

**The Buffalo  
Soldier  
Monument  
Fort  
Leavenworth, KS**

**An interactive  
experience**



This interactive experience was created by staff members of the Frontier Army Museum and is based on a program created by the Lewis and Clark Exploratory Center in Charlottesville, VA that analyzes the controversial Lewis, Clark and Sacagawea monument located there.

This experience can be done while visiting the Buffalo Soldier Monument at Fort Leavenworth, KS or in the comfort of your own home. If you are able to visit the monument, feel free to print these slides and bring them with you or view them on your phone, computer, or tablet. This program is for individuals but also families, classes, and groups to promote discussion of what each person sees in the monument.

If you are participating in this program from home feel free to look up more photos of the monument online.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Frontier Army Museum staff at 913-684-3186 or [usarmy.leavenworth.tradoc.mbx.frontier-army-museum@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.leavenworth.tradoc.mbx.frontier-army-museum@mail.mil)

# A Brief History of the Buffalo Soldiers

In 1866 the United States Congress authorized the formation of six African-American Army regiments. Later they were consolidated into four regiments, the 9th and 10th Cavalry, and the 24th and 25th Infantry. These four regiments are known as the "Buffalo Soldiers". The 10th Cavalry was initiated on September 21, 1866 at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. The Buffalo Soldiers played major roles in the Army; they fought in the Indians Wars (1866-1886), escorted stage coaches and mail carriers in hostile territory, built roads and buildings on military installations, and protected railroads and trails. They also carried out duties with the National Park Service to include serving as park rangers and fighting wildfires and poachers. The bronze statue at Fort Leavenworth commemorating the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiments was created by Eddie Dixon.



What does the soldier's posture tell you? How about the horse's posture?

How about from the side views, can you see anything different about the Buffalo Soldier and his horse now?





Now look at some of the smaller details.  
What weapons/equipment do you see?  
Why would a soldier need all of this?  
Specifically, why would a Buffalo Soldier  
need these weapons and equipment? You  
may need to do some research on your  
own to find out why!

Seeing a closer image of the monument, does the soldier's posture tell you anything different?

What details do you see now that you couldn't see from far away?



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How would you describe the soldier's expression? Are there any emotions you see in his face?

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# More Information!

For more information and artifacts related to the Buffalo Soldiers please visit our Virtual Tour and Digital Collection sections of our website:

Virtual Tour, Buffalo Soldiers Page: <https://frontierarmymuseum.oncell.com/en/21-buffalo-soldiers-80732.html>

Digital Collection Site: <https://cgsc.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p15040coll3>