

Los Banos Buffalo Soldiers 9th & 10th Cavalry Association

CODE OF CONDUCT

We, the representatives of the Soldiers and families of those honorable men and women of the 9th & 10th Cavalry, who suffered through great adversity and blatant racism must conduct ourselves with the same dignity, courage and moral fiber as the men and women we are portraying.

American citizens, especially our youth, need to understand and appreciate the caliber of the Black men and women that served, fought, bled and died for *our* country. We must enhance their knowledge with the true history of America's western frontier. Our mission is to lead by example and impart the true strength and character of the Buffalo Soldiers and their importance to this great nation.

Therefore all who seek an active membership role in the Los Banos Buffalo Soldiers 9th & 10th Cavalry Association must agree to adhere to this Code of Conduct.

No child under the age of 18 will be allowed to participate in any Association function unless a signed Parental Consent form has been obtained from their Parent or Legal Guardian.

- As a Buffalo Soldier, I will set a good example by keeping myself neatly dressed and presentable. This applies when I am in or out of Uniform.
- As a Buffalo Soldier, I will attend all scheduled meetings and participate as required in cooperation with other unit soldiers.
- As a Buffalo Soldier, I understand that the purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs by any soldier/member is prohibited during an event or while in Uniform This standard shall apply to all participants—both youth and adults.
- Serious and/or repetitive behavior violations by youth, including use of tobacco, cheating, stealing, dishonesty, swearing, fighting, and cursing, may result in expulsion from the Buffalo Soldiers Association or in serious disciplinary action and loss of privileges.
- Disruptive, divisive or mean spirited behavior will not be tolerated by any member.

- No member shall attempt to represent themselves as a decision maker or spokesperson for the organization without the express permission of the Board of Directors.
- The Los Banos Buffalo Soldiers 9th and 10th Calvary Association Board of Directors will make the ultimate decisions as to disciplinary actions or expulsion from the organization. The Board of Directors must be contacted for the expulsion procedure to be invoked. There are no exceptions.
- As a Buffalo Soldier, I understand that gambling of any form is prohibited while in uniform or during an event
- As a Buffalo Soldier, I understand that possession of lasers of any type, concealed illegal weapons and possession or detonation of fireworks or other explosive devices is prohibited.
- As a Buffalo Soldier, I will demonstrate respect for the Unit and Buffalo Soldiers property and I will be personally responsible for any loss, breakage, or vandalism of property as a result of my actions or that of my children or guests.
- The Los Banos Buffalo Soldiers 9th and 10th Calvary Association Board of Directors will not be responsible for loss, breakage, or theft of personal items. As a Buffalo Soldier I will label all my personal items and check items of value at the direction of unit soldiers. Theft will be grounds for expulsion and criminal prosecution.
- While participating in ceremonies and other activities as a Buffalo Soldier I will obey the safety rules and instructions of all supervisors and staff soldiers.
- Adult soldiers and youth leader soldiers must instruct youth to avoid confrontation with groups, demonstrators, or hecklers and must assume a passive reaction to name-calling from individuals or groups. Units or groups must be removed from the area of potential conflict immediately.
- Serious violation of this code may result in expulsion from the Los Banos Buffalo Soldiers 9th and 10th Calvary Association at the participant's own expense. All decisions will be final.
- The terms of the Code of Conduct may be modified at any time by the Board of Directors.
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Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____