

Buffalo Soldier Monument Preliminary Design



Hello Members,

The Buffalo Soldiers Association of West Point (BSAWP) experienced a lot of change in 2016. The most impactful was the loss of our beloved President and Founder of the Buffalo Soldiers Association of West Point, Sgt. Sanders H. Matthews on August 26, 2016. His funeral was held on September 3, 2016, and was attended by more than 400 people. It was truly an awesome celebration of his life, and the memorial service bolstered the commitment to erect a Buffalo Soldiers Monument at West Point. As of January 2017, we have received over \$100,000.00 in donations and in-kind support. We still have a long way to go to reach our goal by September, 2017.

At the 55th Annual Buffalo Soldiers Memorial Event and Banquet, we had an awesome time at West Point. At the Memorial Event, the guest speaker for the Wreath Laying Ceremony was Lieutenant General Robert L. Caslen, the 59th Superintendent of the United States Military Academy. At the Banquet, CNN Military Analyst, (Ret) Lt. General Mark Hertling was the keynote speaker. Both events were very well attended by Veterans and military personnel from near and far, as well as JROTC students, West Point Cadets, political leaders, and the National Buffalo Soldier Motor Cycle Club, West Point Chapter. We were also honored to have Mayor Patrick Flynn of Highland Falls, because he announced that every September 3rd will be Sgt. Sanders H. Matthews' day in the Village of the Highlands. Attendees also enjoyed the Meet and Greet on September 1, and the Bike ride, cook out, and party on September 2, sponsored by the National Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club. It was truly a wonderful Labor Day weekend, and the Board were grateful for all the support we received from sponsors and the community within the Hudson Valley region.

As President of the Buffalo Soldiers Association of West Point, I am honored to report that we are ready to advance the BSAWP mission and achieve our fundraising efforts for the Buffalo Soldiers Monument. The Board and I are working diligently to grow the membership and increase our visibility nationwide. We hope that you will join us in our efforts to preserve the legacy of the Buffalo Soldiers of West Point, and volunteer to help us educate the world about the contributions of the Buffalo Soldiers that served our great country.

Feel free to contact us. We welcome your ideas, suggestions, and feedback. We are excited about 2017. In the words of the Buffalo Soldiers, "We Can, We Will" ensure that the Buffalo Soldiers that served at West Point are never forgotten.

Kind regards,

Dr. Aundrea Matthews,
President

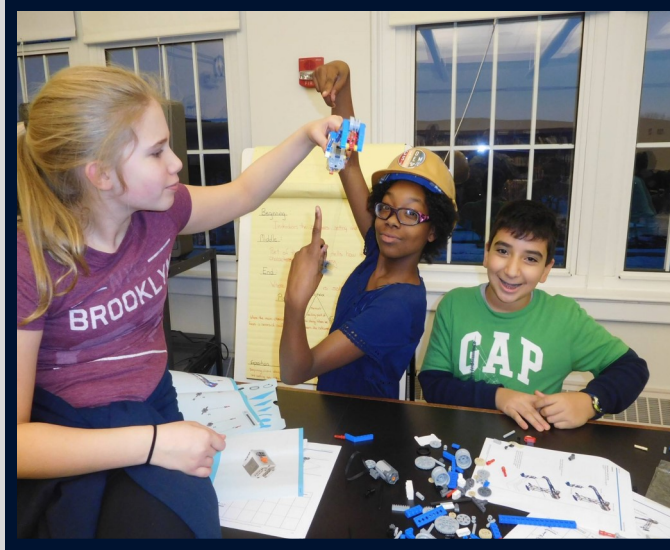
OPERATION IMPACT AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Buffalo Soldiers Association of West Point, Inc. (BSAWP), and the West Point chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) have collaborated to provide Science, Technology, Engineering Art & Math (STEAM) for students attending the Highland Falls, Intermediate School in the Town of Highlands. The West Point Chapter of NSBE is comprised of Cadets from the United States Military Academy.

BSAWP and NSBE share a vision and a passion to inspire students to become more interested in STEAM. The pairing of the Cadets and the Intermediate school students has been a wonderful blend. Each month, twenty five to thirty students from grades five through eight meet in the school's library after school to engage in innovative workshops and activities involving STEAM.

