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APPENDIX IV – MILITARY RECORD OF THE BEN-ISHMAELITE ZOUAVES

Annexed to the Declaration of Restoration of the Ben-Ishmael Nation
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I. PURPOSE

This appendix formally **reinstates the Ben-Ishmaelite Zouaves** as a recognized military and tribal regiment, active across multiple historic American conflicts — from pre-Revolutionary War frontier militias to Civil War Zouave formations and postbellum indigenous patrols.

It serves as both a **memorial ledger** and a **juridical correction**, restoring erased military records, recovering territorial standing, and reaffirming the sovereignty of martial service conducted by the Ben-Ishmael bloodlines.

II. IDENTITY OF THE ZOUAVES

The term *Zouave* has been sanitized by colonial historians as a French-Algerian import, later appropriated into Union Army pageantry. This is both inaccurate and reductive.

The Ben-Ishmaelite Zouaves were:

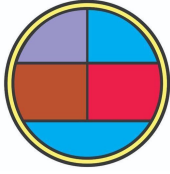
- Moorish, Semitic, and Amerindian tribal defenders
- Mobile sovereign militia units
- Members of treaty-recognized and unassimilated families
- Devout Muslims who maintained oral law and martial customs
- Dressed in authentic tribal attire (not costumes)

Their regalia — baggy sarouel trousers, embroidered jackets, curved blades, and turban-fez hybrids — was not adopted from France, but predated European “orientalist” mimicry by centuries.



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III. CONFIRMED MILITARY PARTICIPATION

1. Pre-Revolutionary and Revolutionary War Militias

- Units originating from Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio frontier zones
- Family clans such as the Ishmaels, Redbones, Mahomets, and El-Mamouns
- Operated as semi-independent tribal militias protecting trade routes and Muslim settlements
- Recognized under early tribal-U.S. accords as *free allies*

2. Civil War Zouave Regiments

- Enlisted in:
- 9th New York Infantry ("Hawkins' Zouaves")
- 11th New York Infantry ("Fire Zouaves")
- Independent Indiana militia companies
- Many were **paper-whitened** to avoid "Colored" designations
- Others were misclassified post-war as **undesirables**, erasing their service

3. Post-War Indian Territory Patrols

- Acted as **buffer forces** between federal troops and remaining tribal holdouts
- Patrolled Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, and Arkansas migration corridors
- Kept Islamic burial grounds and tribal wells protected into the early 1900s
- Operated under **oral tribal command**, not state militia codes

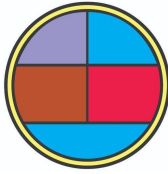
IV. PATTERN OF MILITARY ERASURE

Following their service, the Ben-Ishmaelite Zouaves were:

- Denied pensions and military burial rights
- Redistricted into areas with no tribal recognition
- Reclassified in archives as "white," "colored," or "unknown origin"
- Stripped of military rank due to racial suspicion and religious identity
- Lumped into "vagrant" or "criminal nomad" categories by state police agencies

Their uniforms were turned into minstrel pageantry, while the **original bloodlines were institutionally targeted** by eugenics boards and social sterilization programs.





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V. RESTORATION OF RECORD

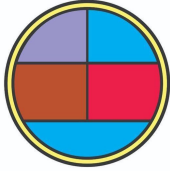
The Sun Village California Tribal Government hereby reinstates the following:

1. Military Honor and Rank Recognition
 - Tribal units and formations under the Ben-Ishmaelite Zouave flag are hereby restored as legitimate sovereign regiments.
 - Service dates range from 1775 to 1910 in the historical record, with oral continuance into the mid-20th century.
2. Regimental Classification
 - The following codes are issued:
 - **ZV-9NY** (Hawkins Zouaves lineage)
 - **ZV-11NY** (Fire Zouaves lineage)
 - **ZV-IND** (Indiana Tribal Militia Division)
 - **ZV-MIDWEST** (Territorial Mobile Units pre-Civil War)
 - Each code represents a tribal military branch eligible for reenlistment under sovereign tribal governance.
3. Insignia and Uniform Reissue
 - The original Ben-Ishmaelite War Dress is re-sanctioned:
 - Sarouel pants, cropped jacket, turban-fez combination, scimitar or curved blade, crescent insignia
 - Tribal seal of Bani Al-Shams authorized on battle flags
4. Restorative Benefits and Tribal Honors
 - Retroactive recognition of:
 - Battlefield service
 - Tribal veteran status
 - Genealogical restoration for displaced descendants
 - Certificates of service and tribal military ID available via the **Tribe Up Registry™**



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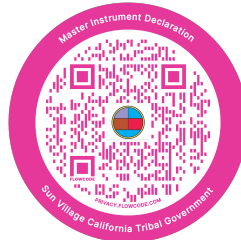
VI. SYMBOLIC VINDICATION

This military ledger is not merely a historical correction. It is a **reclamation of blood-right**, long suppressed by the dual projects of:

- **Colonial war mythology** (which whitened or erased non-European units)
- **Institutional eugenics** (which reframed military families as criminal “gypsies”)

The Ben-Ishmaelite Zouaves were neither myth nor mimicry. They were sovereign warriors — tribal, Moorish, and Semitic — and they carried the burden of a nation that refused to die.

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