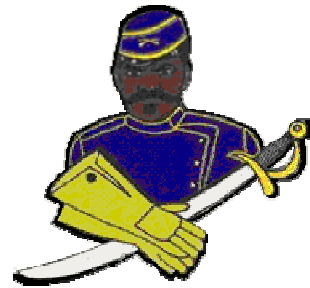


# CAVALRY CHARGE!



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BUFFALO SOLDIERS AND TROOPERS MOTORCYCLE CLUBS



# Words from Dream!



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**GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

1 March 2008



**Soldiers & Troopers,**

Welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of our National Newsletter, *Cavalry Charge*. Once again our editor, Thearon “Ranger” Williams has done a wonderful job assembling stories, information and pictures for you to digest. Of particular interest in this edition is an interview that “Ranger” conducted with none other than Ken “DreamMaker” Thomas, the founder of our Mother Chapter, the Chicago Buffalo Soldiers and the Cornerstone of our National Organization. I think that all of you will find the interview to be very enlightening, especially those of you new to the NABSTMC who are not familiar with the history of our organization. In future editions we hope to have interviews with others who have had a positive impact on our organization.

In this edition chapters continue to recognize the accomplishments of many of their members. I especially enjoy reading those segments because they fill me with pride and they let the world know the character of our membership. Three of my close friends are among those recognized by their chapters in this edition, Ms. Tina Brown and Mr. Dale Brown from our Maryland Eastern Shore Chapter and Ms. Jacqueline Jennings from our New Jersey chapter. I think that all of you will find that their accomplishments provide interesting reading as well as those of others that were submitted.

Speaking of Tina and Dale Brown, Jan and I would like to thank both of them for the surprise dinner that they gave in our honor on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> of February. Jan and I had planned to attend the Annual Maryland Eastern Shore Sweetheart Ball so Tina and Dale invited us to their home for Dinner before going to the Dance. When we arrived at their home they had prepared an elaborate meal and had invited Presidents and VPs from local chapters in the Frontier to attend. It was a wonderful surprise and a very well kept secret. Thank you Dale and Tina and thank all of you that attended and made the evening so special.

This quarter we embraced our 67<sup>th</sup> and 68<sup>th</sup> chapters, Columbus, Ohio and East Bay, California. Congratulations to the brothers and sisters in those chapters. We welcome you to the NABSTMC family. Let’s all stand and applaud the president of our Nebraska chapter, Derek “Roper” Goodwin who after searching for over 6 months finally was able to find 3 more black people in the state of Nebraska. All THREE agreed to join “Roper” and in February, Nebraska declared chapter status. They are known as the Ft. Robinson, Nebraska Buffalo Soldiers. You’re a bad man “Roper”! We are all proud of you. You tracked them down like a real Buffalo Soldier. We all hope that your chapter will grow with more people who share our vision.

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During this quarter we have seen many of our brothers and sisters suffer the lost of family members. Please keep them in mind and in your prayers as they continue in their healing process. Let's also be concerned with our members that are ill at home or in hospitals. Please remember to call them and let them know that they are not forgotten. "Special K" from our Chicago chapter and "Doc" from our Orlando chapter come to mind because they have been hospitalized for extended periods of time. I'm sure that there are others that are also experiencing some degree of hardship. Let's show all of them that we care. Enjoy your latest edition of *Cavalry Charge*. Read about your sister and brother soldiers and take pride in what they are doing in their communities to change the image of the black biker. Read about all that this organization does to help others less fortunate than us. I'm sure when you complete this edition of *Cavalry Charge* you will be just as proud as I am to be a member of the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers Motorcycle Clubs Inc.

Join me in hoping for a safe 2008 riding season. Our goal should always be to get everyone home safely.

**I'm proud to serve as your president.**

**"TC" Costley**

**National President**

**National Association of Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers Motorcycle Clubs Inc.**

**(NABSTMC)**

**P.S. It's time to get the bikes in the shop for their spring tune ups and safety checks. Don't wait for the late March or early April rush or you'll still be at home while the rest of us are riding.**



**FROM THE EDITOR**



***Soldiers and Troopers,***

I hope you all enjoyed the first edition as much as I enjoyed putting it together for our organization. Thanks to each of you for the numerous emails, phone calls and notes, I really appreciate it. As I stated previously I am not a professional, but I will give it my best and with the help of each of you we will grow the newsletter. I would like to apologize if you feel I did not get something important in for your chapter. Please ensure that you send me a note and I will try to do better the next time. Again, when you send pictures, please identify the people in the photo, so I can share with everyone else.

Well I would say that the first “newsletter” was more like a book or magazine, but that is ok, the more the merrier for all. Just realize that between me and Law Dog, we have to worry about the file size of the entire document. So if I left out a picture or two, it was not intentional, but an effort to keep the document to a manageable size.

As I began putting the second edition together, I was offered the opportunity to ask some questions of our founder, Ken “Dream Maker” Thomas. I jumped at the chance to ask Dream some questions, about those early years of the organization. So I hope you all enjoy the article by Dream. I hope we can get him on a regular basis to contribute and give us the history of our club.

I think you all will enjoy this edition’s featured bike. It is a special one, I hope you all enjoy and have taken the opportunity during these winter months to build your dream bike. This one is off the chain, so enjoy.

We are able to list some of the upcoming events in our organization from around the country. So take advantage of the FREE advertising and send me a good copy of your event, and I will list it in the next edition. A quick reminder the next editions deadline is 15 May, for a publish date of 1 June. So get out there have some fun, represent and take some great pictures for me. Hopefully, I can get out there to some of your events and enjoy them myself. Reach me at [twilliams1906@hotmail.com](mailto:twilliams1906@hotmail.com).

Look forward to seeing and hearing from you.....

**OCOPOMS,**



PS. To my Brother Hammer 1/5 congratulations, bout time, MAN!



## *An Interview with Ken “Dream Marker” Thomas*



*I had a chance to send a few questions to the founder of our club, I just asked him some of the things that have been on my mind. I am sure you have some of the same questions. I have never been able to form a national organization, so most of my questions are to fill in the “gaps” in the verbal history of our club. I hope this answers some of your questions, too. I wish I could have flown to Chi Town and done the interview face to face, but that was not possible. But just to have an opportunity to talk to the founder was a major event in my book. If you are at an event and have not talked to Ken “Dream Maker” Thomas, you need to take the opportunity, it will be enlightening! --RANGER*

1. **Ranger:** Prior to forming the Buffalo Troopers in Chicago in 1994, what Motorcycle Clubs did you belong too? Or were there none on the Motor Cycle set that appealed to you?

*Dream: In 1991 I joined the Buffalo Soldier Motorcycle Club here in Chicago. I hadn't really given a lot of thought to joining any motorcycle club because I really didn't know about the motorcycle community.*

2. **Ranger:** You are called “Dream Maker” and rightfully so, but did you ever envision an organization of this size, that continues to grow? Did you assume that this would be a local organization in Chicago only?

*Dream: I can say that almost every club president who forms a new club that I have spoken with actually envisions the club that they started, growing in chapters and becoming the premier club in the country. I felt that the message that I preached about, history and our ancestors, respect for our brothers and sisters, respect for our communities, and respect for the patch that we wore, would hopefully translate in more chapters at the time. Of course I never dreamed that the club would become what it is today.*

3. **Ranger:** The history skips from the original organization in 1993, Buffalo Soldier Motorcycle Club to October 1994 when you formed the Buffalo Troopers, what happened and why?

***Dream:*** *In 1993 I was not happy with the management or direction of the Buffalo Soldier club that I was a part of because in many ways some of these individuals did not share the same life values that I had. The president of that club actually told me that if I didn't like the way he ran his club, I should form my own club. Thus in October of that year I formed the Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club with the name being plural and the patch being totally different so as not to get the two clubs confused.*

4. **Ranger:** You met Brian Bulow and Leon Martin at the Round Up in Atlanta, GA in 1994, you were already called "Dream Marker", when they approached you about forming another chapter of the club, had anyone ever approached you before? What made them different, and why did you accept their proposal? Chicago and Maryland are not next to each other, what did you see, as far as how the organization would work?

