

# Buffalo Soldiers

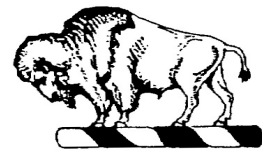


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THE GREATER LOS ANGELES AREA CHAPTER  
NINTH & TENTH (HORSE) CAVALRY ASSOCIATION

## Bugle Call



"READY AND FORWARD!"

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## Buffalo Soldier – Trooper Ulysses Mullen Celebrates 96<sup>th</sup> Birthday

By: Trooper Ron Jones - GLAAC

If you didn't know his age, Trooper Ulysses Mullen could easily pass for someone 20 years his junior. But Trooper Mullen is not one for trying to hide his age. In fact, he'll be the first one to tell you that among the members of the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> (Horse) Cavalry Association, he's the 3<sup>rd</sup> oldest WWII Buffalo Soldier, behind Trooper Mark Matthews, 110 years old and Trooper William Waddell, 98 years old. Trooper Mullen was born on January 24, 1909 to John and Lula Mullen in Altheimer, Arkansas. His father, John, was a sharecropper and Trooper Mullen, being raised on a farm knew his way around animals especially horses. So when he enlisted in the US Army it was a natural fit when he ended up in the 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Trooper Mullen enlisted in the Army on November 20, 1940 because it was rumored that after President Roosevelt signed the Selective Service Act a



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9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> (Horse) Cavalry Association Buffalo Soldiers visit Perris, CA to honor Trooper Mullen. **Back row:** Trooper Carl Wright, Trooper Leslie Keown, and Trooper Franklin Henderson. **Middle row:** Trooper James Cooper, Trooper James (Big Steve) Stevens, Trooper Elizabeth Nelson and Trooper Andrew Isaacs. **Bottom row:** Rev. Connor Robinson Jr., Trooper Ulysses Mullen and Trooper Robert McDaniel

peacetime draft would be initiated. It was believed if you voluntarily joined the military before being drafted, you could serve one year and get out. Trooper Mullen did just under one year and was discharged in October of '41. Three months later he found himself being recalled in January of '42. He served, in the Army, for the remainder of the war and was discharged in 1945. After WWII Trooper Mullen received his Doctorate in Theology from Sacramento Theological Seminary and Bible College and became an ordained minister in 1951. Today he's retired and lives in Sun City near Perris, CA.

During a recent telephone interview, I told Trooper Mullen I was looking forward to helping him celebrate his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday. He replied, "Me too!"

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Buffalo Soldier Monument  
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## Keeping the Legacy Alive

### Hasbro Honors JOHN R. FOX, One of First African-American Medal of Honor Recipients, with New G.I. JOE Action Figure



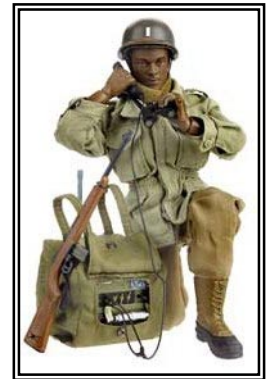
John R. Fox photo from  
[www.homeofheroes.com](http://www.homeofheroes.com)

Pawtucket, RI (Business Wire) – Feb. 1, 2005--The 92nd Infantry Division, known as the Buffalo Soldiers, was an African-American division that fought in World War II. One of the division's soldiers, First Lieutenant John R. Fox of the 366th U.S. Infantry Regiment, made the ultimate sacrifice in order to defeat the enemy and save the lives of his fellow soldiers. In December 1944, Fox was part of a small forward observer party that volunteered to stay behind in the Italian village of Sommocolonia. American forces had been forced to withdraw from the village after the enemy had overrun it. From his position on the second floor of a house, Fox radioed in to have the artillery fire adjusted closer to his position, then radioed again to have the shelling moved even closer. The soldier receiving the message was stunned, for that would bring the deadly fire right on top of Fox's position; there was no way he would survive. After the units had retaken the village, they found Fox's body along with the bodies of about one hundred enemy soldiers. For this extraordinary act of great heroism and selfless disregard for his own safety, John R. Fox was awarded the distinguished Medal of Honor.

In honor of his selfless efforts during World War II, First Lieutenant John R. Fox will be recognized this month by Hasbro, Inc.'s (NYSE: [HAS](#) - [News](#)) G.I. JOE brand with the release of a 12" G.I. JOE action figure in his likeness. Fox was among the first group of African-Americans posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by President Bill Clinton in 1997 for sacrificing his own life to save the lives of his fellow infantrymen. Caught in a surprise attack, Fox radioed to his comrades to have the artillery fire aimed toward his position so that his division could escape.

The John Fox G.I. JOE figure, available in-store this month, is the latest in a series that commemorates Medal of Honor recipients including Audie Murphy, Douglas MacArthur and Jimmy Doolittle.

"Lieutenant John Fox was a soldier who put the lives of his own infantry before his own, epitomizing the word 'hero', said Todd Rywolt, Vice President of Marketing for Hasbro's G.I. JOE brand. "The G.I. JOE brand honors both the famous and lesser-known heroes in our Medal of Honor collection and we are proud to commemorate Lieutenant Fox's courage and exemplary commitment to his fellow man and country."



