

# BUFFALO SOLDIERS



Knowing one's history is vital and empowering. Although my family and I knew that my grandfather, Lucius Franklin Monroe Jackson, served in the Army's 25th Infantry over 100 years ago, it was less than five years ago, in 2021, when we discovered he was a member of the legendary Buffalo Soldiers. During the early 1900's, Sergeant Jackson was stationed at Camp Little in Nogales, Arizona where he and his fellow soldiers secured and patrolled the U.S./Mexico Border.

The Buffalo Soldiers were the all-Black segregated units of the United States Army from 1866-1947. In 1866 after the Civil War, Congress created six all-Black regiments, later consolidated into four - the 9th and 10th Cavalries and the 24th and 25th Infantries, who became known as "The Buffalo Soldiers."

The mission of the Nogales Buffalo Soldiers Legacy Association is to partner with schools and communities across the nation to educate, inform, and highlight the notable accomplishments of the Buffalo Soldiers who served patriotically while subjected to oppressive and discriminatory conditions.

I am honored to collaborate with the NAACP Pomona Valley Branch. In July 2024 at the NAACP National Convention, a National Resolution was adopted to add the Buffalo Soldiers in the educational curriculum.

It is vital to honor the African American Soldiers who proudly served our nation and greatly contributed to American History.

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