

Fort Leavenworth, Kansas Celebrates the Legacy of African-American Soldiers



"To meet with due recognition and reward."
Benjamin H. Grierson, Colonel, Tenth Cavalry



9th U.S. Cavalry

Creating a legacy of service since 1866...

BUFFALO SOLDIERS

10th U.S. Cavalry



24th Infantry Regiment



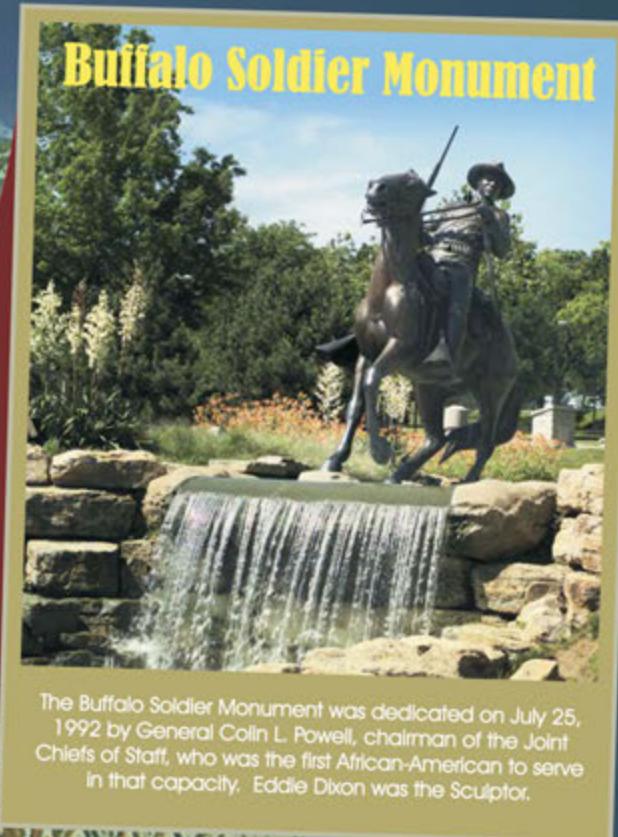
The 38th, 39th, 40th, and 41st US Infantry Regiments were also established in 1866 and in 1868 consolidated into the 24th and 25th Infantry Regiments.

25th Infantry Regiment



The impact the Buffalo Soldiers had on the American West is not often noted. Their mission included protecting the frontier and preserving peace. Historian Gary Donaldson noted... "even today, relatively few Americans realize that when the cavalry came to the rescue of white settlers in the 'Old West,' the rescuers, Soldiers in blue, might well have been black."

The American West has fascinated people all over the world since settlers first crossed the Mississippi. However, unless it included the contributions of the Buffalo Soldiers, any story told about "How the West was Won" is incomplete. This map diagrams many of the locations where the Buffalo Soldiers served (9th and 10th Cavalry; 24th and 25th Infantry Regiments). Truly, the Great American Frontier and Buffalo Soldier country were one and the same.



Buffalo Soldier Monument

The Buffalo Soldier Monument was dedicated on July 25, 1992 by General Colin L. Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who was the first African-American to serve in that capacity. Eddie Dixon was the Sculptor.

"The powerful purpose of this monument is to motivate us. To motivate us to keep struggling until all Americans have an equal seat at our national table, until all Americans enjoy every opportunity to excel, every chance to achieve their dream."

General Colin L. Powell
July 25, 1992

Fort Leavenworth has Buffalo Soldier displays available for loan to organizations and schools. For more information contact the Fort Leavenworth Public Affairs Office at (913) 684-1724 or 1723.

Significant Buffalo Soldier Sites on Fort Leavenworth

Other historical points of interest relating to the Buffalo Soldiers story.

10 Fort Sully

Is a series of earthworks for artillery emplacements on Hancock Hill. African-American Soldiers helped man this dominating position during the Civil War.

