



# Colonel Charles Young

## Paving the Way

Charles Young commanded the 9th Cavalry Company "I" when it escorted President Roosevelt at the Presidio in 1903. Young was the third African American graduate of West Point and the only commissioned black officer in the army at that time. Facing many challenges in the white military establishment, he fought for black equality and social acceptance.

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