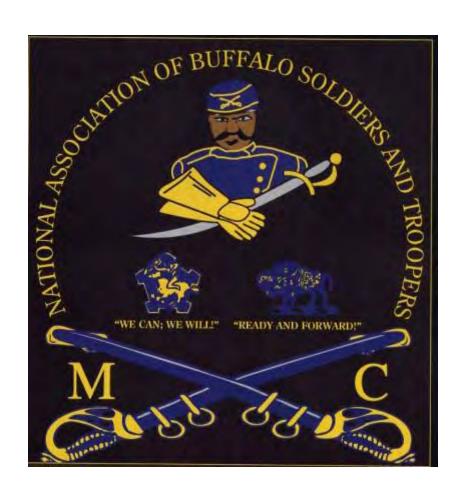


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## FROM THE HEADQUARTERS.....



## **Greetings from the President**

#### Soldiers.

I am pleased to finally be able to extend to you the opportunity to view our NABSTMC Newsletter, "CAVALRY CHARGE". We chose the name "Cavalry Charge" because "Cavalry" identifies us with the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Buffalo Soldiers and "Charge" signals our enthusiastic involvement in our communities and neighborhoods. "Cavalry Charge" is created to showcase the positive involvement of our Buffalo Soldiers chapters across the United States and throughout Canada. It is not designed to be the venue for arguments or discussions of disagreements. We welcome stories, pictures, and interesting information from all of our chapters. Our Editor, Lt. Col. T. "Ranger" Williams will decide which stories will be featured in the quarterly editions of "Cavalry Charge" when space doesn't allow for all to be published. I want to personally thank "Ranger" for volunteering for the position of editor and taking on the challenge of creating our first NABSTMC Newsletter, the "Cavalry Charge". Please take the time to view the "Editor's Page" for information on submission dates, content, etc.

My comments in this 1<sup>st</sup> Edition will be relatively short because I want you to concentrate on the wealth of information that has been provided by you and your sister chapters. When reading through this material I hope that many of you will get new ideas or suggestions that you can use at your events and presentations in your communities. We have a lot of good "Soldiers", Associates, Honorary, and Full Members, that are doing wonderful things in their communities and we all should be proud of their accomplishments. I know that I am very proud of all that you do and I appreciate the support that you always provide whenever I call on you to respond to certain events. Our recent visit to Tennessee State University is evidence of your dedicated response. In this 1<sup>st</sup> edition of "Cavalry Charge" you will see a letter from our Friends at Tennessee State University thanking us and letting us know how important our visit was to their institution. These are the types of positive things that our new members and perspective members need to see and read about our organization. I thank all of you for your submissions to this 1<sup>st</sup> edition of "Cavalry Charge" and I hope that your enthusiasm to contribute to its success continues.

On a personal note I would like to thank all of you for your congratulatory comments on my recent marriage to the former Janise "Sunny" Emanuel. I think that some of the photos of the wedding are in this 1<sup>st</sup> edition. Jan is still on the West Coast but will be joining me here in New Jersey in December. We have spent only a few days together since our wedding on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October but she was here for 4 days this month and she had a chance to meet the members of the New Jersey Chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers. She also brought her dog "Paco" that I have been baby sitting ever since. I haven't had a dog in over 35 years so this is really a

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challenge for me. I tried to walk him while riding my GoldWing around the block but that didn't work out too well. He's a Chihuahua and his little legs just couldn't keep up with the Wing. Anyhow I'm working at it and hopefully "Sunny" will be here soon to take care of both "Paco" and me. As many of you know Jan is the Founder and President of Divas for a Cure. Our Buffalo Soldiers Chapters from across the country have supported her efforts to raise money for breast cancer research for the past two years. In this 1<sup>st</sup> Edition you will find information about Jan and the Buffalo Soldiers and the money that was donated to the M.D. Anderson Cancer Research Center in Houston, Texas on our wedding day.

Please insure that all of your chapter members are given the information needed to view the "Cavalry Charge" on our National Website.

Thank you once again for your dedicated involvement to this organization. I hope that you enjoy this issue of "Cavalry Charge" and the many issues to come. Please take the time to let the Editor, Lt. Col. T. Williams, a.k.a. "Ranger" know your thoughts about this publication. Ride easy,

"TC" Costley, President

The National Association of Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers MC Inc.



## FROM THE EDITIOR





Soldiers and Troopers, it is my pleasure to bring you the first attempt at a National Association of Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers Motorcycle Club Newsletter, the *CAVALRY CHARGE*. I will be the first to admit that I am not a writer or publisher, but I do love our organization and see myself as a conduit for information. I have been given permission by the national council to be the editor for the *CAVALRY CHARGE*, and you will be the writers. This is how the newsletter will work. First it will be published quarterly; I will send an email out to all chapters stating the deadline for submission for the next newsletter. I will gather all the stories from chapter events, announcements and general information that you send me. I will give some basic information below, but needless to say if your chapter does something that you want to share, weather it was large or small, please send a brief article with pictures. I will gather articles and information by frontier and then our great webmaster will publish the newsletter on our website. This is just another way for us to document and provide a written history of our great motorcycle club. You are allowed to send information for upcoming events; I will attempt to get it all in. But remember we are quarterly so get it to me early.