9 National Cemetery

There are over 100 Buffalo Soldiers buried in the Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery, including Medal of Honor recipient Fitz Lee (10th Cavalry). Colonel Edward Hatch, first commander of the 9th Cavalry Regiment, is also buried there.



Along the south side of the National Cemetery, the 9th Cavalry Road and 9th Cavalry Court were named in honor of the 9th Cavalry Buffalo Soldier regiment.

11 Camp Lincoln

Camp Lincoln was established in the early days of the Civil War as a reception and training station for Kansas Volunteers. The 2nd Regiment Colored Infantry and the Independent Colored Kansas Battery were organized there.

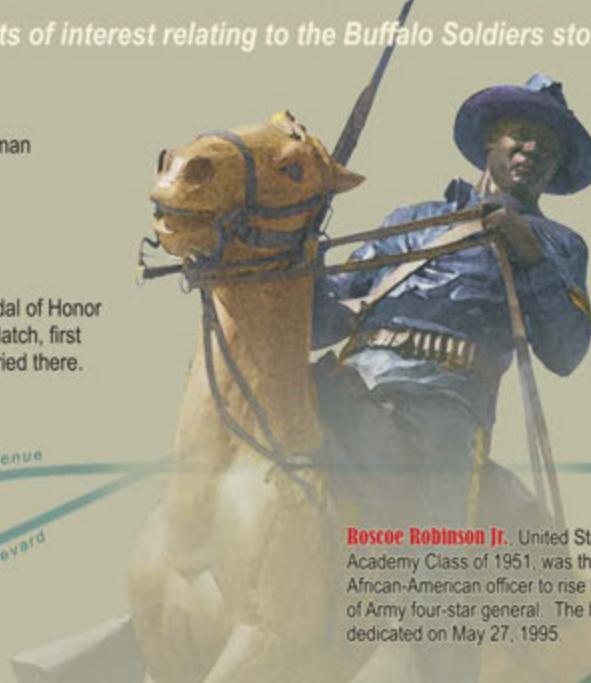
The past site of Camp Lincoln is around the vicinity of Biddle Boulevard and Cody Road.

2 Circle of Firsts and Walkway of Units

The Circle of Firsts, located in the Buffalo Soldier Memorial Park on Fort Leavenworth, recognizes the significant 'firsts' in the history of African-American Soldiers and units in the U.S. Army. Currently three busts created by Eddie Dixon are honored.

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8 West End Parade Field

The original 10th Cavalry barracks previously stood at this location.

3 10th Cavalry Barracks & Stables

McNair Hall and Funston Hall served as the headquarters and barracks for the General Service Schools detachment troops. Flint Hall and Muir Hall were the stables for the detachment troop horses.

7 Main Parade Field

9th and 10th Cavalry Buffalo Soldiers participated here in ceremonies.

5 Gruber Gymnasium

Served as a riding hall for the detachment troops of the General Service Schools.

4 Charles Young Reading Room

Young was a Buffalo Soldier. The room is dedicated to the study of Buffalo Soldiers and is open during regular hours unless otherwise scheduled. Outside the room is a permanent display focusing on the dedication of the Buffalo Soldier monument. It is located on the 2nd floor of CARL Library.

6 Frontier Army Museum

Monday-Friday: 9:00am - 4:00pm
Saturday: 10:00am - 4:00pm
Closed Sunday and Federal Holidays
Tours: (913) 684-3186
General information: (913) 684-3191



Roscoe Robinson Jr., United States Military Academy Class of 1951, was the first African-American officer to rise to the rank of Army four-star general. The bust was dedicated on May 27, 1995.

Henry Ossian Flipper was the first African-American to graduate from the United States Military Academy (West Point), Class of 1877. The bust was dedicated on March 30, 2007.

The **555th Parachute Infantry Company** was the first African-American parachute unit in the Army, which occurred in 1943. It quickly grew into a battalion and nicknamed the "Triple Nickles." The bust was dedicated on Sept. 7, 2006.



Map not to scale