

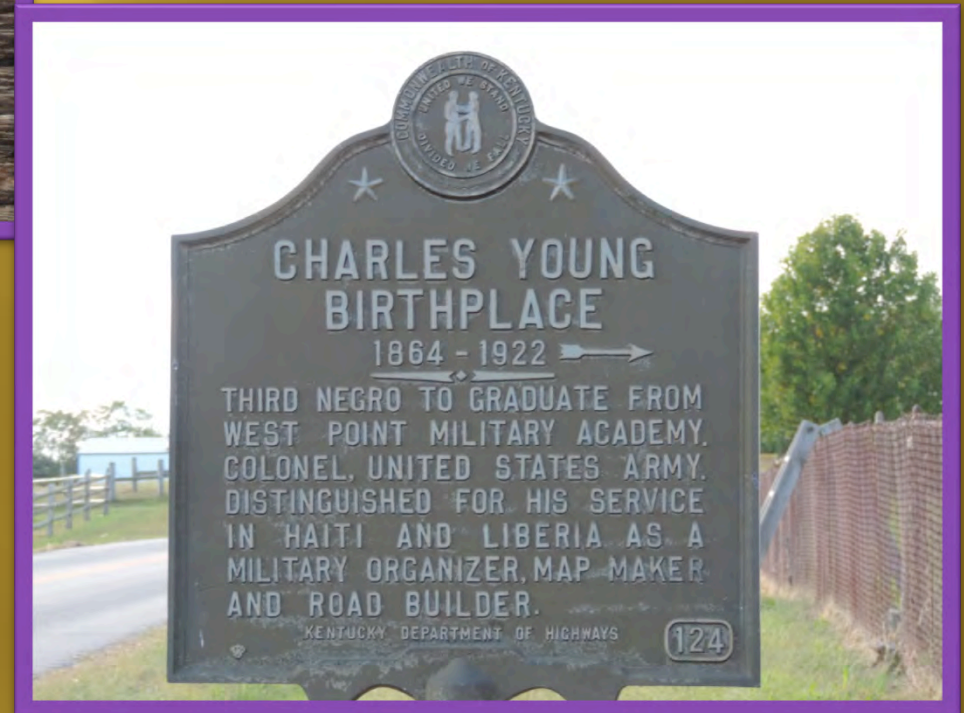
BRO. COL. CHARLES YOUNG BIRTH CABIN DEDICATION

Mays Lick ,KY September 28, 2014



Earl T. Young Jr.
21st District Representative













The National Coalition of Black Veteran Organizations
 #2 Letter of Authenticity

On this day 31 October 2013, members of the National Coalition of Black Veteran Organizations Inspection Team gather to grant final approval of the clay model for the bronze casting of the maquette honoring American Soldier, statesman, and diplomat Colonel Charles Young.

Renowned sculptor Antonio Tobias Mendez has applied his significant talents to the creation of the first statue to be in our Nation's Capital depicting a black military hero on horseback, Colonel Charles Young. With the execution of this document the legendary Buffalo Soldier will be immortalized in 13 bronze maquettes, one for each of the original colonies of the United States.

The life and career of Colonel Charles Young was extraordinary and serves as a great symbol for not only black servicemen and servicewomen, but for all Americans. Young was born into slavery, but grew up as a freeman. His father, Gabriel Young served in the Union Army Fifth Regiment of the Colored Artillery Volunteers during the Civil War. His service planted the seeds for love of country and military service in his son from an early age. Despite great odds, Charles Young went on to be the third black graduate of West Point Military Academy, and during his career he rose to become the highest-ranking black officer in the United States Armed Forces. He was also the first black Superintendent of a National Park and the first black attaché to a foreign government. He serves as a beacon to every black Soldier officer and enlisted that followed in his footsteps, and we are privileged to honor his important contributions with a casting of his likeness. The maquette and the ultimate monument we plan to erect in Washington DC stand as a symbol representing the longevity and honorable service of Black Americans in the defense of the nation.