The national organization will make announcements and pass on general information, but there is no plan to use the newsletter to replace formal correspondence to the general body from the nation council. So please continue to send you emails and phone calls to TC, not thru me or this newsletter.

The basic schedule is a newsletter will be published in March, June, September and December. Information for the newsletters should be email to me at <a href="twilliams1906@hotmail.com">twilliams1906@hotmail.com</a> before the 15<sup>th</sup> of February, May, August and November. Please include any photos in your email, please put names on the photos if possible. I will be using Microsoft products, so please stick to this format. If you have a fund raiser or event that you want to advertise, send it out. I am not here to cut articles, so what you send is what will be printed and since this is a totally digital product (it will not be mailed but must be downloaded from the website) it is at not a cost to you the sender or the national organization. If your chapter has a great ride, send it and share with the national organization, and sadly if your chapter losses a member, please feel free to send a brief memorial of our fallen comrade. I will try and include some buffalo soldier history when I can, if you have a story or historical fact, I will include it also in the "Lest We Forget" section of the newsletter. I would like to thank you all upfront for your support and tell you that this endeavor will only be as good as we make it. Thanks TC and Law Dawg for the vote of confidence.

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

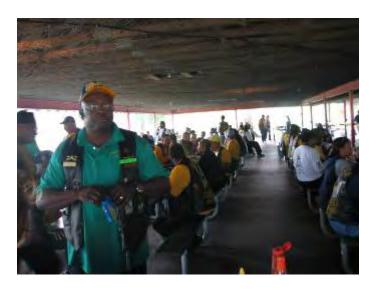




## POCONO Annual Ride and Event

Thank you PA Mother, Boston, Delaware, NJ, RI, NY, chapters and the Blue Knights, Red Knights, and community riders for attending our annual event. Because of you it was a roaring success. For two years we enjoyed the fourth Saturday of September but next year we will be moving the date forward and trying something different. Stay tuned for our new annual event date of 9/8/08. Please put that on your calendars.

Sixty bikes accompanied PMBSMC on a police guided 72 mile run through the mountains of Monroe County Pennsylvania. The roads were twisters, rolling hills and huge curves through farm lands and undeveloped lands. The weather cooperated. We were led to Dansbury Park and to a great BBQ prepared by the Soldierettes.



My hat off to the NJ ladies that pitched in and helped out at the grill. I am hoping that most of you received information on diabetes and blood pressure. The nurses from Pocono Medical Center seemed very busy checking your Blood Pressure and doing diabetic screening. If you have any of these problems please do not hesitate to get help. These are killers in our community.



The evening event, "Oldies but Goodies" was great fun. Close to two hundred people danced well into the night. My back and feet are killing me this morning from all the dancing.



One trophy was given away at the BBQ and it went to the most represented club. NJ beat NY by one person. Love you both for you support. When I reflect on the entire day we here in the Pocono's feel blessed and very grateful to all that attended.



See you next year.

Doc

Dennis E. Castillo, President

Pocono Mts Buffalo Soldiers M/C

## CAVALRY CHARGE! Reflections from Jena



Brothers and Sisters.

I pray that this email finds you all doing well and for those who traveled to Jena, Louisiana resting comfortably after a very eventful journey. Having returned home only a few short hours ago, I would like to share some of my insights and praise on the human rights protest/rally that I was blessed to attend.



First of all, I would like to thank all of the Buffalo Soldiers in the state of Louisiana who worked tirelessly preparing not only for the arrival of other Buffalo Soldiers but for the arrival of the tens of thousands of supporters who came to Jena. I especially want to thank the Alexandria chapter who ensured that the "Maryland 5" was properly taken care of during our brief stay in the region. We can not thank you enough for your hospitality.

It was evident as soon as we got out of our vehicle, parked at "The" major intersection in Jena, that the Louisiana Buffalo Soldiers were very instrumental in supporting this rally. No sooner were we out of the truck we were getting mobbed by marchers. They were yelling "Buffalo Soldiers" and "Thank you for coming", and "Let us take a picture with you", and much more than this old mind can't recall. They were not anxious to see the Maryland Buffalo Soldiers, they wanted to be near Buffalo Soldiers period.



Clayton White, Unknown Soldier, Walter "Chops" Mozee, Tom Dunn

I am sure that this was due in a major way to the efforts of the Louisiana chapters. We were bombarded by so many people that it was an hour or more before we could leave our initial drop-off point. People wanted us to take pictures with their young sons and grandsons. People wanted to shake our hands. Believe it or not, we even had a few Wheels of Soul cheering us on! Which leads me to another point, we were not the only motorcycle patch in Jena but we were by far the most in demand.

Secondly I would like to thank our fellow Buffalo Soldiers brothers and sisters who came to Jena. It was awesome to walk hand-in-hand with you on Thursday. I apologize if I don't have pictures of you but it was that kind of a hectic day. We love you, we appreciate you, and we look forward to you sharing your story, if you so desire. We were all sought after for pictures and comments and it would be great to hear about your experience.



Next, I would like to thank and acknowledge the presence of the members of the Maryland Mother Chapter, lead by my friend and our president Felipe Fields. I am so blessed to be in a chapter with like minded men and to have a leader who is unafraid to step up to the plate regardless of the outcome. Felipe did an excellent job of leading us on this journey and setting the tone for our action.