MoH GI Joe -John R. Fox - Source: HASBRO

The Lieutenant John R. Fox action figure is outfitted with his combat uniform, carbine, carbine clip, binoculars, radio with antenna, radio carrying pack, and more, and will retail for approximately \$19.99. The Lieutenant John Fox figure is recommended for ages 5 and up.



9TH CAV, NEAR CLORIDE, NM, 1891

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**Sick Call**

We begin our first issue of **Bugle Call** for 2005. With this new-year, we realize we are all one year older and perhaps are feeling a little more vulnerable to new aches and pains. With this in mind, it is going to be more common to hear of troopers becoming disabled or bedridden, even if only temporarily.

It now becomes even more important that we remember each other between meetings during the month. Most notable is the degree of pleasure displayed by troopers and their families when a greeting card and/or a telephone call are received. Long conversations are not generally expected; just the sound of a pleasant friendly voice will do wonders.

When you see names on the roster whose faces you've never seen, have not seen recently, or who have been coming regularly but have missed a meeting or two, this is a sign that some change in circumstances may have occurred. The widows of troopers who have gone on to

*Fiddler's Green* must also be remembered. At our next meeting let's try and identify the names of our chapter widows of the past 10 years.

- Trooper Bruce Dennis**
- Trooper Loretta Cartha**
- Trooper Ernest H. Collier**
- Trooper Orlanders Elliot**
- Trooper Virgil Griffin**
- Trooper Eugene Lewis**
- Trooper Ulysses Mullen**

- Trooper Royal Carter**
- Trooper Harold Cole**
- Trooper Alfred Evans**
- Trooper John Tull**
- Trooper Waldo Henderson**
- Trooper George Poston**

Last week Trooper Vince Lemons, President of the San Diego Chapter informed me that Trooper Walter Earl Jones, mounted his horse for the last time and rode off to "*Fiddler's Green*." I had the pleasure to meet Trooper Jones, the SD Chapter Historian, on several occasions and I can truly say I am a better person for those meetings. His local chapter, our organization and the National will truly miss this great Trooper.



***A Fiddler's Green Tribute to:  
Trooper Walter Earl Jones***



When a cavalryman dies, he begins a long march to his ultimate destination. About half-way along the road he enters a broad meadow dotted with trees and crossed by many streams, known as "Fiddler's Green."

As he crosses The Green he finds an old canteen, a single spur, and a carbine sling. Continuing on the road he comes to a field camp where he finds all the troopers who have gone before him, with their campfires, tents and picket lines neatly laid out.

All other branches of the military must continue to march without pause. Cavalrymen though are authorized to dismount, unsaddle and stay in Fiddler's Green...their canteens ever full...the grass always green, and enjoy the companionship and reminisce with old friends.





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## A MESSAGE FROM TROOPER RON JONES

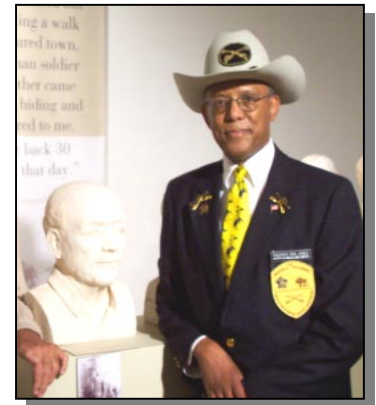
January and February have been very busy months for the Greater Los Angeles Area Chapter. Because of issues in my personal and professional life I wasn't able, in this newsletter, to give this chapter the proper credit they so rightly deserve for the amount of energy and time they contributed to parade participation and corporate presentations during the past two months. **Trooper Henderson, Trooper Williams, Trooper McDonald, Trooper Perry, Trooper Cooper, Trooper McDaniel, Trooper Cartha, Trooper Phillips, Trooper Stewart, Trooper Aaron, Trooper Wilkes Fixico** and the rest; thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to represent this Chapter and the Buffalo Soldiers to the community. I'd like to say a special *thank you* to the **San Diego Chapter** for their support of the LA Chapter this year. Our prayers go out to you as you send one of your own to *Fiddler's Green*. On a very personal note I would like to thank: **WAL-MART, Jim White** with POST Effect, **Bob Burton** and **VisionQuest**, the **Houston Chapter** along with the **Buffalo Soldier National Museum** and everyone who was part of the project, "*The Invisible Men of Honor – The Legend of the Buffalo Soldier.*" The program was televised on TV One several times throughout February for Black History Month. Although my father, Trooper Frederick Douglass Jones, didn't live long enough to see this project come to fruition, his image was prominently displayed, several times, during the program and for that my family and I are eternally grateful. Thank you, thank you one and all.

Finally I would like to thank the *Aerospace Corporation* of El Segundo, CA, *Raytheon* of Fullerton, CA, *Trooper Waldo Henderson* and *Ms. Mary Osborne* of Seattle, WA, for their donations to our chapter. Our scholarship awards, this newsletter, our displays and memorabilia are made possible by your generous donations and support.

Trooper Ron Jones



## Assembly



# Our Next Meeting

Saturday, February 26, 2005  
Rogers Park in Inglewood  
Start: 10:00 a.m.  
End: 12:00 p.m.

**We hope to see you there!**