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AAEA Hears 'Buffalo Soldiers' Presentation



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Al Stewart, an ITS engineer and a member of Greater Los Angeles chapter of the Ninth and Tenth (Horse) Cavalry Association, discussed the history of the famed "Buffalo Soldiers," Thursday, as part of the African American Employee's Association celebration of Black History Month. The all-black cavalry units, which gained their tough reputation and name in the Indian Wars of the late 1800s, were in existence through World War II. Members of the local chapter appear in parades, make presentations at schools and sponsor an annual scholarship for a high school graduate. Stewart was introduced by ITS Technician Keith Hanson, whose great grandfather, William McPherson, was a member of the 10th Cavalry and along with his wife, Clara, was a founder of the town of Mesa, Ariz. You can learn more about the Buffalo Soldiers on the Internet at www.buffalola.com. (2/10/05)
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