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Trooper Turl Covington, Jr.

The Bugler

Co Founder of the 9th & 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association

Turl Covington was born April 12, 1916 in St. Louis, Missouri- When Turl was sixteen, the family moved to Chicago where Turl Sr. was Pullman Porter. He graduated in 1933 from Cass Tech High School.

Turl enlisted in the 10th U.S. Cavalry at Ft. Leavenworth, K.S. in 1940. The 10th Cavalry was a "Buffalo Soldier" unit that consisted of black troops with white Officers. In 1941 he outfit transferred to Ft. Riley, K.S. and joined the 9th, 2nd, and 14th Cavalry to form the 5th Cavalry brigade.

Turl married Ruby Dow in 1942, and to this union two daughters were born Cynthia and Sheryl.

In 1943 Turl headed overseas. The ship he was on landed in Oran, North Africa. Where they deactivated the 9th and 10th Cavalry. Turl was assigned to the Port Battalion but soon sailed to Sicily and later to Naples where he stayed for one year.

Turl was discharged in July of 1945 at Camp Beale, CA. He returned to Kansas and took a job with Civil Service but remained in the reserves. In November of that same year, Turl reenlisted and was stationed at Ft. Leavenworth K.S. Four months later, an offer came up for him to join the all Negro Army/Air Force Squadron. He served at Topeka AFB, Fairfield Susan CA., and Hickam AFB in Hawaii. In 1948, while serving in Hawaii, the Army/Air Force was deactivated and changed to the U.S. Air Force.

Turl retired in 1962 and returned with the family to Ft Riley, KS where he worked for Civil Service for another seventeen years.

The 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association traces its beginning to the year 1966 in K.C., Missouri. During that time, a group of former cavalrymen got together to talk about their military heritage. One hundred years had passed since, by an Act of Congress, two regiments of cavalry were created for colored men. Designated the 9th & 10th Cavalry, these regiments were part of a bold experiment to accept Black men in the regular army establishment.

The 9th & 10th Cavalry Association was initially chartered in the State of Missouri as a non-profit organization. To distinguish the association from modern cavalry units, the name was later changed to the 9th & 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association. In 1985, the association's charter was transferred from the State of Missouri to the State of Kansas.

The inaugural reunion, 101st Anniversary Reunion was held in 1967 at Ft. Riley, KS. Trooper Turl Covington was one of the 12 co-founders. He also served as a past national president. They have had many distinguished guest speakers at their annual reunions including The-late General Daniel "Chappie" James, and General & Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff General Colin L. Powell. An active effort of the association is to stimulate public awareness and interest in the accomplishments and achievements of the Buffalo Soldiers.