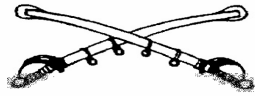
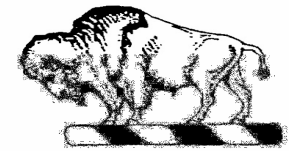


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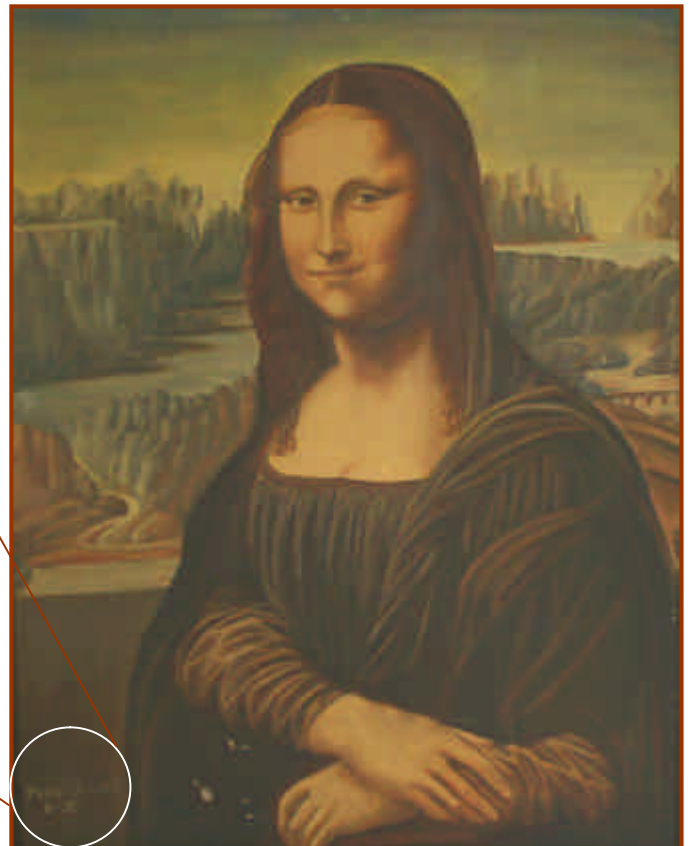
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THE DA VINCI CODE

(The Buffalo Soldier Connection)



By Trooper Ron Jones

Did other codes left by Leonardo foretell the coming of a specific *Buffalo Soldier*? Let's take a look at the facts. Fact: Leonardo was Catholic and Trooper Fred Jones was Catholic. Fact: Leonardo spoke Italian and Trooper Fred Jones taught himself to speak Italian and was his squadron's interrupter when he served with the 92nd Infantry Division in Italy during WWII. Fact: Leonardo painted the *Mona Lisa* in the early 1500's and Trooper Fred Jones finished his painting of the *Mona Lisa* exactly 450 years later. Fact: Leonardo Da Vinci is an anagram. If you rearrange the letters and then take a few of them out and add others, you get, Fred of Cincinnati, FACT! Leonardo epitomized the 'Renaissance Man' because he excelled in the arts and sciences. Any of us who knew Trooper Jones knows that he also excelled in the arts and the sciences and was without a doubt, a Renaissance Man. Fact: Leonardo died at the age of 66. In 1866 the *Buffalo Soldiers* were created by an act of Congress. Trooper Jones was born in 1923. If you add 19 and 23 you get 42. Now add 4 plus 2 and you get 6. If you hold the number 6 next to a mirror you'll see two sixes, the one you're holding and the one in the mirror. Now everyone knows that Leonardo used mirror writing so the clue here (with one of the 6's pointing backwards) is leading us back to Leonardo at the age of his death, sixty-six, FACT! Not only that, but this clue is also telling us what-year in the 1800's the *Buffalo Soldiers* would be organized, which of course was 1866, FACT!

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Look at where we've been!

Photos by Trooper Ron Jones



The community of Allensworth hosted their 8th Annual Gospel Fest and Buffalo Soldiers were there to support.



Trooper Williams and Trooper Cartha, manning the Buffalo Soldier memorabilia table just outside of the restored schoolhouse at Allensworth.



Descendents of the original occupants of Allensworth, Alice Royal (left) grand-daughter of the Hackett family and Barbara Jones grand-niece of Oscar Overr, the first Black Justice of the Peace in the state of California.



