Davis after he was accused of making false statements and embezzling funds. The appropriateness of his punishment is still debated. In the history of Fort Davis, the Buffalo Soldiers amassed a notable record of accomplishments. They arrived at the post in 1867 when western Texas was still very open to attack by raiding Apaches and Comanches. When the Tenth Cavalry left in 1885, peace largely prevailed. The success of these soldiers, many being emancipated slaves, would have civil rights implications for many years to come.

**Reprinted:** For more information please visit the park's website at <http://www.nps.gov/foda>. Sources: Mary L. Williams, "Buffalo Soldiers at Fort Davis, Texas, 1867-1885," *Ranger: The Journal of the Association of National Park Rangers* 20:4 (Fall 2004):15; Robert Wooster, *Frontier Crossroads: Fort Davis and the West* (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2006). Contributors: Hunt, Chuck Williams, Mary L. Williams, Mary L. - See more at: <http://www.blackpast.org/aaw/buffalo-soldiers-fort-davis-texas-1867-1885#sthash.coPgFmkl.dpuf>



### Troopers Transferred To Fiddler's Green Since Last Reunion

You are urged to report the death of a member, family member and Ladies Auxiliary to the National President, National Chaplin and National 2nd Vice President for dissemination to the membership.



When a cavalymen 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.

- \* Trooper Turl Covington , Denver Colorado Chapter
  - \* Trooper Richard E. Robinson, Baltimore Metropolitan Area
- Trooper Andrew Q. Isaacs' son, Joseph R. Isaacs of Sacramento CA  
 Trooper Bettye G Johnson' aunt, Alberta Baker of Attapulgus, GA

### Chapters Preparation of Corporate Taxes -

**Annual Electronic Filing Requirement for Small Exempt Organizations --- Form 990-N (e-Postcard) .** Most small tax-exempt organizations whose annual gross receipts are normally \$50,000 or less are required to electronically submit Form 990-N, also known as e-Postcard, unless they choose to file a complete form 990 or Form 990-EZ instead. If you do not file your e-Postcard on time, the IRS will send you a reminder notice. There is no penalty assessment for late filing the e-Postcard, but an organization that fails to file required e-Postcards (or information returns – Forms 990 or 990-EZ) for three consecutive years will automatically lose its tax –exempt status. The revocation of the organization's tax-exempt status will not take place until the filing due date of the third year. Watch the IRS YouTube presentation. The e-Postcard is due every year by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the 5<sup>th</sup> month after the close of your tax year. For example, if your tax year ended on December 31, the e- Postcard is due May 15 of the following year. If the due date falls on Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the due date is the next business day. You cannot file the e-Postcard until after your year ends. If you have questions, please feel free to contract Trooper Thornton.

Phone (626) 568-8600  
 Sincerely, Trooper Larry Thornton Accountant/National Treasurer

### Membership Dues Reminder 2016

As set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws, **annual dues** for 2016 for everyone except life members, honorary members, and members possessing a 2016, or later membership card, are due 01 of January 2016 and become delinquent on 30 of April 2016 dues must be sent to: Trooper Frank Bell Jr., 2nd Vice President. (see pages 6,7 and 8)

### Association Name Badge Order Form

Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Trooper's Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

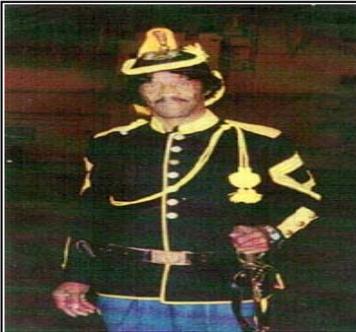
Total Name Badges: x \$30.00 ea.

Number of Badges \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to:  
 9th & 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association  
 ( Mail payments to)  
 Trooper Kevin McKoy  
 223 E. 24th Street  
 Indianapolis, IN 46205  
 (623) 261-7601





### Trooper James Madison

10th U. S. Horse Cavalry, Troop E, 1942 – 1945

**Trooper** James G. Madison was born on August 23, 1922 in Marshall, MO. He entered the U.S. Army at Fort Leavenworth, KS in 1942 where he completed basic training. He was shipped to Camp Lockett, CA (about 50 miles east of San Diego) and was assigned to the 10th U.S. Cavalry. The U.S. 10th Cavalry received extensive training on horseback and Madison's cavalry title was "Pack Driver." He led a pack horse loaded with a 50 caliber machine gun and boxes of ammunition.

