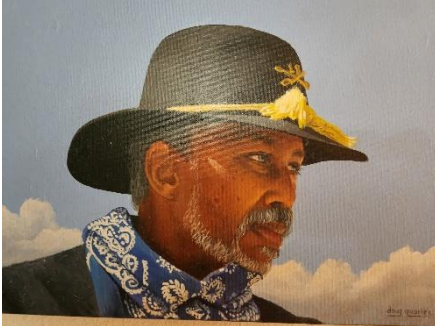


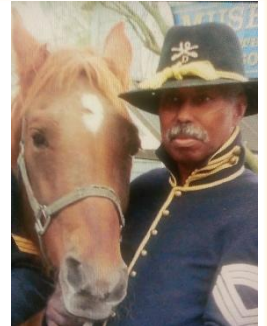


The Legacy of the Buffalo Soldiers: Courage, Service, and Impact on American History

Presentation by Western Historian Charles W. Young



Left: Buffalo Soldier gazes thoughtfully into the distance, embodying the spirit and resilience of the American Plains (Painting by Doug Quarles)



Right: Buffalo Soldier presenter stands proudly beside his horse, honoring the legacy and bravery of African American cavalrymen in U.S. history

Images courtesy of Charles Young

The Buffalo Soldiers were African American soldiers who served primarily on the Western frontier following the Civil War. Established in 1866, these regiments – most notably the 9th and 10th Cavalry and the 24th and 25th Infantry – were among the first Black units in the regular U.S. Army.

Their legacy is one of courage, resilience, and unwavering dedication to duty. The Buffalo Soldiers not only helped shape the American West, they also paved the way for future generations of African American men and women in the U.S. military. Their story is a testament to the power of perseverance and the ongoing struggle for equality and recognition within the fabric of American society.

Our Third Thursday presenter Charles W. Young moved to Arizona in 2001 after working for the State of California for 33 years. He lives on a five-acre ranch in Casa Grande, AZ, embracing the western lifestyle. He wrote, "My late friend and mentor Madison Walker introduced me to the 'Black Western Experience,' involving Buffalo Soldiers, Cowboys, Lawmen, and Women who played key roles in settling the West."

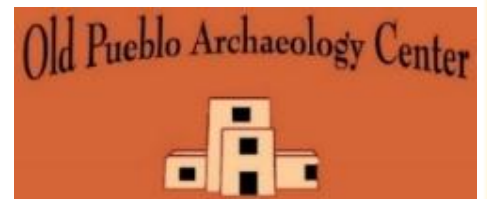


For about 30 years Charles has been a "Living History Presenter," sharing and gaining knowledge. He also has had the honor to have served as Historical Advisor to the San Angelo NAACP Buffalo Soldiers Memorial Project to ensure the accuracy, integrity, and historical facts of the Buffalo Soldiers are being preserved for the next generations.

The Third Thursday Series



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