***Dream:*** *Among the many club members we had talked about branching out to form chapters but no one had approached us about expansion until I met Brian and Leon. I had the opportunity to sit down with Brian in Baltimore, Maryland because I was visiting a friend. Brian and I were both in law enforcement which after we talked I knew that he would be the right person to get the ball rolling outside of Chicago.*

5. **Ranger:** In 1995 / 1996 you met Carl Laury from Florida, again you were approached about forming a chapter, what was this meeting like, where did it take place and what made it different?

***Dream:*** *I actually had met Carl Laury probably in 1993 when he rode up to our club house in Chicago. At that time Carl was publishing a magazine called Black Riders and we talked extensively about the motorcycle experience. Later in 1995/96 Carl expressed a desire to start a chapter in his home state of Florida of which I felt that he too would be the right person for the expansion. Carl was known all over the country because of his magazine and this too would be a plus for the club.*

6. **Ranger:** By 1999 you are beginning to see your "dream" become reality, and you decide along with the other chapters to form a National Club. Now you are a veteran of the Bike Set and you know what it means to be a "National Organization", was that the big leap of faith? Or is it more of Your Dream? Did you ever think back in 1999 that you were growing too fast, too slow?

***Dream:*** *I never felt that our club was growing too fast or slow. I knew that we had something special in the way we carried ourselves as bikers, or motorcyclist. This was my "Dream" taking shape, with each new chapter that was formed, we were making history.*

7. **Ranger:** I have heard you speak at national meetings and you mentioned being sued by various people, can you elaborate on those difficult times?

***Dream:*** *The popularity of the club grew swiftly to over ninety members within an eight month period. We had opened a club house fully furnished with Buffalo Soldier memorabilia. Because of our growth and notoriety, the president of the other club*

*decided that he would take our club to federal court because of the name. After about twenty-five thousand dollars the case was settled out of court when I agreed to change the name of the club. Thus the name which represents the same meaning “Buffalo Troopers” because the men of the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry were also known as Troopers. The federal judge had actually saw some of our members riding we learned and also stated that we would have won the case since you can’t trademark a historical name. He also let us know that it would have cost the club about \$60,000.00 in court.*

8. **Ranger:** From 1995 – 1999, was it a calculated decision to use the Round Ups as a meeting place for the organization as you met some of your initial members there or did it just happen that that is were we as Black Bikers had our place?

*Dream: The Roundup was the most logical place to come together since it was held yearly. Also, this venue gave us the most exposure to other African American bikers throughout the country.*

9. **Ranger:** You represented something different to the Bike set, a positive light, you must of gotten a lot of negative attention from the “Outlaw Bike Clubs”, how did you deal with it.

*Dream: In reality there wasn’t a lot of negative attention by the outlaw clubs to our club. As I mentioned earlier, many of my club members were in law enforcement, and that theme held true for many of the members in the new clubs that were forming. Other than posturing, the word spread throughout the country that we were a club of police officers so clubs didn’t really want to bring attention to themselves by dealing with the Soldiers.*

10. **Ranger:** Where are we today in relation to “The Dream”? Are we on track? We are now an international organization, we are incorporated, and we are a non-profit organization, what next?

*Dream: The “Dream” is not complete; I say this because there is always room for growth. We have an entire community of adults and children who don’t know about the history of the Buffalo Soldiers. We have African Americans that live in every state of the union and I would like to see chapters formed in every state. I would like to see chapters in every part of the world where African Americans now reside and ride motorcycles. The Dream has expanded and maybe it will never be fulfilled as long as we have individuals who don’t know their history and cherish it.*

11. **Ranger:** What do you see as the “true mission” of the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers Motorcycle Club?

*Dream: The true mission of our organization is to educate those who aren’t aware of their history, to show how brotherhood, love of self, camaraderie, respect and love of God, which has brought this organization together.*

12. **Ranger:** You have seen your “Dream” grow from a small group in Chicago to the largest predominately African American Motorcycle Club in the world. How does that feel?



*Dream: I feel that I have made a difference in the lives of many African Americans who love the sport of biking.*

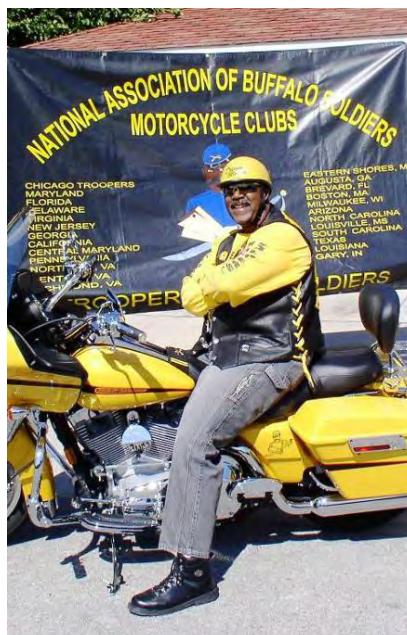
13. **Ranger:** Our Chapters have more than doubled in the last three years. Our National President, “TC” Costley has been traveling the country speaking at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Bike Conventions, Churches, Chambers of Commerce, Schools, VFWs and American Legions educating our communities about the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers Motorcycle Clubs. What impact do you think that his actions or the actions of his staff have on the overall NABSTMC membership?

*Dream: There is no question that through the efforts of TC, this has become a more professional organization. He has dedicated his life to the betterment of the club and this is evident as he travels throughout the country spreading the word and legacy of the NABSTMC.*

14. Fun question, I have heard people say that “The Schloey” is your likeness, is that true? What was your inspiration for the design?

*Dream: Yes, the Scholey is my likeness, when I decided to have the picture drawn up; I had a young African American Man who does air brushing design the logo. I told him what I wanted and he asked me what likeness should he use and I told him use me. I didn't pose for the drawing but instead he drew the picture from his memory of me. The image represents symbolism of all of the brave African Americans who served our country for the right to be recognized as an equal citizen in this country.*

*Dream (Final Thought) – “We must look at our young adults and try and bring them into the same mindset that we have for our history. We also want them to carry on where we leave off so that there will always be Buffalo Soldiers/Troopers out there representing our club and people.”*



**Brooklyn Buffalo Troopers 1<sup>st</sup> Charity Event**



**SOLDIERS AND TROOPERS,**

I would like to share with you some pictures from the Brooklyn Buffalo Troopers 1<sup>st</sup> charity event. We collected some turkeys, sodas, and juice; then we delivered them to the New Creation Church in Brooklyn, N.Y.

The New Creation Church acts as an outreach center in the East New York section of Brooklyn, N.Y. that assist with the feeding of the less fortunate people in the neighborhood.



The New Creation Church not only assist with the feeding of the people in the neighborhood, they also assist with providing programs for the young men and women

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with after school programs and they also have programs for women that have been displaced; counseling is also provided for the women at no cost to them.

The center provides year round services to the community, and we have been invited back to speak with the different youth groups, in hope to assist with the different programs that are being offered at the outreach center.



For your information, this center is only funded by the donations from everyday people like you, and me, so we, The Brooklyn Buffalo Troopers, have decided to adopt this outreach center here in Brooklyn, to assist them in their quest of helping the people in the neighborhood. We were so greatly welcomed by everyone there and it brought tears to my eyes to know that so little was so greatly appreciated.

Much love to you all,

J-BYRD

President

Brooklyn Buffalo Troopers M/C

## ***Diabetes***

As our population continues to age, Diabetes is becoming a serious disease that is affecting everyone but especially people in the African American community.

Diabetes and Kidney Disease run hand in hand in families. If you have chronic kidney disease, you are among the 20 million Americans living with some level of impaired kidney function. People of all ages and races are at risk for kidney disease, but African Americans, Native Americans and Hispanic are more likely to develop this disease. In fact African Americans are four times more likely than Caucasians.

A major reason for this is that the African American is at higher risk of developing diabetes the leading cause of kidney disease. The connection between diabetes and kidney disease can be broken if action is taken in prevention and treatment.