Attending the Legislative Black Caucus annual banquet are: Trooper Wilkes Fixico, Trooper and Mrs. Brady, Trooper and Mrs. Henderson and Trooper Gwen Jones



The Compton College Drum Line entertained those in attendance with great syncopated rhythms and stylish choreography.



Our own chapter bugler, Trooper Robert Perry (pictured center) and his band provided the musical entertainment for the LBC banquet.

The DA VINCE CODE (continued from page 1)

We have had a little fun here at the expense of the “DA VINCI CODE”. With all the hype that is going on right now around the movie and the book we just wanted to show that Dan Brown isn’t the only one who can have fun playing with the FACTS!

Trooper Jones was not unique among WWII Buffalo Soldiers. Just talk to Troopers Eugene Lewis, Waldo Henderson, Bruce Dennis, John Tull, Fred Cartha, Andrew Isaacs, Royal Carter, Robert McDaniel, James Cooper, Andrew Aaron, Charles Allen, Harold Cole, Ernest Collier, Henry Phillips, Robert Joyce Jr., Alfred Evans or any of the other surviving WWII and Korean War Buffalo Soldiers. You will find that all of these men were ahead of their time, true Renaissance Men. How far could they have truly gone, if not for the color of their skin?

Fact: Desertions among White regiments were roughly three times greater than those among the Buffalo Soldier units during the Indian Wars. Also, both Black cavalry and infantry regiments had lower rates of alcoholism than their White counterparts.

Fact: The 9th and 10th Cavalries’ service in subduing Mexican revolutionaries, hostile Native Americans, outlaws, comancheros, and rustlers was as invaluable as it was unrecognized. It was also accomplished over some of the most rugged and inhospitable country in North America. A list of their adversaries – Geronimo, Sitting Bull, Victorio, Lone Wolf, Billy the Kid, and Pancho Villa – reads like a “Who’s Who” of the American West.

Fact: Lesser known, but equally important, the Buffalo Soldiers explored and mapped vast areas of the southwest and strung hundreds of miles of telegraph lines. They built and repaired frontier outposts around which future towns and cities sprang to life. Without the protection provided by the 9th and 10th Cavalries, crews building the ever expanding railroads were at the mercy of outlaws and hostile Indians. The Buffalo Soldiers consistently received some of the worst assignments the Army had to offer. They also faced fierce prejudice to both the colors of their Union uniforms and their skin by many of the citizens of the post-war frontier towns. Despite this, the troopers of the 9th and 10th Cavalries developed into two of the most distinguished fighting units in the Army.

Fact: Their 30 years of uninterrupted service in the western territories and frontier is the longest by any military unit in the history of the U.S. Army. Imagine the protest that would be organized today if we left the same four regiments of the 1st Cavalry Division in Iraq for the next 30 years.

Excerpts taken from: www.imh.org/imh/buf/buf1.html

BUFFALO SOLDIER NATIONAL MUSEUM Gets \$250,000 from Houston Mayor, Bill White

Article contributed by: Trooper Robert McDonald



Pictured is Mayor Bill White with Houston Chapter members and Trooper Paul “PJ” Matthews, BSNM founder.

Honorable Bill White, gracious Mayor of Houston, Texas, along with vivacious Texas Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, joined 450 enthusiastic and energetic guests as they celebrated the 6th Annual Benefit Gala. The fundraiser for the Buffalo Soldier National Museum was held at the University of Houston’s Conrad Hilton Hotel Complex.

Mayor White was the big hit of the evening, as he informed the audience that the city was giving the BSNM a grant of \$250,000 for the expansion of the building.

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee also pledged support and acknowledged that the BSNM has been in existence for only six years; however, they just received the American Legacy Magazine-2005 Museum Preservation Award and the National Education Association-2006 Carter G. Woodson Memorial Award.

Trooper Paul “PJ” Matthews, questioned by reporters after the event, stated, “I am extremely excited about the grant and the ability to further the mission of the BSNM, which is to preserve, promote, and perpetuate the history, tradition and outstanding contributions of the Buffalo Soldiers and their contributions to the development and defense of the United States of America.”

According to Trooper Paul J. Matthews, the Board of Directors has raised a total of \$600,000 to purchase the building the museum currently occupies.

For more information about the BSNM and to view the photo gallery, from the Gala Banquet go to <http://www.buffalosoldiermuseum.com>.

The proposed renovation of the Buffalo Soldiers National Museum will be over 12,000 square feet and have three floors.