Last but not least, I would like to thank Ken "Dream Maker" Thomas for instilling in me nearly 14 years ago three commandments: 1. Promote the legacy and history of the Buffalo Soldiers; 2. Never disrespect or bring dishonor to the patch that he allows us to

wear; 3. Be positive role models and active participants in our community. Based on what I witnessed on Thursday by the reaction of the other human rights demonstrators, all

of the soldiers who came to Jena upheld those three commandments. I say to Dream that the dream lives on and Long Live the Dream!

It is too early to tell the outcome of the Jena 6 human rights protest. I know that we will continue to support this gross violation of human rights. I can say without reservation that the Buffalo Soldiers touched hundreds, if not thousands of lives the last few days. Our participation will not soon be forgotten and for that I close with saying "And it is all good"!

Respectfully submitted by,

Brian W. "Sensei" Bulow Founder & Proud Member Buffalo Soldiers M/C of Maryland Established March 13, 1995



Soldiers' Thomas Dunn, Felipe Fields and Brian Bulow

Maryland (Mother) Chapter

## Delaware State University Homecoming

On 20 October 2007, the Delaware Chapter along with various chapters from the east coast participated in the Delaware State University Homecoming Parade. Soldiers and Troopers represented the organization well and the local crowd enjoyed the bikes. The soldiers enjoyed the camaraderie, especially the after game party hosted by the local chapter.





**Getting Lined Up** 

**Looking Good!** 



**Black and Gold on Parade** 



We look good from any direction!

# Southern Heritage Biker's Classic, Nashville, TN 27 Oct 2007



Tennessee State University ● 3500 John A. Merritt Blvd. ● Nashville TN. 37209

November 9, 2007

Mr. Thomas "TC" Costley, National President National Association of Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers MC 19 Wildgeese Circle Browns Mills, NJ 08015

## Dear Buffalo Soldiers & Troopers:

It is with great pride that we extend our thanks to the Buffalo Soldiers collectively and individually for your support of the Biker's Classic.

First of all thanks to the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers MC for your whole hearted participation in the second Annual Tennessee State University Biker's Classic held October 26-28, 2007. The Soldiers impacted the community in a very positive manner, educationally, socially, economically and spiritually with your full attendance and participation in all events and especially your attendance at the football game in full force.

It was evident that you had a mission in mind and carried out that mission under the capable leadership of your founder Ken "Dream Maker" Thomas and your National President Thomas "TC" Costley. We at Tennessee State University and the community at-large cannot find words to truly express our appreciation for your over whelming support of the Biker's Football Classic.

The Middle Tennessee Boys and Girls Club sincerely appreciate your support. They thank you for your contributions to their program towards helping them to provide toys for boys and girls in the Middle Tennessee area.

We want the Buffalo Soldiers to know that we have received only positive comments on your organization's participation in this event and we look forward to your continued support. The Classic Committee was elated to have Dream Maker & T C serve as Grand Marshals for the Biker's Classic Charity Ride and the Soldiers and Troopers MC in the lead position of the ride. They were thrilled at your display of unity and mission as Bikers.

The entire weekend was a "Win-Win" situation for all persons and organizations involved including Rev. Darrell Drumwright and the Temple Church.

The Biker's Classic was a Grand success due to the participation of the Buffalo Soldiers nationwide. We sincerely thank all of the riders from the farthest points north to south and west to east for their participation, commitment and dedication in making this a successful event. We will keep you posted on our plans for the 2008 Classic and look forward to your continued participation.

Sincerely,

Carl Pillow, Assistant Athletics Director for Operations Biker's Classic Coordinator





LET'S GET THE PARTY STARTED!



"PARTY OVER HERE!"



TC and Dream Surrounded!



**Show your Colors!** 



**Black and Gold on Parade** 



Tailgate Time, Keep the Party Going!



**Soldiers and their Horses** 



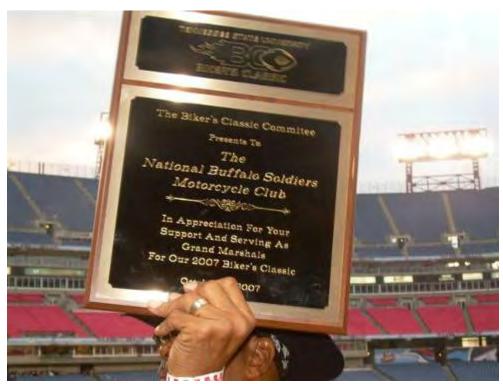
**Bike Show Winner?** 



**BUFFALO SOLDIERS AND TROOPERS at GAME TIME** 



GRAND MARSHALS PRESENTATION...TC AND DREAM



GREAT FUN AND GREAT JOB BY ALL, REPRESENTING NABSTMC

Thanks to Joe "HOT WING" Tillmon, Jacksonville Chapter for the Pics. For additional pictures visit the Jacksonville Chapter website <a href="www.bsmcjaxflorida.com">www.bsmcjaxflorida.com</a>

# CAVALRY CHARGE! Lest We Forget......

## Uncle Nace Day

By Ranger



On 12 October 2007, fifty plus Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers from chapters from Maryland (Mother), Brooklyn, New Jersey, Northern Virginia, Central Maryland and Oklahoma joined the chapter from Maryland- Eastern Shores to celebrate the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of "Uncle Nace" Day in Trapp, Maryland.