If you know that there is diabetes in your family it is critical that you speak to family members about managing their diabetes thus preventing kidney disease. You can tell family members with diabetes to:

1. Get yourself tested for kidney disease.
2. If there are signs of kidney disease, have your doctor start treatment immediately.
3. If you have high blood pressure, keep it under 130/80 mm Hg. Take your medications.
4. If there is a family history of diabetes, tell family members that have not been diagnosed as yet to get tested periodically for diabetes.

Diabetes affects all organs systems. If you test positive, see your doctor frequently.

Kidney disease is one of the most common side effects of diabetes. Other diseases directly related to diabetes are cardiomyopathy, eye disease, increase risk of infection and other serious diseases.

If you have any questions you can email me at [dpmrpa@ptd.net](mailto:dpmrpa@ptd.net) or make an appointment to see your doctor.

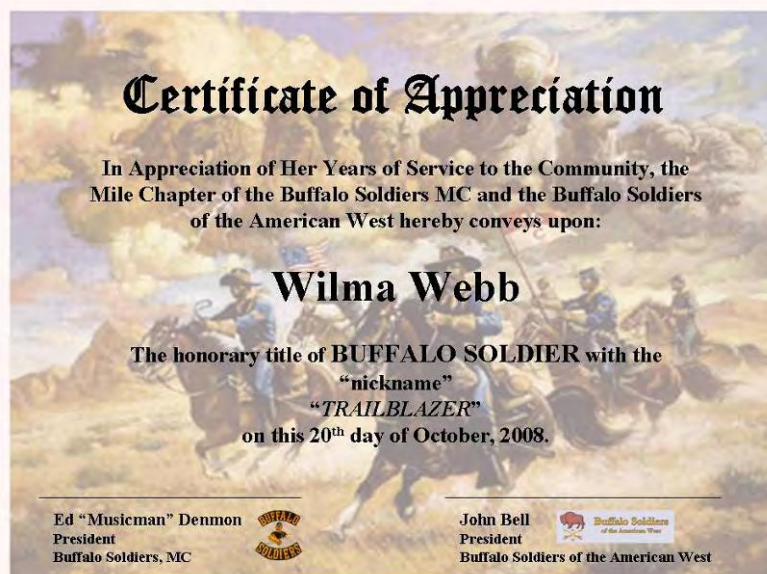
**Dr. Dennis E. Castillo aka “DOC”**

**President, Pocono Mts Buffalos Soldiers M/C**

Buffalo Soldiers Mile High Chapter, Denver Colorado inducts Former First Lady, Mrs. Wilma Webb, wife of Former Denver Mayor Wellington Webb as honorary chapter member, October 20, 2007. Prior to the induction, the Buffalo Soldier Mile High Chapter Members escorted Congressman & Mrs. Mark Udall from Boulder, Colorado to the downtown Denver Center. During this historic occasion for Mrs. Webb, the Buffalo Soldier Mile High Chapter Members also had the opportunity to meet Colorado Governor Bill Ritter.



**Mrs. Webb accepts Mile High Chapter Colors from Ed "MUSICMAN" Denmon.**





**Tom "TOP SHELF" Wilson, Pete "PETE" Richmond, Gretchen "GOOD COMPANY" Jones, Congressman's wife, Mrs. Udall, Russell "BADCOMPANY" Jones, Congressman Mark Udall, Ed "MUSICMAN" Denmon, and Charles "OH-CB" Benson**



**Charles "OH-CB" Benson, Tom "TOP SHELF" Wilson, COLORADO GOV BILL RITTER, Russell "BADCOMPANY" Jones, Ed "MUSICMAN" Denmon, & Pete "PETE" Richmond**



As 2007 came to a close, BSMC-Jacksonville hit another milestone in its short history. We held an Honors Ceremony recognizing WWII veteran Buffalo Soldier Mr. James “Li'l Bubba” White and bestowed upon him Honorary Membership into our chapter as our second Honorary Member.



Seated-Li'l Bubba, L-R Thunder, Big E, Voodoo, Knight Rider, Blow Fly, St. Augie, & (Prez.) Hot Wing



Li'l Bubba's Family Congratulate Him

Please read the exciting story of Li'l Bubba in the St. Augustine Record at [http://staugustine.com/stories/010108/news\\_stories\\_005.shtml](http://staugustine.com/stories/010108/news_stories_005.shtml)

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Our final event of 2007 was a surprise Christmas Party for the children of one of our charities, the Kids' Safe Zone. Our very own Chapter President Hot Wing and the members played Santa for the kids and each child was given gifts for their Christmas. They had a blast!



**Santa "Hot Wing"**



**"Time For The Presents"**

The year of 2008 has started out with a bang for BSMC Jacksonville, Florida. On New Years Day, we hosted BSMC-Orlando riders for a tour of Saint Augustine, some pizza and some memorable visits with our two Honorary Members, WWII Buffalo Soldiers, William "Buffalo Bill" Chase and James "Li'l Bubba" White. At Li'l Bubba's residence, there stands a marker at a small structure, which is actually the oldest and last standing slave quarters in St. Augustine.



**Visit to WWII Buffalo Soldier "Buffalo Bill" Chase & Wife "Buffalo Angel"**



**WWII Buffalo Soldier-James "Li'l Bubba" White (Center)**





**Oldest Standing Slave Quarters - St. Augustine**



**Marker of Last Standing Slave Cabin - St. Aug.**

On Jan 18, the trip to Augusta, Georgia was a chilly yet pleasant ride to the Martin Luther King Celebration. The members enjoyed the events and the wonderful hospitality throughout their stay. (Hey – what’s with the Limo-horse?)



**Meet & Greet at Augusta**



**Dining at the Boathouse - Augusta**



Following the Augusta event, BSMC-Jax was on the road again to get back home and participate in the Jacksonville, Florida, Martin Luther King Day Parade.

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The Buffalo Soldiers were well represented and even had the very first position in the parade amongst all motorcycle groups. Crowds cheered as the riders and all the other



**Shine 'em Up Preparations For MLK Parade**



**MLK Parade Jacksonville BSMC**



**MLK Parade - Banner Says It All**

Regalia passed through the city's streets, highlighting a very successful and significant MLK Day Parade.

On Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, we had the pleasure of attending the Ordination Ceremony of our very own Chaplain, Frank "Blow Fly" VanDyke and his lovely wife, Florence "Wild Flower" VanDyke at their church, New Mount Moriah Christian Ministry in St.

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Augustine, Florida. The Deacon and Deaconess are actively working their way through Probe status and joined this chapter in November. Congratulations to Blow Fly & Wild Flower !



**Deaconess Wild Flower & Deacon Blow Fly**



**Our Chapter is expanding. We now have a total of 28 members.**

We are looking forward to all of the great events scheduled throughout the frontier in the first quarter of 2008 and beyond. It should be exciting – and please **MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for our **First Annual Event** scheduled for **June 20 – 22, 2008 in Jacksonville, Florida!**

Members of our chapter had a rare opportunity on January 16<sup>th</sup>, we attended a Marker Dedication Ceremony honoring Jacksonville's first six black Police Officers. Today there are 1,596 sworn officers of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and 310 of them are black, or 19.4 percent. About 30 percent of the city's population is black. Here's a brief synopsis of their story and the event:

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On November 10, 1950, six men were hired by the “Jacksonville Police Department.” These men: Henry Harley, Edward Hickson Sr., Alvin James, Beamon W. Kendall, Marion Massey, and Charlie Sea were of great importance as they were the first African-American police officers hired by the Jacksonville Police Department in over 60 years since Reconstruction. These pioneers in 20th century law enforcement served with distinction and were a source of great pride to the African-American community. In recognition of the contributions by these “First Six,” a historical bronze marker celebrating this great event in Jacksonville’s history was unveiled on January 16, 2008, on the corner of Davis and 3rd Streets. Sheriff John Rutherford, former Sheriff Nat Glover were two of the speakers at this event.



