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- **September 2021**
Buffalo Soldiers Association of West Point Monument Launch



A Message from the President Aundrea Matthews

Dear Buffalo Soldiers Members,

We hope that you all are staying safe during this uncertain time of COVID-19. Please remember to stay at home as much as possible, wash your hands often and for at least 20 seconds each wash, and if you must go out remember to wear a mask to protect yourself and others.

We appreciate you and are glad to call you members of the Buffalo Soldiers Association of West Point. We are less than 18 months away from erecting the long-awaited Buffalo Soldiers Monument. Over the course of the last few months the Special Projects Committee has had success with getting final approval from West Point for the erection of the monument and they finalize the contract with Mr. Dixon (the artist). We are planning to have the final reef laying ceremony during the 2020 Labor Day Weekend, in honor of the Buffalo Soldiers “Rock” and in memorial to Mrs. Cora L. Matthews.

We would love to see you during that time but also understand if you are unable to attend due to COVID-19. If you would like to participate but are concerned about traveling to New York during this time there are still ways to stay involved, by uploading your Buffalo Soldiers pictures to the Cora L. Matthews memorial Facebook page, and making a donation on Facebook or on the Buffalo Soldiers Association website @:

www.buffalosoldiersofwestpoint.org/supportbsawp

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Vice President's Special Projects Updates Hamilton Hudgins

Dear Buffalo Soldiers Members and Potential Members,

The Special Projects Committee is in full swing and moving the Monument Project with great efficacy. The committee has implemented a challenge to raise \$150,000 in support of the monument. To date the committee has raised approximately \$87,000 and are well on the way to raising the other \$67,000 to meet the challenge. Get involved & help us meet the goal!



Make your donation today @ www.buffalosoldiersofwestpoint.org/supportspc

Get ready, get ready, get ready

- ❖ To become a new Buffalo Soldier Member or renew your Buffalo Soldiers Membership today! Be on the lookout for your membership renewal letter reminding you to update your membership.
- ❖ It's important that every member keep their membership up to date to ensure their participation in the 2021 unveiling of the monument.
- ❖ Please note that only members will be able to participate in the unveiling ceremony so make sure you update your MEMBERSHIPS NOW!

<https://www.buffalosoldiersofwestpoint.org/member>

The End Of An Era

Start preparing for the LAST Wreath Laying Ceremony that will be held September 2020 Labor Day Weekend. We are moving forward with preparing for the last wreath laying at the rock in preparation for the monument. Come join us for this MOMENTOUS occasion as we close out the end of an era and make room for a new MONUMENT!

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Secretary's Corner

The Loss of a Legend



A limb has fallen from the family tree that says grieve not for me. Remember the BEST TIMES, the laughter, the song, the good life I lived while I was strong.

We say farewell dear sweet Matriarch of the Womack-Holiday and Matthews family. Cora Lee Matthews September 10th, 1918 - March 26th 2020 peacefully passed at her home in Highland Falls, New York. Mrs. Cora was at the blessed age of 101 years old. Daughter of the late James and Rossie Womack Holiday born on September 10, 1918 in Erwin, NC. Mrs. Cora came to West Point in 1941. In 1942 she married Sgt. Sanders H. Matthews Sr a Buffalo Soldier at West Point Academy (passed away December 2016). She is survived by her two granddaughters, Dr. Aundrea Matthews of Highland Falls, NY and Stephanie Matthews-Privott (Jerry) and her great granddaughter Sydney R. Privott of Richmond Virginia, and a host of cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Her strong work ethic, determination, and love for the underdog, allowed her to open many doors for those in her community. Throughout her life, she has demonstrated compassion for others in service of her community.

Cora Lee Matthews will be loved and remembered forever by her family and all her friends who span across the world. Her final resting place will be alongside her husband at the West Point Cemetery on the grounds of the United States Military Academy, West Point, NY. We will be having a memorial for Mrs Matthews at the last wreath laying at the Rock in September 2020, so please plan to attend.

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Treasurer's Report

Hello members and supporters,

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