**Early Morning Hospitality** 

On the invitation from Dale Brown and the Eastern Shore Chapter, the S&T (Soldiers and Troopers) gathered to remember the great man, Nathaniel "Uncle Nace" Hopkins (see below). The S&T's gathered as we always do to recognize the past, fellowship, and make a contribution for our future. The day started about 8 am, as Brother Dale, had coffee and donuts for all those who came to participate. The agenda was a church service, at Scott's Methodist Church, a grave side prayer and a town parade. In the mist

of that agenda, we would represent our great organization, make a significant financial contribution to the church, eat some good home cooking by the church mothers and present Scholey's to some new members. What a day!

Brother Brown was an intricate part of the program as he acknowledged all the chapters present, and gave a brief history of the Buffalo Soldiers that gave all a very good education of those we represent today. Many parishioners did not realize the role that the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry played in the formation of our nation. The program had a dynamic speaker that challenged us all in this day and age not to forget the struggles of "Uncle Nace" and all those who fought for our rights today. The formal service concluded with Brother Brown presenting the church scholarship fund with a significant donation from our organization. The congregation then moved across MD Hwy 50 to the resting place of "Uncle Nace" and his wife. There a brief prayed was given by the great-great-great-great grand son of "Uncle Nace" who thanked all to include the town of Trapp, MD for continuing the great tradition started by he ancestor.



**Graveside Eulogy** 

It was then time to get on our steel horses for the parade. Now if you have never been to Trapp, MD, the town is not a metropolis. Really the town is nice is a small sort of way, and only has a few "one's". **One road. One policeman. One entrance.** So we had to ride down the one road from one end, to line up at the other end. Now it was thru the town, but who was really counting. It was amazing how the town had come to life from the early hours and BBQ grills, celebrations had broken out on main street since we had gone into the church at 9am. Lead by Dale Brown we showed our colors with pride, needless to say with all the different third rockers from up and down the east coast, it created a big stir that showed that the NABSTMC was here to acknowledge a great man and pay our respects.

To cap off an already full day with some chapters departing their homes before the sun was even thinking of coming up. The Brooklyn Chapter President, Brother Jelani "J-Byrd" Nyahuma presented two of the Brooklyn Chapters' probationary members with the center piece of their colors, making them full members of our club. All S & T's were inside the church as Brother Dale gave "the Oath" to the new members, then all congratulated them on earning their full colors with our cheer....

BUFFALO....SOLDIER!...BUFFALO...SOLDIER!...BUFFALO...SOLDIER!.... AN IT'S ALL GOOD!.

The day ended with lots of hugs and "see you latter's" as each chapter mounted up for their ride home.....

So, if you are ever in the neighborhood on the second Saturday of October, stop by Trapp, MD and celebrate Uncle Nace, **Lest We Forget**......



## **NATHANIEL "UNCLE NACE" HOPKINS**

Nathaniel Hopkins, known familiarly throughout Talbot County as "Uncle Nace," was born a slave in Trappe, Maryland, around 1831. After serving the Union army in the Civil War, Hopkins returned to Talbot County to work for the betterment of the newlyfree black population in the southern area of the county, including the 1878 establishment and construction of Trappe's first black school. In 1867, Nathaniel Hopkins founded Emancipation Day in Talbot County, to celebrate Maryland's emancipation of its slaves, which occurred on November 1, 1864 with the adoption of the new state constitution. This momentous event marked Maryland as the first slave state to voluntarily free its slaves by popular vote; Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation of 1863 had only freed slaves in states of rebellion, of which Maryland was not one. Trappe's Emancipation Day festivities included church services, speakers, food, music, and a parade. Every year, Hopkins himself led the parade, dressed in his full Union army uniform, with his epaulets gleaming at his shoulder, a colorful sash around his waist, and his gleaming sword in hand. Upon his death in 1900, the citizens of the town of Trappe decided to continue the tradition of the Emancipation Day festivities. "Uncle Nace" and his contributions to the post-emancipation black community are remembered to this day every November 1st on what is now known as "Nace Hopkins Day".



Nathaniel "Uncle Nace" Hopkins Historical Marker

## CHIGAGO HONOR RIDE





In 2006, the Chicago Buffalo Troopers Motorcycle Club began honoring local injured and deceased military veterans that have served in the recent conflicts. Giving us an opportunity to show our appreciation for their valiant services rendered. We assemble a motorcade consisting of members from the Chicago and Indiana Chapters along with authorized friends. The motorcade rides to the home or location of the veteran or family member (if deceased) and formally presents the Chicago Buffalo Troopers Motorcycle Club award to the honoree or family member.