**Jacksonville Sheriff's Office detective Andrew Gilley (left) and School Resource Officer Vontez Wright bow their heads during the invocation.**



**Alma Harley, Widow of Henry Harley**



**Voodoo, Hot Wing, Blow Fly, Knight Rider and Money attend the Marker Dedication Ceremony**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for our First Annual Event scheduled for June 20 – 22, 2008 in Jacksonville, Florida!

A very special THANK YOU to our photographer: Ann “Southern Girl” Tillmon!

***Fayetteville, NC Buffalo Soldiers News Letter” 4<sup>th</sup> QTR***

Hear ye, hear ye, hear ye: Greetings from the Buffalo Soldiers of the Fayetteville, N C Chapter. The Buffalo Soldiers of Fayetteville have far reaching arms of love, community, family, hospitality, professionalism, support and commitment to excellence. We’ve been very busy these past few months. How busy? Sit back, relax and come along on our journey of support to our communities. We kicked the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter (Oct/Nov/Dec) of the year off by providing support to the Charlotte Out Reach Ministry. After receiving a request for our support, our president, William Johnson (Mr. J.) mustered the troops and rode to the Queen City (Charlotte N.C.) to support the Youth Out Reach Ministry. Upon our arrival the bikes were placed dress right dress on display, as well as a setting up a pictorial, a display of Buffalo Soldiers paintings and a Buffalo Soldier statue. Trooper Shaw provided an oral presentation of the Buffalo Soldiers history. At the conclusion of the event, the attendees provided the Troopers with positive feedback on the clubs participation and support for the event.

Thanks to Brother Thomas Maxwell, our next major undertaking was the annual Thanksgiving Turkey Drive. The Chapter presented over thirty-five food baskets to in-need families. Each basket consisted of a 10-15 pound turkey, greens, corn, yams, pies, rolls, peas, cranberry sauce, sodas, macaroni & cheese, etc. Following the monthly meeting, the Troopers loaded their vehicles and distributed the meals to the families in the following cities: Fayetteville, Charlotte, Fairmont and surrounding communities. Several families’ echoed comments to our Troopers, had it not been for the Buffalo Soldiers providing these baskets, they would not have had a Thanksgiving meal.

Continuing with the good news....Christmas is a special time for many. There is a strong belief in the Chapter that every child should awaken on Christmas morning to at least one present to open. Having said that, the Chapter raised enough funds to purchased more than 180 toys/presents for the families of children in the following cities, Fayetteville, Charlotte, Fairmont and several other local cities in the area.



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At the conclusion of the monthly December club meeting, the Troopers collected and set out to do their duties as Buffalo Santa's. Once again, many families were grateful for the assistance. During the December meeting it was brought to the attention of the members that a small desolate town in South Carolina, was in desperate need of assistance. The members were determined to provide as much assistance as possible. Again the call went out and the Chapter responded in a very positive manner. The Troopers rode to Clio, South Carolina and presented the residents with more than 150 toys/presents. The age of the recipients ranged from 8 months to 80 years old. One of the older residents made the comment that; she had never seen anything like this in her 80 years of living. At the end of the ceremony an appreciative Chief of Police as well as other town officials were extremely grateful and expressed their gratitude to the chapter president and participating Troopers.



In a continuation of our desire to provide community support, the Club participated in the Town of Roseboro, NC Christmas parade. Thanks to Trooper Joyce Paylor for providing costumes for Santa and Mrs. Clause, his elves and Rudolph. Twenty Troopers made riding in this nighttime parade a huge success with the community. A special thanks is in order for the following: F- Troop, for their support to the City of Charlotte, spear headed by Trooper Darnell Shaw. Trooper Thomas Maxwell, for spear heading the Thanksgiving Turkey Drive, a major success. Trooper Leon Robinson, for spear heading the Christmas Toy drive. For Troopers Steve and Jenny Govan for chairing the Clio, S.C., Christmas event.

Until we meet again, may the grace of God rest, rule and abide with each of us as we ride safe and receive many blessings. "On Point".

**CATHAY WILLIAMS REGIMENT HOSPITALITY**

On 11 – 12 January, the Southern Maryland Chapter, “*Cathay Williams Regiment*” hosted a hospitality suite for all Soldiers and Troopers attending the International Motorcycle Show in Washington, DC. The hospitality suite provided a rest for all those traveling from as far as Delaware to see the various motorcycle vendors and displays at the Washington Convention Center.



**Soldiers and Troopers checking out the latest models**



**Good Food and Fellowship!**



**Maryland, Southern MD and Northern VA having a good time!**





### Felipe Fields holding court.....or entertaining?

For additional *CATHAY WILLIAMS REGIMENTAL* events, go to *Upcoming Events!*

### *Bikers tear in, share history*

Sunday, February 03, 2008

By Lucas K. Murray

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CAMDEN The cavalry roared down Martin Luther King Boulevard in a flash of black and gold, Old Glory flying proudly from the top of the USS New Jersey ahead of them in the early morning light. Only these soldiers Buffalo Soldiers were riding atop steel horses, not steeds, bringing with them a lesson in history.

"We teach about the Buffalo Soldiers because that's history that was left out of our history books," said Thomas "TC" Costley, president of the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers/Troopers Motorcycle Clubs. The nonprofit groups Costley heads nationally promote teaching history of black soldiers, united in motorcycling and community service.

Saturday's program aboard "Big J" focused on the contributions of African-Americans to advance the cause of freedom in the face of slavery, prejudice and segregation. Costley said African-Americans have served in America's wars since the nation's beginning from the Revolutionary War to today. But it wasn't until 1866, after the Civil War, when blacks were allowed to be part of the army with pay. Prior to that, they had served only in militias and as volunteers.

From 1866 to the early 1890s, Buffalo Soldiers ensured the safety and security of settlers heading west. It was on the prairie where the Cheyenne Indians bestowed the "buffalo" moniker to the soldiers for their hair's resemblance to the mane of the buffalo that roamed

there. Costley called the buffalo the "lifeblood of the Native Americans" for it's various uses as food, clothing and tools.

The program offered children an opportunity to look at weapons, uniforms and military artifacts from the late 19th century to get a feel for what the nation's fighting men went through. "We take it upon ourselves to make it a part of our mission to promote the history of the Buffalo Soldiers to keep the legend alive," said South Jersey Buffalo Soldiers Chapter President Nate Gundy. "It's a very important part of history that we just cannot let slip away."

The presentation runs in conjunction with the battleship's month long exhibition on the USS Mason a WWII-era destroyer escort manned by the first predominately black crew.

"This group gives a voice to not only Buffalo Soldiers, but American soldiers' solders that served their country and served it well," said Jason Hall, museum curator for the Battleship New Jersey. Costley said the history lessons and community service projects the nonprofit does makes for far greater reward than any monetary gain the Buffalo Soldiers could collect. "Like me, they like the idea of giving back to community," Costley said. "We don't accept money for anything we do. Every cent we make is donated to charity."

### ***Northern Virginia Buffalo Soldiers***

The Northern Virginia Buffalo Soldiers have established themselves as a formidable entity in the Northern Virginia Community. We have grown internally and externally, to encompass concerns of the community as a whole, and we have taken on the responsibility to address some of those community needs and issues. This group, composed of civic minded individuals, have accepted the challenge to assist when necessary and to help whenever and where-ever we can. We have dedicated ourselves, not just to ride proud, and represent a proud part of history, but we also want to present ourselves as a Motor Cycle Club, that cares.....and we do care.



## **CAVALRY CHARGE!**

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In the last few years we have grown in size, and we have also expanded in the charitable donations and activities, that we see an immediate need to address. We have adopted families each year to enrich their Christmas. Bringing gifts, monetary stipends, and most importantly, bringing back the true spirit of Christmas.

At Thanksgiving, the Northern Virginia Buffalo Soldiers joined forces with a local Church in the area, to pass out turkey's and Thanksgiving dinners, to the less fortunate. We showed up early and stayed late, to make sure that they all had food for Thanksgiving.



