

* FUN FACTS *

African-American soldiers have fought in all of America's wars, but the Buffalo Soldiers were the first to serve in the Army during peacetime.

During the time they served on the American Frontier, Buffalo Soldiers had the lowest rates of desertion (leaving the Army without permission) and court martial (breaking Army rules) in the entire Army.

More than 20 Buffalo Soldiers won the Congressional Medal of Honor.

ACTIVITY #1



What Do You Think?

After watching the video, what are three words you might use to describe Buffalo Soldiers or their accomplishments?

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- 2.
- 3.

ACTIVITY #2



World's Largest Tree

In the video, Kevin Frazier talks about how Buffalo Soldiers helped to build roads and trails so that people could visit Sequoia National Park in California. Sequoia is home to General Sherman, the world's largest tree. It is 275 feet tall. The average Christmas tree is just seven feet! General Sherman is about the same height as a 27-story building, almost as tall as the Statue of Liberty with its pedestal, about three-quarters the length of a football field and one-and-a-half times the height of Walt Disney World's Cinderella's Castle.

Draw a picture that shows how tall the General Sherman is compared to one of these structures, a tree, or your own home!

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MARK MATTHEWS WAS THE LAST
LIVING BUFFALO SOLDIER.
HE DIED AT THE AGE OF 111 IN
WASHINGTON, D.C. IN 2005.