The undersigned assemblage of representatives gathered this day under the auspices of the National Coalition of Black Veteran Organizations to inspect and grant final design approval of the statue honoring Colonel Charles Young. This signed letter of authenticity will accompany each of the thirteen bronze castings, as approved by the Sculptor and the following Inspection Team Members:

	October 31, 2013
Antonio Tobias Mendez, Sculptor	Date:
Mr. Charles Blatcher, III, Chairman	Mr. Leonard A. Lawson Jr., Blaqueque Productions
Lt. General Arthur J. Gregg, USA Retired	Mr. John M. Young
Lt. General William E. Ward, USA Retired	Mr. Jack Evans, Planning Council
Major General Errol R. Schwartz, Commanding General District of Columbia Army National Guard	Witness
Brigadier General Robert Cocroft, USA Retired	Witness
Chief Methuselah Z.O. Bradley, IV Commanding General, Sierra Leone	

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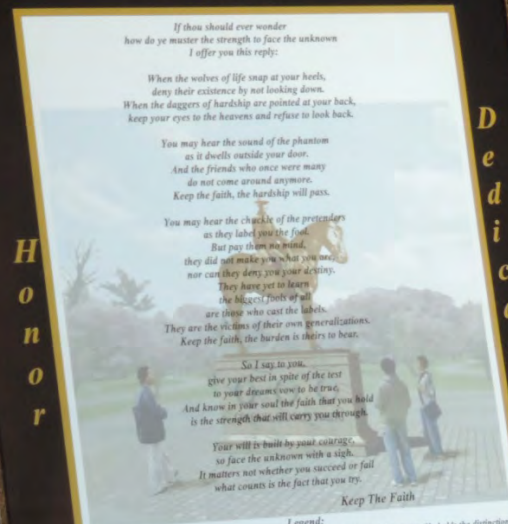
Salutes

The Golden Buffalo
 Colonel Charles Young

What Shall I Tell Thee?

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If thou should ever wonder
 how do ye master the strength to face the unknown
 I offer you this reply:

When the wolves of life snap at your heels,
 deny their existence by not looking down,
 When the daggers of hardship are pointed at your back,
 keep your eyes to the heavens and refuse to look back.

You may hear the sound of the phantom
 as it dwells outside your door,
 And the friends who once were many
 do not come around anymore,
 Keep the faith, the hardship will pass.

You may hear the chuckle of the pretenders
 as they label you the fool,
 But pay them no mind,
 they did not make you what you are,
 nor can they deny you your destiny.
 They hang yet to learn
 the biggest fools of all
 are those who cast the labels.
 They are the victims of their own generalizations.
 Keep the faith, the burden is theirs to bear.

So I say to you,
 give your best in spite of the test
 to your dreams, vow to be true,
 And know in your soul the faith that you hold
 is the strength that will carry you through.

Your will to build by your courage,
 to face the unknown with a sigh,
 It matters not whether you succeed or fail
 what counts is the fact that you try.

Keep The Faith

Legend:
 Charles Young, the legendary soldier-diplomat was born in 1864 in Mayfield, Kentucky. He holds the distinction of being the third Black Graduate of West Point Military Academy in 1885. In 1917, Charles Young achieved the rank of Colonel in the segregated United States Army. In a military career that spanned over three decades, he became the first African American officer appointed to duty as a military attaché in Haiti, the Dominican Republic and Liberia. Upon his death in 1922, Colonel Young was the highest ranking Black Officer in the United States and Armed Forces. He is the 1918 recipient of the prestigious Spingarn Award from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He is an honorary member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The National Coalition of Black Veteran Organizations has called on the President of the United States to grant Colonel Young a honorary promotion to the rank of Brigadier General in the United States Army.

Written by: Charles Blatcher III 03 Mar 21, 1981
 Graphic Design: Antonio Tobias Mendez
 Concept Rendering by: Antonio Tobias Mendez
 Monument Illustration: Captain Charles Young USA
 The verse "The Golden Buffalo-What Shall I Tell Thee" is featured in Golden Buffalo Publication

A portion of the proceeds derived from the sale of this verse will help to erect a monument to honor Colonel Charles Young.
 "The deeds of our past are the foundation of our Future."
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OF
MILITARY AFFAIRS

To all to Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greetings:

know ye that, in recognition of your faithful and patriotic support of the Kentucky National Guard, the Commonwealth of Kentucky does hereby appoint:

Charles Young
HONORARY GUARDSMAN

in the Kentucky National Guard.



