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Bicentennial Commission helps commemorate site of future Buffalo Soldiers Monument honoring Illinois' only Black Troops

Adams County, IL — Former Quincy Mayor and current Chairperson of the Adams County Bicentennial Commission, Chuck Scholz, will welcome the Buffalo Soldiers to Quincy on Saturday, June 7 starting at 10:00am in front of First Baptist Church located at 739 North 8th Street. This historic event marks an important moment in recognizing Quincy's role in the legacy of African American military service.

The visit will take place relatively close to the future site of a monument commemorating the mustering of the 29th United States Colored Infantry Regiment, the only regiment of Black troops formed in Illinois during the Civil War. A facsimile of the planned monument will be on display during the event, providing the community a preview of what will soon become a permanent tribute to these courageous soldiers.

"This site represents a powerful part of our local and national history," said Scholz. "It is an honor to welcome the Buffalo Soldiers as we continue to tell the story of the 29th and ensure their bravery is remembered for generations to come."

The public is invited to attend and join in honoring this significant chapter of Adams County and Illinois history.

About Adams County Bicentennial: The Adams County Bicentennial celebrates 200 years of history, resilience, and community spirit in Adams County, Illinois in 2025. Through a diverse range of events and initiatives, the Bicentennial aims to honor the county's heritage and engage residents and visitors alike in celebrating its contributions to the region.

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