The honoree or family member must be located within a 50-mile radius from south 95th & State, Street in Chicago, Illinois. For more information or if you would like to nominate a veteran you would like the club to consider, please send the name of the nominee and point of contact to:

## **HONOR-RIDE@COMCAST.NET**

OR

#### **BUFFALO TROOPERS M/C OF CHICAGO**

P.O. BOX # 20531

CHICAGO, IL. 60620-0531



## HISTORY IN THE NEW JERSEY BUFFALO SOLDIERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB

The New Jersey Buffalo Soldiers are proud to have as one of it's members one of the oldest active riding members in the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers Motorcycle Clubs (NABSTMC). Herb Dorsey is 76 years young and continues to ride daily not only with the "Buffalo Soldiers" but also with the Blue Knights and the Polar Bear Clubs. Herb, a.k.a. "King wing" has been with us from the beginning. He is walking history and purchased his first bike in 1949, well before many of us were born. But on this occasion "King Wing" would like to inform you of another history. The history of a proud "Soldier" from another era named Decatur Dorsey, the Great, Great Uncle of Herb "King wing" Dorsey. First Sergeant Decatur Dorsey was a Civil War Soldier. His bravery and courage were beyond the call of duty and he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. Nearly 150 years later in July of 1998 he was again honored at Fort Detrick in Frederick, Maryland. There ancestors gathered as government officials recognized the military accomplishments of First Sergeant Decatur Dorsey by naming a building. The Decatur Dorsey Building in his honor. You can read more about 1<sup>st</sup>. Sgt. Decatur Dorsey at the Black Civil War Museum in Washington, DC. Please see 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Decatur Dorsey's biography below.



Herb "King Wing" Dorsey

First Sergeant Decatur Dorsey

First Sergeant Decatur Dorsey Company B, 39<sup>th</sup> Regiment Maryland USCT Medal of Honor Recipient, Civil War

Decatur Dorsey was born in Frederick County, Maryland in 1836. He worked as a laborer until he entered the Army at age 25. He was 6 feet tall, and a free black man. He volunteered for a three year enlistment in Baltimore with the 39<sup>th</sup> Regiment Maryland USCT. He was first assigned to Company A and was later transferred to Company B. He trained at Camp Birney, Baltimore, MD. His regiment was armed with the Springfield .58 rifle musket. Over 700,000 of these rifles were manufactured for use in the Civil War.

His regiment fought in the following battles: The Bermuda Hundred Virginia, December 1, 1864, Federal Point North Carolina, February 11, 1865, Hatcher's Run, Virginia,

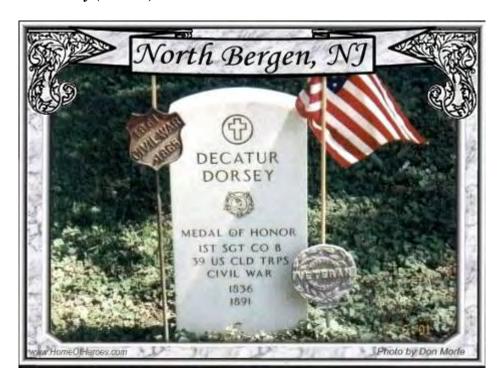
October 27 & 28 1865, and the Great Battle of Petersburg, Virginia, June 15, 1864 to April 2, 1865. He won the Medal of Honor at the Great Battle of Petersburg on July 30, 1864.

On the morning of July 30, 1864, his regiment was faced with heavy musket fire in the front, a cross fire of artillery shells from the flanks and retreating Union troops in their direction. Sgt. Dorsey's regiment began the attack. In advance of his regiment, Sgt. Dorsey moved forward and mounted the Union Colors on Confederate soil. Seeing their flag ahead, his regiment advanced in spite of heavy casualties. However they were not able to break through the Confederate line. Sgt. Dorsey carried the Colors in the retreat then rallied the men for a new assault. They engaged the enemy in close combat taking two Confederate Color Standards and 200 prisoners. The Corps Commander, Major General Ambrose Burnside, ordered a retreat because the men had no officers left to lead them. The Black Brigade's casualty list of 1324 was greater than that of any other of the three attacking Divisions.

Sgt. Dorsey was the 5<sup>th</sup> Black Soldier to win the Medal of Honor. His medal was awarded after the war on November 8, 1865.

After his discharge from the Army, Sgt. Dorsey and his wife Minnie moved to 227 Newark Street, Hoboken, New Jersey. He lived there until his death at age 55 on July 11, 1891. He is buried in the Flower Hill Cemetery, North Bergen, NJ. On May 19, 1984, the New Jersey Veterans of Foreign Wars, Third District and Congressman Frank J. Guarini sponsored a grave rededication to honor THIS BRAVE SOLDIER.

Herbert "King Wing" Dorsey New Jersey Buffalo Soldiers MC United States Army (Retired)



## Buffalo Soldier receives long overdue recognition

William Chase fought with 92nd Infantry

By Paulette Perhach, The St. Augustine Record, printed November 12, 2007

When William Chase returned from fighting in World War II, he viewed the victory celebrations from the back of the bus. As part of the Buffalo Soldiers, the all-black division of a then-segregated Army, Chase made all the sacrifices for battle, yet received none of the glory for the triumph.



From left: Rep. John Mica, R-Fla., watches as Florida American Legion Vice Commander Paul Martel presents William Chase with a lifetime achievement award as Chase's wife, Nellie, looks on during a ceremony Sunday afternoon. By Ralph D. Priddy, Special to The Record

So Sunday, in celebration of Veterans Day, the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers & Troopers Motorcycle Clubs gave Chase the hero's welcome he'd long ago given up on. "Any time we find a buffalo soldier, we want to give him his due while he's living," said Joe "Hot Wing" Tillmon, president of the Jacksonville chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers. With new handles "Buffalo Bill" and "Buffalo Angel" Chase and his wife, Nellie, sat at the head table and on the receiving end of many rounds of applause.