The museum will have more exhibit space, larger theater, a multi-purpose room, computer room and more space for education and research. Renovations are targeted to begin late 2006 or early 2007.



SICK CALL

Contributed by Trooper Len Williams

Our **Bugle Call** newsletter has become an excellent communication vehicle which enables troopers and other interested readers to feel a kinship to this organization even when there is no personal contact.

As time passes many of our more senior troopers are no longer able to attend meetings or events, but retain a love for the organization and an interest in its activities. The **Bugle Call** keeps them in touch with what is going on today with our chapter. Still, there is no substitute for that personal attention in the form of a brief phone call or a greeting card.

Your roster lists the names of members you seldom or never see, but you will notice that their dues are current. We certainly must not forget these troopers. In addition, those whose dues have not been paid for two or more years may be suffering extended illnesses or disabilities. Send them a card or make a call. Believe me; they will be happy to hear from you. Remember the widows whose troopers have gone to Fiddler's Green. They should also hear from us.

The following list of troopers, we know for certain, has had some recent health challenges:

- Trooper Royal Carter
- Trooper Fred Cartha
- Trooper Loretta Cartha
- Trooper Harold Cole
- Trooper Ernest H. Collier
- Trooper Bruce Dennis
- Trooper John Tull
- Trooper Waldo Henderson
- Trooper Andrew Isaacs
- Trooper Eugene Lewis
- Trooper Henry Phillips
- Trooper Robert Perry
- Trooper Alfred Stewart

Don't leave it to the Calling Tree or Hospitality Committee to maintain member contact.

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SUPPORT THE 2006 SCHOLARSHIP CAMPAIGN

- TO CONTINUE TO GROW AND IMPROVE, WE MUST HAVE RESOURCES.
- WE ARE COMMITTED TO HAVING OUR STUDENTS ACHIEVE A VISION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THEMSELVES.
- TO DO THIS WE NEED THESE RESOURCES TO PURSUE THAT GOAL.
- IT IS OUR OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP PROVIDE SOME SUPPORT TO REAFFIRM AND STRENGTHEN OUR EXTRAORDINARY LEGACY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

Q. WHAT IS THE OVER ALL CAMPAIGN GOAL?

A. Augment our Scholarship Fund for the Students we are currently supporting and for the New Students we hope to support in the future.

Q. WHO IS BEING ASKED TO GIVE TO THE CAMPAIGN?

A. All GLAAC members, past and present will be asked to participate in the 2006 Scholarship Campaign.

Q. IF I MAKE A PLEDGE TO THE CAMPAIGN, HOW LONG DO I HAVE TO PAY IT OFF?

A. Once you have made a pledge your donations can be spread over a period of a few months for your convenience. We would like to have your pledge, in full, by July 2006.

WAYS YOU CAN GIVE!

LEAVE A DONATION TO THE GLAAC SCHOLARSHIP FUND IN EITHER YOUR NAME OR OTHERS UPON DEPARTING FOR FIDDLER'S GREEN.

GIFTS BY CASH OR CHECK ARE CERTAINLY THE EASIEST AND MOST POPULAR WAYS TO GIVE. VISA, MASTERCARD OR AMERICAN EXPRESS GIFT CHECKS ARE ALWAYS WELCOMED!

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LOOK FOR YOUR NAME(S) IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.

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Your Friendly Scholarship Chairperson  
Trooper "SUPER K" Williams

## Trooper Burl Washington (Renowned Buffalo Soldier Artist)

By Trooper Ron Jones

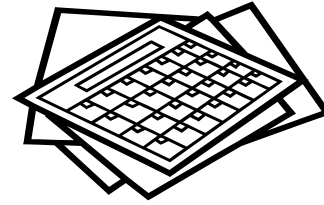
Recently I contacted my father's sister, Aunt Elaine, in Ft. Worth, TX to see how she was doing. She and my Uncle Percy used to own an art gallery and our conversation turned to a local artist named Burl Washington. Mr. Washington was known for his paintings of Buffalo Soldiers as well as other Black participants of the old West. I was able to find Mr. Washington via the internet and I called him. It turns out that Mr. Washington is Trooper Washington and is a member of the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> (Horse) Cavalry Association with the Houston Chapter. Pictured in this article is his latest work titled "Planting the Colors".

This is a limited edition numbered print signed by the artist. Trooper Burl Washington is making this print available to 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> (Horse) Association Members at a 10% discount. If you have a current 2006 membership card he is offering an additional 5% discount. Again this discounted offer is only for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> (Horse) Cavalry Association members. All interested parties can contact Trooper Washington at his website.