At Operation Impact students build simulations of economical efficient bridges, robots and cranes to learn:

- Concepts of engineering & economics
- Electronic systems design using vex robotics
- Programming robots
- Application of physics using the principles of pulley and contour balances



Food, snacks and soft drinks are served at the afterschool program to provide nourishment for the students before they engage in thought provoking activity.

The afterschool program ends April, 2017. We look forward to growing the program in the 2017-18 school year and would like your support.

To support and enroll youth in the BSAWP STEAM programs go to:
[www. BuffaloSoldiersofWestPoint.org](http://www.BuffaloSoldiersofWestPoint.org).

Students learning the importance
of building
economical and efficient bridges

WINNERS OF TEAM COMPETITIONS



2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

June 24 & 25, 2017

Laura Lanier Juneteenth Festival
Roe Park,
Highland Falls, NY

JULY

July 4, 2017

Membership & Fundraiser Drive
Roe Park
Highland Falls, NY

SEPTEMBER

September 2, 2017

Annual Membership Meeting
Location TBA

SEPTEMBER

September 3, 2017

*Annual Buffalo Soldiers
*Memorial Event & Banquet
*First Annual Sergeant H. Sanders
Day
West Point, NY

September 17, 2017

Golf Tournament
Houston, Texas
713.587.6972
Contact: TJ BRACKENS

OCTOBER

Annual Masquerade Ball & Fund-
raiser
Nashville, Tennessee
TBA

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The Buffalo Soldiers Association of
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February

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OPERATION IMPACT AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

February 23, 2017

Highland Falls Intermediate School
3pm to 5:15pm

February 5, 2017

African American History Program
Keynote speaker: Melvin Smith,
BSAWP Sergeant-At-Arms

This year, the 106th Rescue Wing Air National Guard in West Hampton Beach, New York, honored the Buffalo Soldiers. Senior Master Sergeant Lindsay Cunningham extended an invitation to have the BSAWP Board member Melvin Smith be the Keynote speaker at this year's African American History Program.

The program took place on the 106th Rescue Wing Air National Guard in West Hampton, New York. ***

February 10, 2017

4th Annual Rosa Parks Community
Awards Ceremony

The Relationship Empowerment Affirmation (R.E.A.L.) Skills Network Inc., organization celebrated BSAWP founder, Sgt. Sanders H. Matthews at their years Annual Rosa Parks Community Awards Ceremony at the Family Partnership Center in Poughkeepsie, New York.

In honor of Sergeant Matthews, the R.E.A.L. Skills Network Inc. handed out the first annual, Sergeant Sanders "Matty" H. Matthews, Father of the Battle Award to Retired Command Sergeant Major Sa'eed A. Mustafa.

To learn more about the R.E.A.L. Skills Network, Inc. please go to the organizations website:

www.realskillsnetwork.com. ***

February 23, 2017

Overcoming Adversity, Keys to Success, Black History Program

Students from the Buffalo Soldiers JROTC at the James I. O'Neill High School in Fort Montgomery, New York have collaborated with the BSAWP to celebrate Black History Month. The program honored Buffalo Soldiers, African American elders in the community, and hosted a panel discussion about overcoming adversity and the keys to success in military life. The program was held at the James I. O'Neill High School from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

To learn more and help us raise funds to erect the Buffalo Soldier Monument at the United States Military Academy, West Point in 2017 please go to the BSAWP website:
www.buffalosoldiersofwestpoint.org

All Buffalo Soldier Association of West Point, Inc. members are welcome to volunteer to assist with upcoming events. Your talents, gifts, time and input are valued and will help to create successful fundraisers and other events.

WAYS FAMILY AND FRIENDS CAN HELP

- Become a Member of the Association:
Annual \$50.00
Lifetime \$1,250.00
- Purchase a Buffalo Soldier T-Shirt (\$20.00)
- Donate to the Buffalo Soldier Monument
- Post on social media our events and updates
- Host an event in your city or town
- Get media attention in your community
- Provide us with ideas and make suggestions
- Attend the Association events

For information on becoming a member or volunteering, please visit our website: www.buffalosoldiersofwestpoint.org or send an email to secretary@buffalosoldiersofwestpoint.org



READY AND FORWARD

Steadily pushing onward to raise funds to erect and donate to West Point a Buffalo Soldiers Monument.

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