



Buffalo Soldiers Iron Riders Gathering

June 14-19, 2022 | Missoula, MT

On June 14th, 1897, members of the all-Black 25th Infantry embarked on a bicycle journey from Fort Missoula, Montana that would take them 41 days and 1,900 miles to St. Louis, Missouri. This year is the 125th anniversary of their cycling achievement and the Buffalo Soldiers Iron Riders Gathering aims to commemorate the ride and the other accomplishments of the Buffalo Soldiers in the Northwest.

All events are free and open to the public, but some require registration and are noted below. We hope you'll join us!

TUESDAY, JUNE 14TH

Flag Day, U.S. Army's 247th Birthday, 125th Anniversary of the start of the Iron Riders 1,900-mile ride to St. Louis, Evening Meet & Greet

- **5:40am: Iron Riders Community Bike Ride – [Route Map](#)**
 - 5-mile ride from Fort Missoula to Holiday Inn Downtown with Iron Rider Reenactors and [Erick Cedeño](#) (adventure cyclist departing on 1,900-mile ride to St. Louis)
 - Starting point is at the Gazebo next to the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula (3400 Captain Rawn Way, Missoula, MT 59804)
 - 5:25am arrive at Fort, 5:30am group photo, 5:40am departure
 - Breakfast Reception at Holiday Inn for all riders
 - Ride at your own risk, participants are responsible for transport back to starting point (Option of [Mountain Line Bus Routes 6 or 1](#))
- **10am – 12 pm: Buffalo Soldiers Iron Riders Opening Ceremonies**
 - Welcome and remarks by local and national dignitaries
 - Missoula City Band Performance - Tribute to 25th Infantry Band
 - Celebration of the US Army's 247th Birthday
 - Location: Heritage Hall (30 Fort Missoula Rd, Missoula, MT 59804)
- **1 pm: Tour of Fort Missoula Grounds with Tate Jones**
 - Location: Meet at HMFM - 3400 Captain Rawn Way, Missoula, MT 59804
- **4pm: Flag Retirement Ceremony**
 - Location: American Legion Open Field (1518 Tower St, Missoula, MT 59804)

- **5:30-7pm: Evening Meet & Greet**

- Light hors d'oeuvre and refreshments provided, vendor tables open
- Location: Holiday Inn Downtown Missoula Atrium (200 S Pattee St, Missoula, MT 59802)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15TH

Fort Missoula Presentations and Tours, Missoula PaddleHeads Baseball Game, Missoula City Band Tribute to Iron Riders

- **10am: Michael Yaguchi: Presentation on Japanese Internment at Fort Missoula**
 - Location: T1 Building next to Heritage Hall - 30 Fort Missoula Rd, Missoula, MT 59804
- **11am: Tours of Historical Museum at Fort Missoula, Fort Missoula Grounds and Post Cemetery**
 - Location: Meet at Historical Museum at Fort Missoula - 3400 Captain Rawn Way, Missoula, MT 59804
- **2pm: Darrel Nash: Presentation on Buffalo Soldier 24th and 25th Infantry Regiments**
 - Location: T1 Building next to Heritage Hall - 30 Fort Missoula Rd, Missoula, MT 59804
- **3pm: Tours of Historical Museum at Fort Missoula, Fort Missoula Grounds and Post Cemetery**
 - Location: Meet at Historical Museum at Fort Missoula - 3400 Captain Rawn Way, Missoula, MT 59804
- **5:30pm: Missoula PaddleHeads Baseball Game "Iron Riders Salute" - sponsored by Missoula VFW Post 209 - [Registration Required](#)**
 - Missoula Paddleheads vs. Great Falls Voyagers
 - Free to attend but [registration](#) is required. Attendance includes game ticket and dinner (alcoholic drinks not included)
 - 5:30pm Party Deck opens & special presentation, dinner at 6 pm, game starts at 7 pm