We have offered up our services to our community youth, speaking at local churches and groups, to offer ourselves, as positive role models. As well as donating monies to youth for football camp, and extra-curricular school activities, we do believe that this is a necessary move, to make sure the youth of our community have opportunities in all facets of their educational experience.

We have also rode down to visit the sick and wounded Veterans, to show our appreciation for their sacrifices, and service to our country. This we felt, was an extremely important gesture, because many of us are in fact veterans, and feel a certain kinship to those that have served, and stood guard, over our freedoms.

The Northern Virginia Buffalo Soldier's have even recently passed the hat, to assist a family in need of so many items. We answered the call, for shoes, shirts, coats, diapers, and so many other things that this family in crisis needed.



And of course we have joined forces in the community, with other Motorcycle groups, for even greater issues. We participated in Aids awareness, in the Greater Washington DC area; We escorted "Diva's for a Cure" for Breast Cancer, through the Northern Virginia area. We joined forces with a Richmond Virginia Motorcycle group, for "Child Saver's", As well as joined many, many, other riders, in the "911 Memorial Ride", from

Dulles airport, in Northern Virginia, to the Pentagon in Washington DC. We have expanded our numbers, as well as expanded our views, on the need to be community minded, to be a force that can help, that should help, that will help, when needed. And we are constantly looking for other areas, other issues to address; there is no shortage of needs in our community, there is just a shortage of people to address those needs.

## ***Notes from the Eastern Shores of Maryland***

### ***Tina Brown promoted to assistant superintendent***

By JOHN HELTMAN

Staff Writer

August 8, 2007

**DENTON** — The Caroline County Board of Education named Tina Brown as its new Assistant Superintendent of Schools, in the beginning of July, replacing Dr. Jim Orr, who retired from Caroline County Public Schools in June after 34 years as a teacher and administrator.

Brown, who was Director of Secondary Education, has been employed with Caroline County Public Schools for 23 years, and was named Director of Secondary Education in 2004.

Prior to that, Brown served as the Director of Pupil Services for five years. Brown says the prior experience in County School administration will help her through her job as Assistant Superintendent.



“I am one of the few people in the County (School System) who have served in two Director positions,” Brown explained, “And I think that will give me a unique perspective that I can bring to the assistant superintendent position.” Brown added that it was an honor to be both the first African-American and the first woman named to the Assistant Superintendent position.

Brown also brings the perspective of being a product of Caroline County Public Schools herself. Brown attended Denton Elementary School, Lockerman Middle School, and graduated from North Caroline High School in 1979.

“(Being Assistant Superintendent) holds a special place in my heart because I’ve always worked here and I’m a Caroline County native,” Brown said, “It’s very exciting to have the opportunity to be the Assistant Superintendent of the school system you graduated from. It gives you an interesting perspective to the position, and it also gives you a knowledge of the community connections that make this a very rewarding position to have.”

Brown said that, despite her homegrown status, Dr. Orr is a tough act to follow.

“Dr. Orr was here for a long period of time,” Brown said, “It’s going to be tough not having him around. Even as a student, there was always a Dr. Orr. He’s got some big shoes to fill.”

Dr. Ed Shirley, Superintendent of Caroline County Public Schools, said that he believes Brown will fill those shoes nicely. The Board of Education put out a nationwide search to fill Orr’s position and that they interviewed five candidates.

“Tina was clearly the best qualified, best prepared,” Shirley said, “She went to Caroline schools, she’s from the county, and she brings a wealth of knowledge to the position.”

Shirley added that the Board has no immediate intention of filling Brown’s old position because with both Brown and himself having a wealth of personal experience in Secondary education, an additional person isn’t necessary.

“It’s getting kind of redundant,” Shirley said.

“We’ve been looking at reorganization,” Brown said, “Being a system of our size, we’re looking at ways to most effectively utilize our staff. Over the past three years we’ve eliminated the Director of Pupil Services, the Director of Human Resources, the Director of Finance and the Director of Secondary Education.”

Brown graduated from Delaware State University in 1984 and received her Master’s Degree from Salisbury University in 1992. She began her career teaching science at Colonel Richardson High School. She was then promoted to Assistant Principal of Colonel for two years before she was made Coordinator of Pupil Services. She was then named Principal of the Caroline Career and Technology Center, and then Principal of Lockerman Middle School before she was named Director of People Services.

“I’d like to express my appreciation for all the support and encouragement I’ve received from my family, colleagues, and childhood teachers who have guided me along the way,” Brown said.

She is the daughter of Delores Wicks and the late Clayton Wicks Jr., and is married to Lockerman Middle School Principal Dr. Dale Kevin Brown, I. They live in Greensboro and have four children and nine grandchildren.



**LEADERSHIP MARYLAND  
SELECTS DALE K. BROWN, I  
FOR CLASS OF 2008**

ANNAPOLIS, MD – Dale K. Brown, I, principal, Lockerman Middle School, Caroline County Public Schools, and a resident of Greensboro, has been selected for the Leadership Maryland Class of 2008. Leadership Maryland is an independent, educational, non-profit organization designed to inform top-level executives, from the public and private sectors, about the critical issues, challenges and opportunities facing the state of Maryland and its regions. Brown is one of 52 accomplished and talented statewide leaders selected to participate in the eight-month program.

Following a two-day opening retreat in April, participants will attend five two-day, and one one-day intense sessions focusing on issues, such as, economic development, education, health and human services, criminal and juvenile justice, environment, and multi-culturalism/diversity. More than 100 experts representing business, government, education, and the non-profit community will serve as panelists and guest speakers.

“The participants represent a broad spectrum of highly qualified executives from an extraordinary group of statewide applicants,” according to Nancy Minieri, president of Leadership Maryland. “After participating in a comprehensive range of experiences over the next year, these leaders will serve as important participants in the unified effort to shape Maryland’s future.” Leadership Maryland is one of 34 state leadership programs nationwide.

For further information, contact Nancy Minieri at (410) 841-2101.

***New Jersey Buffalo Soldiers recognize the accomplishments of one of their own, Mayor Jacqueline “Fancy Rider” Jennings***

JACQUELINE JENNINGS, who frequently tops off her attire with a chapeau, threw her hat in the political ring 3 years ago. Having served 2 years as Deputy Mayor prior to being sworn in as Mayor of the city of Willingboro, New Jersey on New Year’s Day 2008, it might be said that she has worn, and continues to wear, many hats: daughter, mother, grandmother, educator, entrepreneur, author, playwright, general contractor, technology trainer and writer, certified mediator, curriculum writer, Director of Diversity for a New Jersey State Authority...the list goes on. Most of us best know her as ‘Fancy Rider’ – Associate Member of the New Jersey Chapter of the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers Motorcycle Club and significant other of the chapter’s Past President, Larry “Brother Wolf” Bunch. It should be noted that when she functions in this capacity, it is very often her attire (particularly her boots), rather than her hats, that distinguish her...hence the handle.



A lifetime advocate of giving back to the community, JENNINGS, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., has acted as lead trainer providing free computer instruction to residents for (ongoing) 14 years. She also initiated a program to donate smoke alarms yearly to the Willingboro Fire Department for free distribution to residents.

Through the years, Jacqueline/Fancy Rider (a 28 year resident of Willingboro, NJ), has also worked with the Boy and Girl Scouts, Pal, Little League, the American Red Cross (Board Member), launched various voter registration drives, bone and blood marrow drives, and continues to give her time and expertise to many community churches and organizations.

As Mayor, she also serves on the Planning Board, and continues to work diligently to perpetuate the Renaissance of her community and enhance the lives of the residents, especially the youth, the elderly and Veterans. She has initiated several Ordinances during her tenure, but the one most dear to her heart was geared towards protecting youth from pedophiles. Initiatives for 2008 include environmental sustainability, which she

calls the 'Greening of Willingboro', forming a viable relationship with the School District, and more government visibility in the community, as she feels most residents aren't exposed to the daily workings that take place or familiar with the services available. Jacqueline has already begun 'Meet the Mayor' forums, which will occur twice-monthly throughout the year, to chat and 'have a cup of tea' with the residents to answer questions and share ideas.

