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## National Coalition of Black Veteran Organizations to honor Buffalo Soldier Brig. Gen. Charles Young's 101st interment in Arlington Cemetery on June 1



Charles Blatcher III

Charles Blatcher III, president and founder of the National Coalition of Black Veteran Organizations, announced plans to honor Brigadier General Charles Young's 101st Anniversary of his interment in Arlington National Cemetery on June 1, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. More details will be released later. Young was interred in Arlington National Cemetery on June 1, 1923. Despite his exemplary military record, Young was denied promotion to Brigadier General because he was Af-

rican American. In a full-scale campaign over decades led by Blatcher and the National Coalition of Black Veteran Organizations then-Col. Young was posthumously promoted to Brigadier General Young.

"This year, we are planning something different," Blatcher released in a statement. "The Coalition is planning a podcast to commemorate the date. The event, sponsored by the Washington, DC Veterans N Transition Program, will be devoted to a discussion on Black Military History. The event will be in commemoration of now Brigadier General Charles Young's 101th Anniversary of his interment on the grounds. Discussions regarding his history, the Memorial Corridor and statue project will be among the topics of discussion. We will circulate the official announcement in the coming weeks. However, we invite you in advance to save the date. We have an excellent Panel of Historians/Advocates who will share in the discussion. Their names will be released in



Buffalo Soldier legend, Brig. Gen. Charles Young

[Link to documentary on Black soldiers in WWII](#)

the official announcement. In the meantime, we would like to share with you a documentary we assisted ComTel Productions in making 27 years ago. This is a one of a kind for the Department of the Army. We are proud in the honesty of the interviews. All of the interviewees have passed on to Glory, but their stories live-on."

For more information, you may email Charles Blatcher at [cnmmmf@aol.com](mailto:cnmmmf@aol.com). The Department of Army's documentary by ComTel Productions is on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/lpB50XquSNA?si=qopK5wmmf9XNr-3y> or click link under Brig. Gen. Charles Young's photo on this page.

Showboats partner with FedEx Cares for diaper & baby formula giveaway from sports page 1

Showboats will give away bobbleheads to fans attending game against Birmingham Stallions at Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium

Bank, which raises awareness for the well-being of low-income families, women and children.

Donations will be accepted at Gates 1 and 2 at Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium prior to kickoff on Saturday.

Single-game tickets start at just \$10 and can be purchased online at <https://www.theufl.com/tickets>. In addition, parking can also be purchased in advance at the park Mobile website: <https://app.parkmobile.io/venues/simmons-bank-liberty-stadium/events/211231>.

The Showboats-Stallions rivalry started in the 1980's and continues today, as the two teams battled it out last season for a playoff spot. Memphis will be looking to avenge a Week 3 loss at Birmingham when they take the field this weekend.

Saturday's game will feature fun for everyone, including:

- Memphis Showboats bobblehead giveaway (while supplies last)
- Diaper/formula drive to support the Mid-South Food Bank and Bare Needs Diaper Bank
- A family fun zone in the concourse, featuring a prize wheel, fun games for the kids, face-painting, photo booth, and more
- An opportunity for kids to run a 40-yard dash on the Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium turf after the game
- Single game tickets starting at just \$10
- Free roster sheets
- \$6 draft beers during the first 45 minutes after gates open

•National TV telecasts on ESPN, ABC, FOX, and FS1, and a local radio broadcast live on News Talk 98.9, the Roar of Memphis.



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## NSSF Project ChildSafe Program celebrates 25 years; Announces \$250,000 fundraising goal to donate free locks to promote safety

WASHINGTON, D.C. – This year marks the 25-year anniversary of Project ChildSafe, the firearm safety and education program of NSSF, The Firearm Industry Trade Association. Since its inception, Project ChildSafe has raised awareness about safely handling and securely storing firearms when not in use, along with educating children about firearm safety. As part of recognizing this milestone, NSSF aims to raise \$250,000 over the next year to provide more free gun locks and educational materials to gun owners across the country.



and educational brochures available at no cost to gun owners. The firearm safety kits are distributed through partnerships with more than 15,000 local law enforcement agencies and 13,000 organizational partners. "For 25 years, Project ChildSafe has operated on both the national and local levels to provide genuine firearm safety solutions to communities that need them most," said Joe Bartozzi, NSSF President and CEO. "Since its launch, fatal firearm accidents

have dropped to historic lows. The program also aims to prevent firearm thefts and suicide." "Prevention can be challenging to measure, but over the years we've heard stories firsthand of how our safety kits have saved lives by preventing accidents and suicides," said Bill Brassard, NSSF's Senior Communications Director. "Project ChildSafe continues to evolve and expand its resources, adding materials on mental health, suicide prevention and assisting parents with having

conversations about gun safety with their children."

To commemorate this exciting milestone in Project ChildSafe's history, NSSF has set a new goal to raise \$250,000 in funding for the program over the next year, which will support the development and availability of new educational resources, gun locks and city-level firearm safety coalitions in communities with particularly high rates of firearm-related accidents and suicides. Individual supporters and organizations are invited to donate to Project ChildSafe. Project ChildSafe is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization, and all donations to the organization are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

To donate, go to [projectchildsafe.org/donate/25th-anniversary](http://projectchildsafe.org/donate/25th-anniversary).

## Tiger Tennis earns at-large bid in NCAA tourney

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – The Memphis Tiger men's tennis team earned its 10th NCAA Tournament trip in the last 12 seasons and will open play Saturday at 9 a.m. CT against No. 28 North Carolina in Knoxville, Tennessee.

With a win against the Tar Heels, Memphis would advance to play the winner of host and No. 7 na-

tional seed Tennessee or ETSU Saturday at 3 p.m. CT.

"To go to the NCAA Tournament in my first year is a fantastic achievement," Memphis head coach Chris Doerr said. "These guys have done an incredible job this year. We've been incredibly tough with some ups and downs, but we've had a lot of really big wins and we are excited to be

here in the postseason."

No. 35 Memphis (18-6) also played in Knoxville the last three NCAA Tournaments. In 2021, they defeated Georgia Tech in the first round before bowing out to Tennessee in the second round. In 2022, the Tigers fell in the opening round against No. 21 Duke and then lost to No. 22 Wake Forest in the first round in

2023.

The 64-team field features four American Athletic Conference squads (Charlotte, SMU, Rice) and 10 teams the Tigers have faced this season.

Tickets for the NCAA Regional are available to the general public. Visit [NCAA.com](http://NCAA.com).

Should Memphis advance from Knoxville, NCAA Tournament

Super Regionals will be played May 10-11. The NCAA Tournament Finals are May 16-25 in Stillwater, Oklahoma. The full bracket can be viewed on [NCAA.com](http://NCAA.com). For complete information on Memphis Tiger Men's Tennis, visit [www.GoTigersGo.com](http://www.GoTigersGo.com) and follow the team's social media channels on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

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