- Location: Party Deck Special Entrance - Ogren Park at Allegiance Field (700 Cregg Ln, Missoula, MT 59801)
- **8pm: Missoula City Band Concert: "A Tribute to The Iron Riders"**
 - Location: Bonner Park Bandshell (1600 Ronald Ave. Missoula, MT 59801)

THURSDAY, JUNE 16TH

Poker Run, Fort Missoula Tours, Iron Riders Film Festival, Ladies High Tea

- **9am-5pm: Buffalo Soldier Motorcycle Poker Run - [ROUTE](#)**
 - 200 miles, 5 locations: Trixi's Antler Saloon, Visit Helena, Wheel Inn Tavern, Kettlehouse Brewing - Bonner, and Grizzly Harley Davidson.
 - Winning poker hand receives a prize!
 - More info [HERE](#). Email emily@destinationmissoula.org to register.
- **10am: Tours of Historical Museum at Fort Missoula, Fort Missoula Grounds and Post Cemetery**
 - Location: Meet at Historical Museum at Fort Missoula - 3400 Captain Rawn Way, Missoula, MT 59804
- **1-4pm: Iron Riders Film Festival - [Registration Required](#)**
 - 3 Films: Buffalo Soldiers: The Beginning (William Byers), Following the Lieutenant (Eric Westrom), and Buffalo Soldiers: Fighting on Two Fronts (Dru Holley)
 - Free to attend. [Registration Required](#) as seats are limited.
 - Location: Theater 3 - The Roxy Theater (718 S Higgins Ave, Missoula, MT 59801)
- **5:30-7pm: Buffalo Soldiers Ladies High Tea**
 - Sponsored by 9th & 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association
 - Light hors d'oeuvre and refreshments provided, vendor tables open
 - Location: Holiday Inn Downtown Missoula Atrium (200 S Pattee St, Missoula, MT 59802)

FRIDAY JUNE 17TH

Buffalo Soldiers in Wallace, ID – [Registration Required](#)

- 10am: Buses depart from Holiday Inn Missoula Downtown

- 11 am: Arrive in Wallace (note time change to Pacific Time) Reception at Elks Lodge (includes lunch)
- 12 pm: Museum tours and explore downtown Wallace
- 2 pm: Dedication of Monument to Buffalo Soldiers in North Idaho, Wallace Visitor Center
- 3 pm: Depart Wallace
- 6 pm: Arrive in Missoula at Holiday Inn Downtown (note time change to Mountain Time)
- [Registration Required](mailto:barnardstockbridge@gmail.com) (email barnardstockbridge@gmail.com)
- Transportation to/from Missoula via charter bus and lunch provided

SATURDAY, JUNE 18TH

Tours at Fort Missoula, Missouri State Parks Presentation, Evening Meet & Greet

- **10am: Tours of Historical Museum at Fort Missoula, Fort Missoula Grounds and Post Cemetery**
 - Location: Meet at Historical Museum at Fort Missoula - 3400 Captain Rawn Way, Missoula, MT 59804
- **2 pm: Guided tour of the Rocky Mountain Museum of Military History – Tate Jones**
 - Location: 2975 Gen Foster Ave, Missoula, MT 59804
- **3 pm: Missouri State Parks Presentation by Kevin Smith**
 - Location: Rocky Mountain Museum of Military History (2975 Gen Foster Ave, Missoula, MT 59804)
- **5:30-7pm: Evening Meet & Greet**
 - Light hors d'oeuvre and refreshments provided, vendor tables open
 - Location: Holiday Inn Downtown Missoula Atrium (200 S Pattee St, Missoula, MT 59802)

SUNDAY, JUNE 19TH

Juneteenth Celebration at Fort Missoula

- **10am – 2pm: Juneteenth Celebration**

- Reenactment of Gen. Gordon Granger presenting General Order Number 3, welcome and remarks by local Missoula officials
- Presentations by Dr. Tobin Shearer, Greg Martin, George Price, and Paul Reneau.
- Food Trucks & Missoula City Band performance - Tribute to 25th Infantry Band
- Location: Iris Garden & Gazebo next to the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula (3400 Captain Rawn Way, Missoula, MT 59804)