When folk ask how she manages to be involved in so many activities on a regular basis without burning out, they learn that these are the catalysts that energize her and keep her going, and that, "sitting still would wear me out." The down side is that she sometimes misses out on the fun. An example is the Buffalo Soldiers' trip to Tennessee which she looked forward to with high expectations, but was unable to attend because she was in the middle of her campaign. She also has not been able to find time to try and publish a 400 page novel that she wrote 2 years ago, although a subsequent play "The Velvet Cuffs," was accepted for screening at Film Festivals in LA, Detroit, and New York.

As NJBSMC Associate Member, Fancy Rider is also the chapter Webmaster and in-house 'desktop publisher' and technology guru. During the years that she has been a member, she has secured corporate donations on a yearly basis for fundraising events, created an informational chapter brochure, and photographed many events and presentations. She worked closely with current National President TC Costley, to create invitations, programs, etc. for Retrace 2004, and a PowerPoint Presentation, The Legendary Buffalo Soldiers', for use by members of all Chapters in the National Association. With the realization of the 501(c) (3) status via the National Association, she will add 'Grant Writer' to the list.

Jacqueline 'Fancy Rider' Jennings' favorite pastime, when she has time, is reading.

Congratulations 'Fancy Rider'. Thanks for all of the assistance that you have provided me in the past and continue to provide today.

'TC' Costley



*Lest We Forget.....*

**George Armstead Recalls Experiences As Buffalo Soldier; Medals Long Overdue**

By Pam Cloud, TIMES RECORD •Fort Smith, Arkansas, Monday, November 12, 2007  
<http://swtimes.com/articles/2007/11/12/features/e-features02.txt>

When a young black infantry soldier from Arkansas fought on the front lines in Italy during World War II, he was fighting for freedom he wasn't even going to have when he returned home.

A North Little Rock native, George Armstead was drafted in 1943 at age 18, before he finished high school. The only child of a baker growing up in the Military Heights black community of North Little Rock, Armstead recalls picking up sticks near the four-room, two-story shack where he attended school to keep warm by the wood stove.

After basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala., in late 1943, Armstead made a few more stops before joining up with the buffalo soldiers of the 92nd Infantry Division, the only black division that saw infantry combat in Europe during World War II.



**George Armstead displays the medals that he was awarded for his service in World War II.**

His unit left Virginia in August 1944 headed to Africa, where they camped out for one month before moving on to Naples, Italy.

In late August, he found himself on the front lines crossing the Arno River near the Gothic line. They had advanced through treacherous terrain during the fall and early winter months, encountering the coldest winter in 40 years.

“It was wet and cold and muddy,” Armstead, 83, recalled of his time in Italy near the Mediterranean Sea. “Seems like we crested every mountain in Italy. We didn’t go around

no mountains; he (the general) loved to go over 'em.”

Armstead's 2nd Battalion used mule trails to ford over the mountainous terrain. Along the mountainsides, the mules would bring water, ammunition and food rations to the soldiers. They would pile the bodies of a couple of dead soldiers on the backs of each mule, turn them around, and the mules would return to where they had come from, Armstead recalled.

As Armstead shared some of his experiences as a buffalo soldier, others were too painful to recall.

“I could give you some terrible stories of death, people gettin' shot under the heart and still tryin' to fight,” said Armstead, adding that it was difficult to bond with fellow soldiers because you “couldn't afford to lose someone. That's horrible stuff.”

But Armstead said he was just an infantry soldier who did what he was ordered to do by the predominantly white officers of his unit.

“I was just a mud soldier in the trenches, waitin' on the enemy to counterattack and come down on us,” Armstead said, adding there were many times he feared for his life.

“I talked to Him upstairs every night in the foxhole,” he explained, pointing heavenward. “I talked to Him when it was raining, cold, thundering and lightning. There was nothing over you and water in the hole.”

He saw 18 months of combat before joining up with a unit in France after the 92nd disbanded, he said.

“I was in a whole different group then, with all new faces and fellows,” said Armstead, one of 12,846 buffalo soldiers who saw action in the Italian campaign, according to information from a February 1999 issue of World War II magazine. There were 2,848 buffalo soldiers killed, captured or wounded.

He was honorably discharged as a corporal on March 16, 1946.

Armstead returned to the Little Rock area and worked for a clothing manufacturer before moving to Chicago, where he earned his GED.

He studied at Worsham College of Mortuary Science there, receiving his embalmer's and funeral director's licenses. Armstead returned to Little Rock and put his studies to work in the mortuary business until he moved to Fort Smith in 1977.

“I was on my way to California. I stopped in Fort Smith and I never left,” Armstead said. “That was California for me.”

Armstead said the Fort Smith community was comfortable.

“The living conditions were more suitable for me,” said Armstead, who has seven children and too many grandchildren to count, he added. “I wasn't suitable for big-city

life.”

He was a welder for Rheem before his retirement in the early 1990s. For the last 11 years, he’s been a custodian at a local church, which honored him Sunday for his military service on Veterans Day.

U.S. Rep. John Boozman’s office was instrumental in seeing that Armstead received a few long-overdue medals for his service to the country.

He recently received the Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with three bronze service stars, World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal with a Germany clasp, Combat Infantryman Badge 1st Award and a Marksman Badge with Rifle Bar. A Meritorious Unit Commendation and an Honorable Service Lapel Button are being sent to him.

“Too many Americans do not know of the role the forces played who fought all the way through Italy,” Boozman wrote in a letter to Armstead. “They kept German divisions from fighting the Allies in France, they provided bases from which to bomb Germany, and they took Italy out of the war. For this, your Division was key to victory. May you find a prominent place to display these symbols of a grateful nation.”

The humble Armstead still downplays his role in the fight for freedom, a freedom he wouldn’t be able to enjoy for some time.

“If a young, black man goes to war today, he has more to fight for this country,” said Armstead. “He should have a different feeling fighting for this country, because he’s got an opportunity now.

“But when we came back, we were just in as bad a shape socially as we were over there fightin’ the Germans,” he added. “But what we did help for today.

“I think young people should have a better feeling than we had because they do have something to come back to.”

## ***Black troops' legacy taught on battleship***

**STORYCHAT:** [Post Comment](#)

Sunday, February 3, 2008

By LAVINIA DeCASTRO  
Courier-Post Staff  
CAMDEN

History rode a motorcycle to the Battleship New Jersey Saturday.

About 25 members of the New Jersey chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club taught battleship visitors about the history of the all-black troops they were named after.



**Willingboro resident Dwight Baltimore, a member of the New Jersey Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club, shows Herbert Nelson, 12, of Camden, how to hold his rifle on Saturday.**

"We teach about the history of the Buffalo Soldiers because that is a history that, for the most part, has been forgotten," national president Thomas Costley said.

The Buffalo Soldiers were the troops of the 9th and 10th Cavalry and 24th and 25th Infantry.

In the late 19th century, they patrolled the western frontier from Arizona to Montana and fought many battles against the Cheyenne, Apache and Sioux. They also escorted settlers and others traveling west.

It was the Cheyenne who named the men Buffalo Soldiers because their hair resembled that of the bison and because of their courage on the battlefield.

The Buffalo Soldiers also served in other military campaigns, including the Spanish-American War, the Philippine Insurrection, World War I, World War II and the Korean War.

"It is important that the memory and legacy of our soldiers, that their voices and memories are carried over to the next generations," Battleship curator Jason Hall said.



**We teach about the history of the Buffalo Soldiers because that is a history that, for the most part, has been forgotten,' says national president Thomas Costley, who spoke Saturday to battleship visitors about the troops' contributions during the late 19th century.**

Dressed in black and yellow, the mostly black members of the motorcycle club often speak at schools, churches and community events.

"Motorcycles are great attention-getters for the kids," Costley said.

With more than 2,000 members in the club's 71 North American chapters, these motorcycle enthusiasts take advantage of children's interest in their bikes to teach them a bit of history often not included in their school textbooks.

