

**AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: AUGUST 20, 2008**

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**DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS**  
**DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN**

**SUBJECT:**

RECOGNITION OF THE 142ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE BUFFALO SOLDIERS 9TH AND 10TH CALVARY ASSOCIATIONS

**BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

Submitted at meeting - Copy of Proclamation for Buffalo Soldier Day

**Minutes:**

No motion required. A presentation was made.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW recognized the 9th and 10th Calvary Associations of the Buffalo Soldiers and invited them to the podium. He gave a brief history of black soldiers in the Army, noting that the Buffalo Soldiers are celebrating their 142nd anniversary. He described the challenges faced by the soldiers including lack of equipment and a return to slavery after their service, but noted they had had the lowest desertion rate. He stated that the purpose of the organization is to keep the history of the Buffalo Soldiers alive while giving back to the youth and the community. He announced August 20, 2008 Buffalo Soldier Day and presented VICE PRESIDENT PAUL MITCHUM with a Proclamation.

VICE PRESIDENT PAUL MITCHUM thanked COUNCILMAN BARLOW, the Mayor and the Council for the recognition and stated the Las Vegas Chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers is a success story for the City. He described the successes of many of its members who included a brigadier general, a colonel and successful business owners. He introduced each member, pointing out TROOPER FLOYD BROWN, an original Buffalo Soldier and the oldest member, as well as TROOPER TYREE MASON, the youngest member.

