

Buffalo Soldiers

In 1866, shortly after the Civil War ended, the U.S. Congress created the first peacetime units of African American soldiers in the U.S. Army. These units would later be called the Buffalo Soldiers. Known for their fighting ability and riding skills, the Buffalo Soldiers participated in wars and peacetime activities. In 1951 the last Buffalo Soldier unit was dissolved.

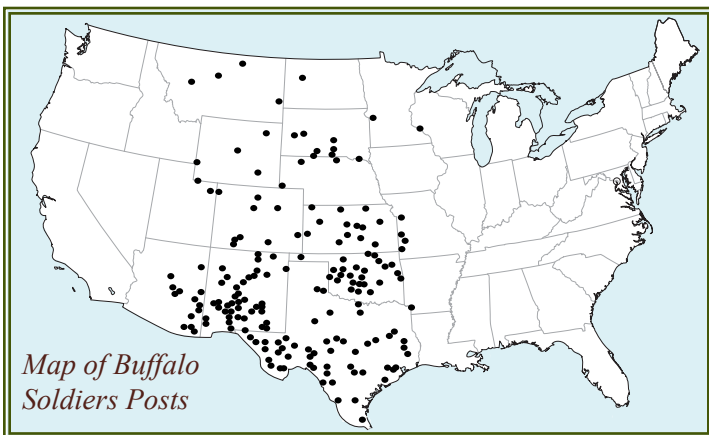
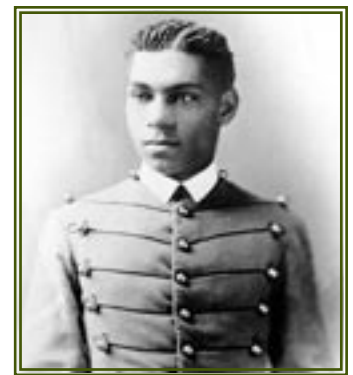
In the beginning, the Buffalo Soldiers fought in the Indian Wars in the western states. They also fought outlaws, bandits and cattle rustlers. The Buffalo Soldiers would go on to fight in the Spanish-American War, the Philippine-American War, World War I, World War II and the Korean War.

Many Buffalo Soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor. They were also recognized for their bravery in the charge up San Juan Hill in the Spanish-American War.



Buffalo Soldiers in 1890

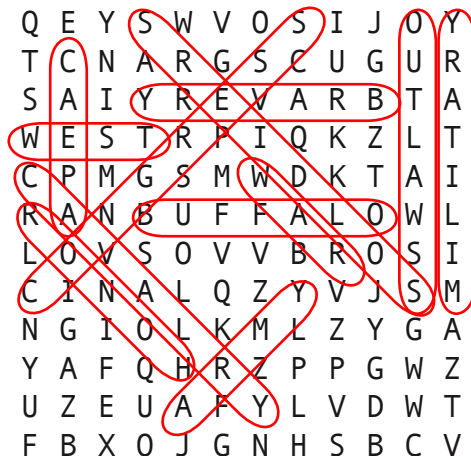
Henry O. Flipper was the first African American to graduate from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1877. He was the first African American officer of the 10th Cavalry, one of the Buffalo Soldier regiments.



Map of Buffalo Soldiers Posts

Word Search

Circle each of the words on the list in the puzzle. Words can go up, down, backwards or diagonally.



Buffalo	Army	Outlaws	War
Soldiers	Cavalry	Honor	Peace
Military	Congress	Bravery	West

Fill in the Blank

Congress created the Buffalo Soldiers in 1866.

The Buffalo Soldiers served in the western states in the beginning.

The Buffalo Soldiers were honored for their bravery at the charge up San Juan Hill.

The Buffalo Soldiers were dissolved in 1951.