Trooper Washington's website is at:  
[www.b17.com/washington/index.htm](http://www.b17.com/washington/index.htm)



## Calendar of Events



**May 26<sup>th</sup>, Friday** – Markham Middle School Annual Career Fair. This year the fair is interactive and focuses on real life experiences. Please provide materials that students may take with them that promote your profession. The school is located at 1650 E. 104<sup>th</sup> Street, L.A. CA, 90002 (323) 564-6951. The program begins at 9:00 a.m.

**May 29<sup>th</sup>, Monday - 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Day Program at Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills**, 6300 Forest Lawn Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90068, (800) 204-3131. The program starts at 10:00 a.m. This year will feature Gen. Douglas MacArthur, portrayed by special historical guest speaker Dennis Lesli. After the program stay and celebrate Forest Lawn's 100 Years of Service. There will be Hot Dogs, Veggie Dogs, Ice Cream, Popcorn, Soda and Water. Admission and parking are free.

**June 17<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, A-MAN, Inc.** is presenting the Tom Bradley 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recognition Dinner. We are requested as guests. Sales tables will be provided. Location: LA Airport Marriott Hotel, 5855 West Century Blvd. The reception and silent auction begins at 5:00 p.m. The dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.

**July 4<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday - Anaheim Hills 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.** The parade begins at 3:00 p.m. All participants must be at the Canyon High School staging area by 1:30 p.m.

**July 24<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>** – The 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion of the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> (Horse) Cavalry Association will be hosted by the Greater North Carolina Chapter.

**August 12<sup>th</sup>, Saturday - Mayme A. Clayton Library WSBREC Cowboy and Cowgirl Western Festival.** The annual event will be held at the Autry National Center Museum of the American West: 4700 Western Heritage way, Los Angeles, (inside Griffith Park – Across from the L.A. Zoo). This year actor, cowboy Jim Pickens will be honored with the Mayme A. Clayton Lifetime Achievement Award. Obba Babatunde will be the Master of Ceremony. \$25 (tax deductible) admission includes: Celebration of Cowgirls, VIP reception and Gala, live entertainment and refreshments from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. To pre-purchase tickets contact Marti Townsend (323) 938-8359.

**August 19<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Chamber of Commerce of Orange County Banquet.** This year's theme is Science Medicine and Inventors. Featuring music by Xavier University of Louisiana Choir and Jazz Ensemble, Cocktail and Historical Reception 6:00 p.m. Silent Auction throughout the evening, Dinner and Program 7:15 p.m. This year's Gala will be at the Anaheim Marriott Hotel.



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**A MESSAGE FROM TROOPER  
RON JONES**

It's unfortunate that we can't be everywhere at the same time. I for one will be glad when they get this cloning process and technique down pat. Well, maybe not. This month the Buffalo Soldiers attended several events that unfortunately were not covered with photos, but I still need to acknowledge those troopers who voluntarily give of themselves and their personal time to represent this organization to the public. It's not just the Los Angeles Chapter that I am talking about. We have chapters across the country and our associates are spending their weekends, much like we do here, informing the public about who the Buffalo Soldiers were and are. I would be remiss if I did not also acknowledge and thank all the re-enactment groups across the country that provides living history presentations about Buffalo Soldiers. With their uniforms, weaponry, equipment, horses and tack, stabling cost, transportation, and other expenses these troopers often are not adequately compensated for their time and investment. If the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> (Horse) Cavalry Association represents the legacy that is the documented history of the Buffalo Soldiers, then the re-enactors represent their living history. So to that point, our sincere appreciation goes out to the following troopers: Trooper Charles Allen and Trooper Walter Brady went to Bakersfield, CA and represented the chapter at the *History of Heroes* event, Trooper Lennister Williams represented the chapter at the *Hire a Veteran Day* program at the Employment Development Department of the State of California, San Diego Chapter President Trooper Vince Lemons and his group were out representing their chapter this past weekend and lastly the New Buffalo Soldiers, who I heard did an outstanding re-enactment presentation at the *History of Heroes* event in Bakersfield. Ladies and gentlemen, I salute you. Thank you, one and all.



Your humble servant  
Trooper Ronald R. Jones



**Assembly**



**Our Next  
meeting**

Saturday, May 28, 2006  
Roger's Park  
Inglewood, CA

Start: 10:00 a.m.  
End: 12:00 p.m.