Chase, now 87, was called by Uncle Sam 1942. The Jacksonville native joined the 92nd Infantry Division, in the 365th regiment. He fought with black enlisted men under the command of officers, most of whom were white. Chase landed in Italy to the sounds of screaming meemie rockets. Working as a radio operator, he saw action all the way through the country, where locals called soldiers like him "Americano Negro." But he fought with a spirit that was simply Americano.

Armed with an M-1, he helped the assault on the Gothic Line, battling alongside white soldiers he would have to take a back seat to in the United States. His services earned him the Combat Infantry Badge, but it didn't earn him any more respect back home. He couldn't even walk in the parades celebrating the victory he'd earned.

More than 100 people packed the American Legion 194 to right that wrong. Members of the Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club rode in by the dozens dressed in their colors of gold and black to celebrate.

The ceremony was attended by Rep. John Mica, Rep. Bill Proctor, St. Augustine Commissioner George Gardner and others who congratulated and thanked Chase. Among the gifts Chase received was a flag flown over Washington in his honor by Mica, a jacket covered in Buffalo Soldier emblems and a lifetime membership to the motorcycle organization. "I don't have too much to say," said Chase. "I'm a man of few words. But I thank all of you. My heart goes out to each and every one of you. Thank you, thank you, thank you." Thomas "TC" Costley, president of the motorcycle club, gave the group a history lesson on the Buffalo Soldiers. These all-black troops began fighting for America in 1866. During the Indian Wars, the Cheyenne named the fighters for their hair, which reminded the natives of the mane of the buffalo, said Costley. Until 1944, the military segregated these troops, who at first were not allowed to learn to read or write. Lacking those rights, the men passed down their stories through oral tradition. There are no letters home, like those of the white troops, to document their experiences and sacrifices.

"What I'm telling you today isn't black history. It's American history," said Costley. "Our veterans need to be recognized. All of them."



T C, BSMC-JAX.FL & U.S. CONGRESSMAN JOHN L. MICA



Mr. Chase in uniform



STATE OF FL. AMERICAN LEGION VICE COMMANDER-PAUL MARTEL, TC, HOT WING, AMERICAN LEGION POST 194 -COMMANDER SEPTIMUS CONNOR,II

Photo's provided by Ann "Southern Girl" Tillman

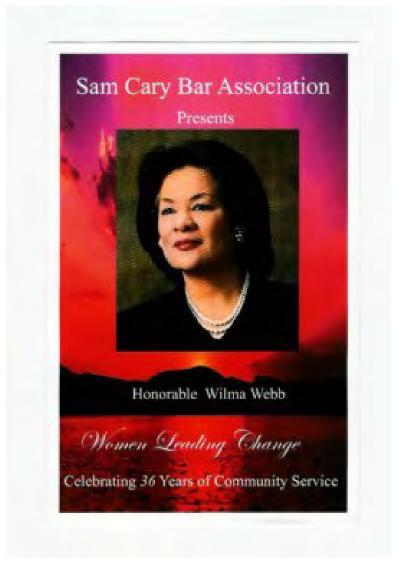
## Chapter Short Rounds

## Mile High Chapter Ceremony

October 20, 2007

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.

Charles "OH-CB" Benson Mile High Chapter Denver, CO 314-494-7418



# Buffalo Soldiers & Troopers M/C of Alabama 60th Annual NATIONAL VETERANS DAY in Birmingham 10. But 645, Bernendson, Alabama 20201.

Each year, National Veterans Day in Birmingham salutes those men and women who have served their country as members of the armed services and those today who proudly wear the uniform of the active, reserve, and national guard forces.

A perpetual National Veterans Award was created in Birmingham for America's first official National Veterans Day observance November 11, 1954 as authorized by Congress. Its purpose is to honor an outstanding veteran in the United States each year who has made the greatest contribution to further the patriotic interests of veterans and veteran organizations throughout the country.

National Veterans Day in Birmingham is a nonprofit organization, formed in 1945, that has been recognized nationwide as one of the finest groups of its type, hosting the nation's oldest and largest Veterans Day celebration.



BUFFALO SOLDIERS REPRESENTING IN THE VETERAN'S DAY PARADE

Left to right: Alex "IceMan" Harrison (Huntsville President), First Lady Anita Harrison, Steven "Chreeze" Debrow (B'ham Vice President), Earnestine "Lady Stallion" Woods, Alice "Sugarbrown" Brown, Selma "Smokey" Russell (Montgomery President), Gladys Harris, Willie "Pongee" Edwards. Up front is Paster Leroy Harris

#### **BS OK Events**



Oct 20th 2007---The President, members and guest enjoyed a morning ride after our monthly meeting thru Bethany, Mustang, Yukon and eventually to El Reno, OK. It was a nice scenic ride and we went to join the civil war re-enactment. We were met by one of the historical interpreters, Ms. Jessica wells and asked if we would pose for pictures with some of the displays and answer questions as to what part the buffalo soldiers played in

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the settlement of this area. Alvin "lil al" Scott, Lonnie "lawnmower" Mitchell, and Lawrence "Spaz" Johnson ,his wife and grandson were instrumental in the days success; to the extent we were asked to visit Mustang Elementary 4th grade class and share the buffalo soldiers story with them



Nov.10th --- The OK soldiers again rode to El Reno OK, but with a different purpose and mission. Joining us were the men of the Ft. Sill Red Liners M/C club to participate in a pre-veterans day ceremony. This event was put together using the history from years past but I added a drummer and bugler to the program. We received musical support from the local VFW and newspaper coverage from the local newspaper which is published every Wednesday. Mr. Al Benson who is an honorary member was dressed in .full buffalo soldier attire complete with sidearm. The program was short but dignified with a march on, prayer, and remarks by the president then a moving rendition of taps, after which we placed an American flag by each grave. The entire event was a success. Then we rode back to St Anthony's Hospital to visit on of our members, Rico. And we are please to say he was fine after surgery and due to be released today. All is well in OKLAHOMA!

