



BLACK WARRIORS: THE BUFFALO SOLDIERS OF WORLD WAR II

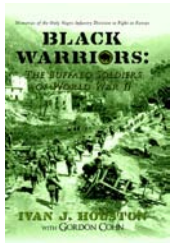
A Memoir by Ivan J. Houston with Gordon Cohn about the Only Negro WWII Infantry Division to Fight in Europe

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LA Black Book Expo Marks 1st WWII Black Combat Team's 65th Anniversary with Ivan Houston's "Black Warriors: The Buffalo Soldiers of World War II"

LOS ANGELES – On Saturday, August 22, 2009, Ivan J. Houston, author of *Black Warriors: The Buffalo Soldiers of World War II*, will be speaking at the 2009 L.A. Black Book Expo with a Q&A and book signing to follow in commemoration of the 65th Anniversary of the first battle waged by the first all-Black Combat Infantry Team in World War II. The official date of the battle was August 23, 1944.

Houston, the former CEO/Chair of Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company, wrote the book based on his experience in the 3rd Battalion of Combat Team 370 that had over African American men 4,000 men based in Italy to fight the Nazis and their Italian sympathizers. These men were the first Black combat infantry team in World War II, when most African Americans were relegated to service positions. They courageously fought on behalf of this country on the land of a foreign nation, while the United States still treated them as second class citizens. Their mission was to aggressively pursue the Nazis and break their infamous "Gothic Line," which stretched for 170 miles across Italy's "spine." And despite the challenges of fighting for a segregated army, the 370th was victorious in the end, and helped the Allied Forces defeat the Nazis. When World War II ended, over one million African American men and women would have served in the military.

For his bravery, Houston was awarded the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, 3 Battle Stars, and the Combat Infantryman Badge. He is still a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans.

Houston will begin speaking at 11:30 am on Saturday, August 22, 2009 at the L.A. Black Book Expo venue in the Roy Anderson Recreation Center located on Exposition Park's Expo Center Complex. The address is 3980 Menlo Avenue, L.A., CA 90037. For further details on L.A. Black Book Expo go to www.labbx.com or call (323) 718-5678.

For further information on *Black Warriors: The Buffalo Soldiers of World War II* or on Mr. Houston, please email info@blackwarriorsbook.com or go to www.blackwarriorsbook.com

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