

CITY OF NOGALES PREPARES TO CELEBRATE THE LEGACY OF THE BLACK 25TH INFANTRY/10TH CALVARY, AKA THE BUFFALO SOLDIERS

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What: News Conference: *A Historic Salute to the Nogales Buffalo Soldiers, the 25th Infantry and 10th Calvary*

When: November 3, 2021, 4:30 pm

Where: Front steps of Nogales City Hall

More than 100 years after a battle over the border between the U.S. and Mexico, the City of Nogales is honoring the contributions of the Buffalo Soldiers, for Black History Month 2022. The Buffalo Soldiers were the all-Black segregated units of the United States Army and served in both the Infantry and Calvary from 1866-1947, until the military was desegregated.

Donna Jackson-Houston, granddaughter of Nogales Buffalo Soldier Lucius Franklin Monroe Jackson, Sr. has been working with City officials to organize a Salute to the Buffalo Soldiers of the 25th Infantry and 10th Calvary, who were stationed at Camp Little from 1910-1933. The Buffalo Soldiers were sent to Camp Little, Arizona to restore order after the Battle of Ambos Nogales in August 1918.

The Nogales Buffalo Soldiers Legacy Association will host the first Nogales Buffalo Soldiers Tribute the weekend of January 29, 2022, to kick off Black History Month (February) and will partner with the Pimeria Alta Historical Society Museum that will showcase the Inaugural Nogales Buffalo Soldier's Exhibit. This Exhibit will highlight the lives of Buffalo Soldiers that were based in Camp Little, AZ, many of whom went on to live in Nogales and start families in the early 1900's, and whose descendants are now making notable contributions

nationwide. In 1996, the Jackson family donated a plaque to pay tribute to the Grand Avenue/Frank Reed School, first school for Black children in Nogales, including those of the Buffalo Soldiers. The site at Grand Avenue and Santa Cruz street was designated a historical monument. The exhibit will also acknowledge the school.

Mrs. Jackson-Houston is also the niece of the Honorable John Jackson who was the first Black City Council Member elected in Nogales, and who was the son of Lucius Franklin Monroe Jackson, Sr. The Jackson family has made Nogales home for over 100 years. Jackson-Houston now resides in Pomona, CA, where she serves as a Commissioner on the Community Life Commission, an appointee of Pomona Mayor Tim Sandoval.

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