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**Buffalo Soldiers Association at West Point
Presents the 62nd Annual Dedication Ceremony**

West Point, NY - The Buffalo Soldiers Association at West Point (BSAWP) is thrilled to unveil the eagerly anticipated 62nd Annual Dedication Ceremony. This remarkable event is scheduled to take place on **September 3rd, 2023, commencing promptly at 1:00 pm EST**. With deep reverence, the **Wreath Laying Ceremony** will occur at the esteemed **Buffalo Soldiers Field, an iconic site nestled within the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY**. Following this solemn moment, the BSAWP will host a heartfelt **Memorial Luncheon in the Grand Ballroom of the Eisenhower Hall Theatre**. This year's theme is **"Inspiring Action for Positive Change."** The distinguished keynote speaker for this significant occasion will be the esteemed **Major General Barrye L. Price, a retired veteran of the United States Army and President/CEO of the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America**.

BSAWP takes immense pride in acknowledging the mosaic of excellence crafted by successive national organizations, including the **Black Women Veterans Organization, Rhode Island National Guard, The Cibuco Bayamon Taino Tribe of The Sebucu & Majagua Cacicazgos of Broken, JR. ROTC of Albany, New York, and Rev. Robert Dixon, a former BSAWP member who served in World War II**. Among these noteworthy acknowledgments, a group of exceptional individuals has been meticulously selected for the prestigious **2023 Buffalo Soldiers Associations at West Point Awards**.

Sgt. Sanders Matthews Award:

- LT. Terry Albritton (Colonel, Retired, United States Army)
- Mr. Marcus Bowers (U.S. Navy SWCC Veteran, Influential Global Entrepreneur)
- Mr. Eddie "Cowboy" Abraham (Board Member, Federation of Black Cowboys NYC)

Cora L. Matthews Award:

- Ms. Cheryl Harewood-Kiai
- Ms. Katrina Stanley
- Ms. Rendesia Scott, Director, Center for Business Advising, School of Business at SUNYU

Buffalo Soldiers Cadet Leadership Award:

Cadet Preston Forchin, USMA

Leon Tatum Leadership Award:

SFC. Thyrone Jones

The commemoration of the 62nd Annual Dedication Ceremony holds profound significance, not only in celebrating the storied Buffalo Soldiers at West Point but also in standing in solidarity



with the resilient spirit of the Highland Falls community in New York. A portion of the event's proceeds will be donated to families and victims affected by a recent devastating natural disaster.

"The Buffalo Soldiers of West Point are a priceless treasure and an integral part of American history. Their remarkable journey and contributions to our freedom have been overlooked for far too long," emphasizes Dr. Aundrea Matthews, President of the Buffalo Soldiers at West Point Association.

To stay connected and engaged, please visit the BSAWP Facebook and Instagram pages. For tickets and opportunities to donate and show support for the Highland Falls community, visit our website at <https://www.buffalosoldiersofwestpoint.org/>.

About Buffalo Soldiers Association at West Point

The Buffalo Soldier Association of West Point, Inc. (BSAWP) traces its origins back to 2008, when it was established by the esteemed Sergeant (Ret.) Sanders H. Matthews, the last known living West Point Buffalo Soldier (now deceased). It was founded alongside the visionary efforts of Mattie Moore, Joseph Thaxton, Robert Young, and Kerney Oby (now deceased). As a registered not-for-profit Corporation (501(c)3) in the state of New York, BSAWP embarked on a mission to expand the Buffalo Soldiers Memorial event, enhance educational programs, and raise awareness about the invaluable contributions and experiences of active and retired military personnel in the Army, as well as Veterans in the Hudson Valley region.

BSAWP continues to uphold its commitment to hosting annual commemorative events, educating the public about the Buffalo Soldiers' legacy, and celebrating the brave men and women who have served in the military. Furthermore, BSAWP remains dedicated to creating Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) initiatives that empower future generations to embrace innovation, leadership, and honor, as exemplified by the Buffalo Soldiers.

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