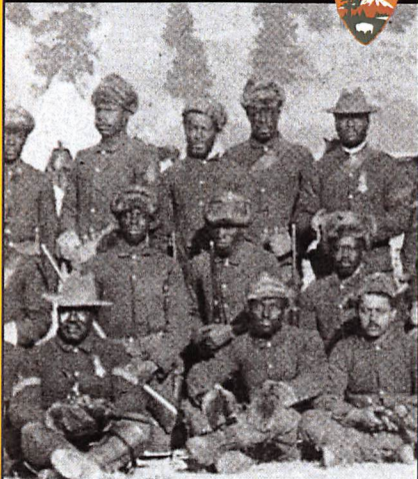


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The Buffalo Soldiers

"Ready, Forward!"

Shortly after the Civil War, in 1866, Congress established six all-black Army regiments to help rebuild the country and to serve on the Western Frontier. Three years later in 1869, the Army would pare down the regiments to four, two cavalry (9th & 10th) and two infantry (24th & 25th).

The Buffalo Soldiers would serve in every U.S. conflict from the Spanish-American War through the Korean War. As part of President Truman's directive to integrate the armed forces, the segregated units of the Buffalo Soldiers were broken up and incorporated into other units. With the disbandment of the 27th Cavalry on December 12th, 1951, the storied Buffalo Soldier regiments came to an official end.

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