His unit guarded the Mexican border and railroad tunnels that crisscrossed the American and Mexican borders. **In** January 1944, the Army disbanded the horse cavalry; Madison's unit was transferred to Casablanca, North Africa to assist with the World War II effort. He was assigned to a combat engineers outfit. From there, he went to Napoli, Italy and was issued a 6-by-6 truck that was part of a convoy assigned to haul food and ammunition to the front lines. He received a crash course in demolition to help his squad sweep mines in abandoned towns throughout Italy. He reconstructed pontoon bridges that had been destroyed and built air strips. He also transported war prisoners from the front lines to stockades. When the war ended in 1945, Trooper Madison went to Fort Lewis, WA (near Seattle). After a short leave, he began training for overseas duty in the Far East. Just before his unit received orders to ship-out, the atomic bomb was dropped on Pearl Harbor to end the war. Madison was discharged from the U.S. Army at Fort Lewis in late 1945. **After** the war, President Truman signed an executive order that gave returning servicemen and women first choice for federal jobs. Trooper Madison worked for the U.S. postal service where he retired with 33 years of service. **The** 9th and 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association was formed in 1966 – 100 years after Congress approved the Army Reorganization Act that authorized the formation of six all-black units. In the late summer of 1965, at the El Capitan Night Club located on 18th Street (near the Negro National Guard Headquarters on 18th and Highland, Kansas City, MO), World War II veterans often met to talk about their military experience. They discussed the idea of holding an annual reunion. Charles Brown contacted all of the veterans he knew and contacted the Old Soldiers Club at Ft. Leavenworth to get their input. The first meeting was held at the Negro National Guard Headquarters and the following year (1966), the first reunion - establishing the national 9th and 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association - was held at Ft. Leavenworth, KS. **The** 9th and 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association Anniversary Reunion continues to be held annually across the United States. Another structure was needed to support this event so local chapters were established in 1992 for the veterans to meet regularly. The Greater Kansas City/Leavenworth Area Chapter was the first chapter to receive a charter from the national association. Trooper James G. Madison is the Chapter President. At the first meeting, a schedule of speaking engagements was set-up and once a month meetings were added to the Constitution and Bylaws to provide continuity and a forum to recruit members. Currently, there are more than 20 chapters in the U.S. and Germany. **In** 1993, Madison was invited to join the Education group of the Black Archives of Mid-America. His involvement has helped to increase the visibility of the history about the Buffalo Soldiers. On December 7, 1993, Madison was invited to the White House for the unveiling of the Buffalo Soldier stamp. **In** 1997, Trooper James G. Madison was sworn in as First Vice President of the National 9th and 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association. In 1998, he was selected as Mr. Juneteenth by the Black Archives of Mid-America. At the age of 82, he continued to share his stories about the Buffalo Soldiers during World War II as he lead the Greater Kansas City Leavenworth Chapter of the 9th and 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association.



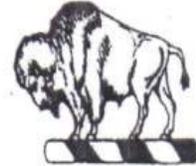
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## NINTH & TENTH (HORSE) CAVALRY ASSOCIATION

(An Official Army Unit Association)

### BUFFALO SOLDIERS



"READY AND FORWARD"

## Official Membership Application

**Purpose:** To perpetuate the memory of comrades who have passed on and the history of the many accomplishments of the Ninth and Tenth Cavalry Regiments in defense of our country.

**Membership In The Association** shall be of four (4) types, without limit in number, open at all times to any qualified person who may apply, pay annual dues, and comply with the rules of conduct prescribed in the By-Laws, are as listed:

**Regular Membership** – Any person who has ever served with any unit of the Ninth and Tenth Cavalry Regiments or Squadrons, provided such person shall continue to serve honorably or have an honorable discharge or separation from military service.

**Allied Membership** – Any person who has served with any unit of the Twenty Seventh or Twenty Eighth Cavalry Regiments or Squadrons, or any unit whose original cadre, structured with members of the Ninth and Tenth Cavalry regiments... provided such person shall continue to serve honorably or have an honorable discharge or separation from military service.

**Association Members** – Any person who has rendered outstanding service to the Association or to the country through service in either the Armed Forces or his/her community. Such members shall have a vote on the floor after one (1) year of membership.

**Family Membership** – At age eighteen (18)... any person who is a descendent of a Regular, Allied or Associate Member, is eligible for membership in the Association as an associate member.

**Honorary Membership** – Any person who has performed distinguished service for the United States or for this Association may be accepted as an Honorary Member. Honorary members shall not pay annual dues and shall not have a vote from the floor at any time. Any person who served honorably in the War with Spain (Cuba) or the Punitive Expedition (Mexico) is automatically Honorary Members of the Association.

**Annual Dues** – Annual dues are \$50 per year and shall be payable upon joining the Association and thereafter on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of January, each year. Annual dues shall include membership in the Association and subscription to official publication. **Make checks payable to... 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> (Horse) Cavalry Association;** do not forward CASH in the mail.

#### Type of Membership – Check Appropriate Membership

- New Member       Life Member
- Regular – Served in the 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry
- Allied – Served in the 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> Cavalry
- Associate – Served in the military or community service.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

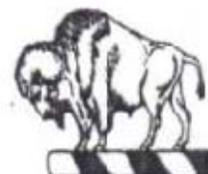


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(Continued)

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

#### Military Service

9<sup>th</sup> Cavalry \_\_\_\_\_ 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry \_\_\_\_\_

Other: Army, Navy, Marine Corp, Coast Guard, Air Force \_\_\_\_\_

National Committees with which you like serve... please number in order of preference.

- Constitution and Bylaws \_\_\_\_\_
- Ways and Means \_\_\_\_\_
- Public Relation \_\_\_\_\_
- Historical Research \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks Payable To: 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> (Horse) Cavalry Association**

**Send completed applications and membership dues to**

Trooper Frank Bell, Jr.  
 5239 Belle Chase Circle  
 Tampa, Florida 33634  
 813/886-1375 or 813/760-2723  
 frankbell49@msn.com

#### Life Membership... Payable in One (1) Year

\$300 – Age 62 years or older

\$400 – Age 61 years or younger

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### Membership Renewal

Annual dues are \$50 per year and shall be payable upon joining the Association and thereafter on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of January, each year.

**Member Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City / State / Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

- ( ) **Regular Member** – Served in the 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry
- ( ) **Allied Member** – Serviced in the 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> Cavalry
- ( ) **Associate Member** – Military Service or Community Service.

**Military Service**

9<sup>th</sup> Cavalry \_\_\_\_\_ 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry \_\_\_\_\_

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