Done at the city of Frankfort, this 28th day
of Sept. in the year of our Lord two thousand
and 14

Steve Beshear
GOVERNOR
COMMANDER IN CHIEF







COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS

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know ye that, in recognition of your faithful and patriotic support of the Kentucky National Guard, the Commonwealth of Kentucky does hereby appoint:

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Given at the City of Frankfort, this 25th day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and 21.

Steve Beshear
GOVERNOR

John P. Williams
Adjutant General

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Col. Charles Young Birth Cabin Dedication
Mays Lick, KY September 28, 2014
LEGENDARY 5th District





Charles Young was born in a log cabin in Mayslick (Macon County), Kentucky on 12 March 1864. He was the son of two former slaves. As a young child his parents decided to move from Kentucky to Ripley, Ohio, a short distance across the Ohio River. He received his early education in the public schools of Ripley and graduated from the Colored High School in Ripley in 1880. Following graduation, he taught school in the Colored High School of Ripley and, at the same time, he prepared to enter a Jesuit College. However, while engaged in teaching, he had the opportunity to enter a competitive examination for appointment as a cadet to the United States Military Academy. He won the appointment. Upon graduation, Second Lieutenant Young was assigned to the 9th Cavalry Regiment. Except for a short period of assignment to the 7th United States Cavalry Regiment, his subsequent field services were with the 9th and 10th United States Cavalry Regiments and the 25th United States Infantry Regiment. Reasons for his assignment to the 7th Cavalry Regiment, a white outfit, have not been found. Following five years of troop duty on the western frontier in Montana, Utah and Nebraska, in 1894, Second Lieutenant Young was appointed Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Wilberforce University in Ohio. In the summer of 1903, Captain Young held the position of Acting Superintendent of Sequoia National Park in California. His troops of the 9th Cavalry enforced the rules and regulations of the Department of the Interior, protected and secured the park and wildlife from harm, and built and maintained roads. He hosted official visitors to the park and concluded this assignment with a giant outdoor feast for the summer road-building crews and special guests. The Board of Trade in Visalia, California passed a resolution extending a vote of thanks to Captain Young for his outstanding services. Another significant event occurred in 1903. At 39 years of age, Captain Young married his sweetheart Ada Mills of Xenia, Ohio. They had two children, Charles Noel, born in 1906 and Marie, born in 1909. Whenever he was assigned troop duty, he left his family at home in Ohio. He chose not to subject his family to the rigid and discriminatory social structure of the United States Army. In 1904, Captain Young became the first black military attache' in the history of the United States. On 8 January 1922, while on an inspection tour to Nigeria, Colonel Young died of Nephritis (medical term for acute inflammation of the kidney) at Grey's Hospital in Lagos. He was buried on foreign soil in Lagos by British military personnel with full military honors. At the request of his widow and the Black press, Young's remains were returned to the United States more than a year later. On 17 May 1923, the Colonel Charles Young Post 398 of the American Legion in New York held services in his honor in the great hall of the City College of New York. Among the speakers were Assistant Secretary of the Navy Franklin D. Roosevelt (who later became the 32nd President of the United States), Joel E. Spingarn, Chairman of the Board of the NAACP and W.E.B. Du Bois, Assistant Secretary Roosevelt stated that "no man ever more truly deserved the high repute in which he was held, for by sheer force of character, he overcame prejudices which would have discouraged many a lesser man." On 1 June 1923, Colonel Young's remains were brought to Washington, DC. Funeral services were attended by representatives of the United States Army, the Grand Army of the Republic, United Spanish War Veterans, the Army and Navy Unions, the American Legion, unaffiliated veterans of World War I, and prominent civilians, white and black. A military cortège escorted his remains to his final resting place in Arlington National Cemetery.

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