"How strong our armed forces are today has a lot to do with the Buffalo Soldiers," said club member Dwight Baltimore of Willingboro.

Esther Kober and Jacqueline Rogers, third-grade teachers at the Riletta Twyne Cream School in Camden, brought seven of their students and their family members to the lecture.

"We're celebrating Black History Month at the school and I thought it would be a great opportunity for them to learn about their heritage," Kober said.

Rogers also brought her grandson, 12-year-old Herbert Nelson, to the event.

"The program gave me a chance to see what it was like being a Buffalo Soldier," said Herbert, a sixth-grader at the Cooper B. Hatch Middle School. "It's also my first time being at the battleship."

### ***Buffalo Soldiers have Proud History***

By **RICHARD PRIOR**, **The St. Augustine Record**, Tuesday, January 1, 2008  
[http://staugustine.com/stories/010108/news\\_stories\\_005.shtml](http://staugustine.com/stories/010108/news_stories_005.shtml)

Segregation was so complete during World War II that black and white soldiers normally mingled only in the hospital or the stockade.

James Luther White learned something about both.

The South Carolina native was working a civilian job at Fort Jackson when he got his draft notice. He became one passenger among two busloads of draftees sent to North Carolina to be sworn in before they were moved on to Kentucky for basic training. Some of the new soldiers moved on to Arizona for desert training in the inhospitable climate of Fort Huachuca.



**St. Augustine resident James White fought with the U.S. Army Buffalo Soldiers in World War Two.**

"It'd be over 100 in the day. Hot. Hottttt," said White, shaking his head as he sat outside his St. Augustine home. "But come nighttime, you gotta have something to throw around you. That temperature'd go down.

"The heat don't worry you too bad if you can rest good at night."

There was no ceremony when White and selected other recruits joined the fabled line of "Buffalo Soldiers" in the 92nd Infantry Division.

"Nobody asked me," White said, adjusting the bill of his cap, inscribed with "Forgotten Heroes."

"They just did it," he added quietly.

Still, there was a lot of pride in knowing he had become part of one of the most distinctive units in American history:

"We'd get on the marches later, you know, and you'd be singing that song: 'Give me that old buffalo spirit.'

"Twenty-five miles, full pack, rifle and all that. Headed into action. Singing that song." The first Buffalo Soldiers were former slaves and black Civil War soldiers. They fought in every major and most minor conflicts; they were the first black soldiers to serve during peacetime.

Most of the 909,000 blacks who served during World War II were assigned to unpleasant or menial duties.

The 92nd was the only black infantry division to fight in Europe, and, in their own little corners of the battlefield, they often fought alone.

They were reminded often why there are no atheists in foxholes. There weren't many white soldiers either.

"We weren't together, even when we got overseas," said White. "Not even up there on the line.

"Even when we went out on pass, you know, there could be trouble. Many of us drove together. When there was a lot of us, it didn't go too bad."

White, a light mortar crewman, faced a particularly stubborn "enemy" as his ship plowed across the Atlantic to Italy in 1944.

Seasickness.

"We went by ourselves because our ship was too fast for the convoy," said White. "We left port on a Saturday noon. Sunday week eight days, we were going past the Rock of Gibraltar.

"Man, I got sooo sick on that ship. Had to take my cap to vomit in. No choice. I was on duty, but I had to stick, or they'd have put me in the brig."

With American P38s zipping overhead to provide some cover, soldiers and sailors were greeted with a barrage of German "mortar fire and whatnot" that first night in Italy, said White:

"Our platoon sergeant, he was the bravest guy that was. Once we got over there, he cracked up before we even got on the line.

"They had to send him back."

White and his unit fought in the Rome-Arno campaign and in the Northern Apennines. He was wounded on Nov. 24, 1944, the day after Thanksgiving.

"We was making an attack, and I got hit by a shell fragment," White said. "My buddy right behind me, he got killed. Direct hit."

He was in the hospital and rehab for a little better than two months. His hospital window opened up to a view of the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

As soon as White regained his strength, he was ordered back to the front line.

He decided not to go.

"I couldn't take it," he said. "I went over the hill, and they put me in jail.

"Man, you just don't know. Once you get hit by that stuff, it'll take your nerves. You're gun shy. A dog get hit like that, he ain't gonna stick around."

The authorities soon decided White's infraction didn't warrant prolonged punishment. He was released from the stockade, and, in a reversal of roles, was put on guard duty, escorting German prisoners to units in the rear.

He was discharged a Pfc. and was awarded a Purple Heart, the American Theater Service Medal and the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with two bronze service stars.

White paused in his storytelling to look down the street that passes in front of his house.

He had been enjoying the warmth and quiet of a late fall afternoon.

Now, the guttural roar of engines took big gulps out of the quiet.

His visitors wore big grins as they eased to the curb in motorcycles only a tad smaller than streetcars. Honda Goldwings and Harley-Davidsons with growling 1,000-1,800cc engines.

It was seven members of the Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club-Jacksonville come to pay their respects. The men had dressed up in the club "uniform" cavalry hats, leather vests, yellow shirts and fringed, forearm-high gloves.

Chapter President Joe "Hot Wing" Tillmon led the ceremony. He read the proclamation, presented the membership certificate and helped White into his new leather jacket.

He also bestowed a new nickname on the guest of honor on behalf of the chapter and its two dozen members.

"Li'l Bubba."

"Making James "Li'l Bubba" White an Honorary Member is exciting and special to all our members," said Glen "Voodoo" Tilley, the chapter's public relations officer. "As an organization, one of our main goals and purposes is to educate the community about the rich history of the Buffalo Soldiers.

"When we have the wonderful, albeit rare, opportunity to meet one of the real and elite Buffalo Soldiers and make them a member of our organization, it is not only special, it is an honor to us all."





**“TC” with the President of the Montgomery Alabama Chapter, “Smokey” Russell and members of their chapter as we donated Buffalo Soldiers Jackets to Dr. Joe A. Lee, President of Alabama State University and Dr. Janice R. Franklin, Dean of the University Library and Project Director, National Center for the Study of Civil Rights and African-American Culture. Conducted on 21 November 2007 when TC was a guest speaker at ASU First Annual Alumni Homecoming Reception.**



**Lf to Rt; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Costley, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Brown  
At the Eastern Shores Chapter’s Sweetheart Ball,  
Feb 9, 2008**

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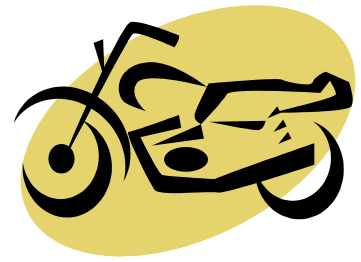




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**Waiver: It may be important to ask your  
registrants to sign a waiver.**

Registration fee: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Riders \_\_\_\_\_

Motorcycle club name \_\_\_\_\_ President \_\_\_\_\_  
E Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_



# Northern Virginia Buffalo Soldiers M/C Inc.

Presents their  
**Annual Spring Cookout**

**Saturday, April 26, 2008  
12:00 PM-6:00 PM**

**Vienna Elks Lodge (James H. Hayes)  
250 Nutley Street N.W.  
Vienna, Va. 22180**



**\$ 10.00/pp with Colors  
Food for sale  
Moon Bounce  
50/50 Raffle and Prizes  
Bike & Car Show  
DJ & Live Band**

**Presidents FREE with 3 or more members !**



Vendors welcome, please call for more information.

