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**Buffalo Soldiers Stampede to Hampton for
Northeast Frontier Black Tie Gala Event and
400th Anniversary of the First African Landing Charity Ride
October 11-13**

-- Events, sponsored by the 25 Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club Chapters of the Northeast Frontier, will include Meet & Greet, Charity Ride, Cookout, Black Tie Gala, and more --

Hampton, Virginia- This October 11-13, Hampton, VA will welcome hundreds of Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club members for the 2019 Northeast Frontier Event, hosting various activities taking place throughout the city, including a Meet & Greet at the Embassy Suites, 400th Anniversary of the First African Arrival Charity Ride throughout African American Heritage Sites in Hampton, Cookout at Langley Speedway, and Black Tie Gala at the Hampton Roads Convention Center. The Northeast Frontier

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encompasses 25 chapters of the Buffalo Soldiers,

Proceeds from the weekend will benefit multiple charities and projects, including Foodbank of the Virginia Peninsula, Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia, and The West Point Buffalo Soldier Monument Project, to transform West Point's current "memorial rock" into a monument that raises further visibility of the Buffalo Soldiers.

"While promoting a positive image of African American motorcycleists across the country we seek to preserve the legacy of the Buffalo Soldiers and the many other positive contributions made by great African Americans in service to our country," said 2019 Northeast Frontier Event Jeff "Creole" Colimon.

The agenda commences Friday, October 11 at 5:00 p.m. with a Meet & Greet at the Embassy Suites Hampton Roads Convention Center, followed by a 400th Anniversary of the First African Arrival Charity Ride at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 12. The weekend will conclude with Black Tie Gala at 7:00 p.m. at the Hampton Roads Convention Center on Saturday evening. Other highlights include a Cook-out at Langley Speedway beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. The cost to register to participate in the Black Tie Gala and Charity Ride is \$85. For information about the weekend, please visit [Buffalo Soldier NEF Event](#).

2019 Northeast Frontier Buffalo Soldiers Event Schedule

October 11

5:00 p.m. Meet & Greet at the Embassy Suites Hampton Roads Convention Center

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October 12

- 11:00 a.m. 400th Anniversary of the First African Arrival Charity Ride
(covering African American Heritage Sites in Hampton)
- 1:00 p.m. Cook-out at Langley Speedway
- 1:00 p.m. Awards Presentation at Langley Speedway
- 7:00 p.m. Black Tie Gala at the Hampton Roads Convention Center

COST

Charity Ride (Bike)	\$20
Charity Ride (Passenger)	\$5
Black Tie Gala and Charity Ride	\$85

Book a hotel room at the Embassy Hampton Roads Convention Center:

Single Rate	\$119.00
Double Date	\$129.00
Triple Rate	\$139.00
Quad Rate	\$149.00
Group Code	NEB
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About Buffalo Soldiers

Shortly after the Civil War, Congress authorized the formation of the 9th and 10th Cavalry and the 38th, 39th, 40th and 41st Regiments: six all-black peacetime units. Later the four infantry regiments were merged into the 24th and 25th Infantries. At least 18 Medals of Honor were presented to Buffalo Soldiers during the Western Campaigns.

African Americans have fought in military conflicts since the colonial period. The Buffalo Soldiers, comprised of former slaves, free men and Black Civil War soldiers were the first to serve during peacetime.

African Americans soldiers were responsible for escorting settlers, cattle herds and railroad crews during the nation's movement westward. The 9th and 10th Cavalry Regiments also conducted campaigns against American Indian tribes on a western frontier that extended from Montana in the Northwest to Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona in the Southwest. Through the era of the Indian Wars, approximately 20% of the U.S. Cavalry troopers were black and fought over 177 engagements. The combat prowess, bravery, tenaciousness and presence on the battlefield inspired the Indians to call them "Buffalo Soldiers." The name is believed to symbolize the Native Americans' respect for the Buffalo Soldiers bravery and valor.

Buffalo soldiers participated in many other military campaigns including the Spanish American War, the Philippine Insurrection, the Mexican Expedition, World War I, World War II, and the Korean Police Action.

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Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the award-winning Hampton Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement, the site of the first arrival of Africans in English North America, and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, harbor tours and cruises, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.

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