COWBOY PRESIDENT





Soldier Debra "Lil Bit" share exhibit of Buffalo Soldiers in Charlotte NC

## **BS NC Events**

The North Carolina Buffalo Soldiers participated in a fall festival in Charlotte NC with <u>Urban Restoration Ministries & Second Chance Ministries</u> on October 27 2007. This was the first community event in the Charlotte area hosted by "F Troop". The soldiers shared with Johnny D the chaplain of 2MC and 300 kids from the surrounding community in Mecklenburg County, the rich history of the Buffalo Soldiers. Mr. J. the president of the NCBSMC stated "this is what it's all about" to the soldiers who participated in this event.



Soldiers in action with Joyce Paylor "Pooh Bear" in costume.

#### **BS NO Events**

## New Orleans Buffalo Soldiers Adopts Homeless Shelter:

The New Orleans Buffalo Soldiers has adopted a homeless shelter of over 20 disabled citizens. On a regular basis the group visits the group, take them to dinner, participate in

daily activities and do special presentations to each of the citizens. "We've found this experience to be quite humbling and touching" says Gerome Young, President N.O. Chapter. "We just love our new adoptive family...that's what being community oriented is all about", Young commented.





While visiting Ft. Leavenworth and the Buffalo Soldiers Museum in KC, Diedria Joseph, aka "Lexi" and Patricia Wheeler, aka "Precious" met and visited with Command Sgt. Major Marsicia Diggs. CSM Diggs is the 1st Female African American Sgt. Major at Leavenworth. Diggs says her journey to CSM came with many challenges, which she now embraces and strongly encourages other females to pursue. CSM Diggs' applauds the efforts of Cathay Williams and all other Buffalo Soldiers Female members.

**Hampton Roads Events** 



On November 10,2007, Hampton Roads Chapter played host to the Flag Pole Dedication at Cuffetown Chesapeake, VA where 13 Civil War Vets of the 10 Cavalry Buffalo soldiers are buried in a private own cemetery. The Flag Pole, American Flag, and installation was done and donated by Hampton Roads Chapter. Raising the Flag is the President, Larry "Cochise" Hicks and Vice Wm. "Roadhog" Dean. Attached is a hype link to the article that the local paper ran. Addition pictures and article is on our web site.

http://content.hamptonroads.com/story.cfm?story=136701&ran=242639

Peace Buffalo Nate HRBSMC





Season's Greetings to all Buffalo Soldiers across the country! The Buffalo Soldiers M/C of Southern Maryland, "CATHAY WILLIAMS REGIMENT" would first like to extend a heartfelt "thank you" to the members of the Maryland chapters and to the NABSTMC as a whole for allowing the formation of our chapter. As we conclude the first year of our existence we have experienced the thrill and excitement of riding throughout the country to many Buffalo Soldier events and have met many of the outstanding, upstanding men and women of this organization.

Secondly, because we were created in part to honor and recognize Cathay Williams, the only African-American female to serve with the Buffalo Soldiers from 1866-1868, 38th Infantry, as "William Cathey", we would like to continue the recognition of female Buffalo Soldiers. In order to do this we are dedicating a section of our website <a href="https://www.bsmc-cathaywilliamsregiment.com/">www.bsmc-cathaywilliamsregiment.com/</a>, to all of the women who wear the colors of the Buffalo Soldiers MC. In order to compile an accurate list we are asking each chapter to send a list of their female members to include:

- First and last name
- Chapter
- The motorcycle that you ride
- Your email address
- Any office you hold (or held) in your chapter

We will list this information on our website alphabetically by chapter. We will use this information as we perform part of our community service in speaking to youth in our area schools systems. We believe young women AND young men will benefit from a better understanding of the number of outstanding women, as well as men, who make up our ranks. In this small way we endeavor to keep alive the "Cathay Williams spirit" and recognize the strength of African-American females within this elite and prestigious organization. Thanks for your cooperation and we hope to see you all during the upcoming year!

Arnita Conerly President BSMC-Southern Maryland Cathay Williams Regiment

## ATTENTION TO ORDERS!



Soldiers,

I am pleased to announce that on Saturday, October 20, 2007 Janise Emanuel and I were wed in Houston, TX in the presence of family, friends and the Houston Chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers.

We hope to see all of you soon.

With warmest regards,

Thomas C. Costley National President NABSTMC

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## CAVALRY CHARGE!