Star\*Man @ 703.906.5176 (or) tthomas99@yahoo.com  
Jersey @ 703.963.1884 (or) njkyd@aol.com  
Freckles @ 703.402.1358 (or) buffalofreckles@yahoo.com

## Directions to Cookout

### From Manassas

**I-66 E towards WASHINGTON.  
Merge onto VA -243 N / NUTLEY ST. SW via EXIT 62 towards VIENNA.  
VA -243 N /NUTLEY ST SW. becomes NUTLEY ST NW.**

### From Richmond

**I-95 N towards WASHINGTON  
Merge onto I-395 N. via EXIT 170-B towards WASHINGTON / I-495 / TYSONS  
CORNER  
Merge onto I-495 N / CAPITAL BELTWAY via EXIT 170B towards TYSONS  
CORNER  
Merge onto I-66 W via EXIT 49-C towards VIENNA / FRONT ROYAL  
Merge onto VA-243 N / NUTLEY ST SW via Exit 62 towards VIENNA  
VA -243 N / NUTLEY ST SW. becomes NUTLEY ST NW.**

### From Washington DC

**I I-66 W (crossing into VIRGINIA)  
Merge onto VA-243 N /NUTLEY ST SW via EXIT 62 towards VIENNA  
VA -243 N / NUTLEY ST SW. becomes NUTLEY ST NW**

### From Maryland

**I-495 S / CAPITAL BELTWAY towards RICHMOND VA / ALEXANDRIA VA  
Merge onto I-66 W via EXIT 49-C towards VIENNA / FRONT ROYAL  
Merge onto VA-243 N / NUTLEY ST SW via EXIT 62 towards VIENNA**

VA -243 N / NUTLEY ST SW. becomes NUTLEY ST NW

**Gathay Williams Regiment Annual Myasthenia Gravis Ride & Cook Out**  
**Saturday May 3rd 2008**  
**10am :: kick stands up @ 11am**  
 Depart from Landover Mall (Sears) Parking Lot  
 Destination :: Patapsco Valley State Park

**Fun, Food & Games**  
 (Children are welcomed!)  
 drive or ride your bike!

**DIRECTIONS**  
 195 to 295N  
 295N to 195W (Catonsville)  
 195W to Rt. 1 South (Elkridge - Exit #3)  
 Stay Right  
 Right on South Street (1st right off Exit #3)  
 Patapsco Valley State Park on the Left

**Donation: \$10.00 (includes Park Entry & Lunch)**  
**Register at: [www.bsmc-somd.com](http://www.bsmc-somd.com)**  
 Come out to ride with us to support the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation <http://Myasthenia.org>

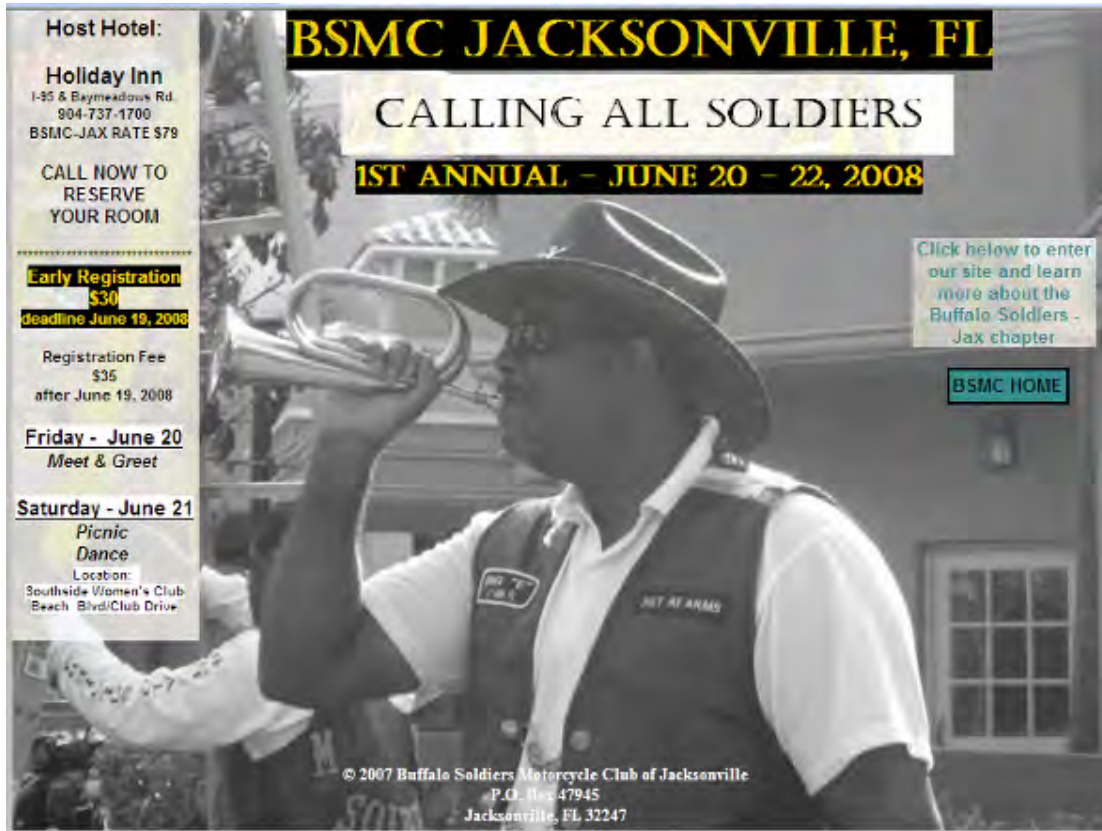
**BUFFALO THUNDER**  
**&**  
**CHAPTER PICNIC/CONCERT**  
**MARYLAND "MOTHER" CHAPTER**  
**24 -25 MAY 2008**

**PICNIC/ CONCERT: SATURDAY, 24 MAY AT THE AMERICAN LEGION DISTRICT YOUTH CENTER, 9201 SURRATTS RD CHELTENHAM, MD**

**BUFFALO THUNDER: SUNDAY, 25 MAY, 8:00am, AFRICAN AMERICAN CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL at 10TH AND U STREET N.W.**

**CONTACT: FELIPE' (301) 221-9483 OR LARRY (DOC) (240) 304-0891**





**Host Hotel:**  
**Holiday Inn**  
1-95 & Baymeadows Rd.  
904-737-1700  
BSMC-JAX RATE \$79

CALL NOW TO RESERVE YOUR ROOM

**Early Registration**  
**\$30**  
**deadline June 19, 2008**

Registration Fee \$35  
after June 19, 2008

**Friday - June 20**  
*Meet & Greet*

**Saturday - June 21**  
*Picnic*  
*Dance*  
Location:  
Southside Women's Club  
Beach Blvd/Club Drive

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**Cathay Williams Regiment**  
**Splash Party**  
**Sat. July 12, 2008 (Rain or Shine!)**  
**2pm - 6pm**

**ADULTS ONLY 21 & UP**

**Cash Bar**

bring your swimming gear!  
Donations: **\$12.50** (includes light refreshments)

Register at: **www.bsmc-somd.com**

Location:  
**Seafarers Yacht Club**  
**602 Third Street**  
**Annapolis, MD 21403**

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**JOIN US FOR OUR 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL EVENT**

*Memorial Day Weekend*

**May 23 & 24, 2008**

**Bring family and friends, come and have a fun filled  
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**While in Orlando you can make plans to enjoy:**

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## *BIG APPLE BUS TOUR*

*Come and share in the fun as the Brooklyn Buffalo Troopers M/C takes a bite out of the "Big Apple" as we take a mini tour of New York City's nightlife.*

*For your convenience, transportation will be provided to take you and friends to a few of the most popular locations in lower Manhattan, midtown and Harlem; soft drinks and light refreshments will be provided for you as you take in the sites and sounds of the city. Before returning to the hotel, you will have the opportunity to party New York style at the Sugar Hill Restaurant and Supper Club located in Bedford-Stuyvesant (Bed-Stuy), Brooklyn, New York.*

*The bus will depart the hotel Friday, September 19, 2008 at 7:00 PM and return NLT 3:00 AM Saturday morning.*

*Cost: \$25.00 per seat in advance due N.L.T. July 19, 2008*

*Make all checks and money orders payable to the "Brooklyn Buffalo Troopers" and address your payment as indicated below:*

**BROOKLYN BUFFALO TROOPERS  
P.O. BOX 115  
NEW ROCHELLE, NY 10802**

*POC: Abdul "J-Byrd" Nyahuma, President @ 718.490.6916  
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