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Buffalo Soldiers Day

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Buffalo Soldiers Day is celebrated every year on July 28th. Bob Marley's song *Buffalo Soldier* encompasses much of the importance of the day with the poignant lyrics "he was a Buffalo Soldier, win the war for America." Those few words shed light on the dedication and bravery the men of the 9th and 10th cavalries showed during a tumultuous time in our country's history.

The importance of commemorating historical events—such as that of the Buffalo Soldiers' service to our country—teaches us so much about the past in order to analyze and change for the future.

On July 28th, use some of these ideas to commemorate the service of the Buffalo Soldiers.

- Check out books from your local library for learning and research.
- Visit a monument or museum in honor of the 9th and 10th cavalries.
- Post your support for this day by using the hashtag #BuffaloSoldiersDay.
- Watch a movie or documentary on the subject.

Historical events can teach us so much about ourselves. Despite the setbacks these regiments of mostly former slaves faced, they were able to distinguish themselves as dedicated, fearless patriots earning numerous Congressional Medals of Honor. Taking the time on Buffalo Soldiers Day to learn facts and promote learning of these inspiring historical figures ensures their legacy is not forgotten. Let the history of the Buffalo Soldiers inspire dedication, bravery, and service for generations to come.

To read more:

- <https://nationaltoday.com/buffalo-soldiers-day/>
- <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/bobmarley/buffalosoldier.html>
- <https://www.buffalosoldiermuseum.com/>
- <https://militarybenefits.info/buffalo-soldiers-day/>
- <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B000BNTM9G?tag=checkiday08-20>