## ATTENTION TO ORDERS! Cont'd







**CUT the CAKE!** 

## MAY I INTRODUCE MR AND MRS WINFRED COFFEE MARRIED OCT 26, 2007 AT 10:26pm. Helen, GA

## SUGA SOLDIER & WARRIOR TRUE SOLDIERS



THE MARRIED COUPLES' FIRST RIDE!

## Divas For A Cure Presents \$50,000.00 to M.D. Anderson

Jan Emanuel-Costley, Founder & President of Divas For A Cure accompanied by Members of the Houston Chapter of the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers & Troopers Motorcycle Club, along with TC Costley, National President of the NABSTMC, family, friends and other cancer survivors presented a check in the amount of \$50,000.00 to Dr. Vickie Shannon and staff of M.D. Anderson Cancer Center on Saturday, October 20, 2007at the Mays Clinic in Houston, TX. See photos: <a href="http://picasaweb.google.com/SunnyTheDiva/2007DivasForACureCheckPresentation">http://picasaweb.google.com/SunnyTheDiva/2007DivasForACureCheckPresentation</a>

This event marks the second donation to M.D. Anderson since the inception of Divas For A Cure in 2005 and now totals \$75,000.00 since our inaugural run in 2006.

Vickie R. Shannon, M.D. is an Associate Professor, Critical Care & Pulmonary Care at M.D. Anderson. She is one of only two African American Professors in her field in Houston, TX. Dr. Shannon and the staff at M.D. Anderson where very impressed with the combined efforts of Divas For A Cure and the Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club to positively impact our community, as well as our commitment to help lead in the fight to find a cure. So much that Dr. Shannon has already committed to support our efforts in 2008.

The collective efforts of Divas For A Cure, the 2007 DFAC Core Group of Riders and Escorts (Jan Emanuel-Costley, Aj Jemison, Victoria Murphy, Claudia Lile, TC Costley, & Daniel Brown), Members of the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers & Troopers Motorcycle Club, along with a host of motorcycle clubs, groups and individuals across the country were responsible for raising the donated funds.

The 2007 Divas For A Cure Cross-Country Motorcycle Run would not have been possible without the generous financial support and sponsorship from our Presenting Sponsor, Carolyn Jones, Founder and President of PrivacyWear. This year, PrivacyWear lead the way with financial support and media outreach, while also committing to fund 25 mammograms to uninsured and under-insured women in the Tulsa, OK area.

We are also truly grateful for the generous corporate donation from the makers of PineSol, along with a commitment to donate 21 mammograms to a medical facility in the Bay Area that provides mammograms and breast cancer awareness services to low-income and uninsured women.

Once again, the 2007 DFAC Breast Cancer Motorcycle Run garnered national media attention and was covered by numerous television stations, radio and newspapers across the country. Media support from the Clorox Corporation, Essence Magazine, The Black Biker Magazine, V100 Radio, KJMZ 105.3 FM Radio and the Greenwood Cultural Center.

A special thanks goes out to a multitude of individuals, companies, groups and motorcycle clubs across the county which include; the Buffalo Soldiers of California, Buffalo Soldiers M/C of Roanoke, Roanoke Ladies of Harley, Roanoke Valley Harley-

Davidson, Road Divas of Distinction, Maryland, the Anthony Pollard Foundation, Iron Souls M/C, Most Wanted M/C, Choppers M/C, Courage Unlimited, Sugar Bear Choppers, and Glory Leather & Gifts.

We would also like to thank Senator Judy Eason-McIntyre (OK) for being in the forefront - not just a community servant but an advocate and also a Breast Cancer Survivor. In addition, we were honored to have actor and model Tyson Beckford take time from his busy schedule to escort the Divas home on the final leg of our journey.

Our work does not begin or end with our Annual Divas For A Cure Cross-Country Breast Cancer Motorcycle Run. So, we are already planning the 2008 Fundraising Campaign which has been tentatively schedule to kick-off in Atlanta, GA. We are committed to the cause until there is a cure. We hope that we can count on you for your continued support in 2008.



## Featured Bike

Owner: 1SG Juan Burney, Redline MC









Please excuse me for not featuring a NABSTMC Bike, but this one touched me. RANGER



## Buffalo Soldiers & Troopers M/C of Alabama Montgomery Chapter

Dear Fellow Soldiers

My name is Earnestine "Lady Stallion" Woods. I am a member of the Montgomery Chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers & Troopers M/C of Alabama. I am also the co-founder of the "Have A Heart for Special Children". Our non-profit organization hosts an annual Christmas party for the special needs children of Montgomery County and surrounding areas. We provide them with dinner, clothing, and toys. This will be our 6<sup>th</sup> year hosting this Christmas party. Last year we had 400 children to attend. This year we are expecting our numbers to increase dramatically, that's why I am asking for your monetary donations.

I would like to personally invite my frontier to volunteer your services for this special day, December 10, 2007. It will be from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm at the Alcazar Shrine Temple 555, Eastern Blvd. Montgomery, Alabama.

If you wish to make a donation, make it payable to "Have A Heart for Special Children" by November 30<sup>th</sup>. For further information, please call me at (334) 288-4100 or (334) 284-8080 (work).

I would like to thank you in advance for your donations!!!!

Your Sister,

Earnestine "Lady Stallion" Woods

Pictures from last year's event





Lady Stallion at work



**Soldiers interacting with the Children** 

## **OUR DEPLOYED SOLDERS AND TROOPERS**



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