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## Black veterans want Pres. Biden to declare Brig. Gen. Charles Young's cabin property a National Monument\*

*Final link in Charles Young Memorial Corridor scheduled for Oct. 25*



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The commemorative road sign unveiling honoring Brigadier General Charles Young Memorial Historical Corridor is scheduled to happen in Ripley, Ohio on October 25, 2024, at the John P. Parker House.

The National Coalition of Black Veteran Organizations became involved in the restoration of Charles Young's birth cabin in 2010. The late historian Jerry Gore and former Judge/Executive James Gallenstein invited Holbert Maxey and me to come view the dwelling. It was on its last leg before complete implosion, and they were seeking our help to save it. We were successful as a direct result of the former Judge's commitment to



Shown here in 2023 are some members of the National Coalition of Black Veteran Organizations, state officials, and guests at the beginning of the unveiling ceremony of the Brig. Gen. Charles Young Memorial Historical Corridor. Friday, October 25, 2024 will mark the final link to the Corridor, honoring Buffalo Soldier Charles Young. (Photo/Courtesy: National Coalition of Black Veteran Organizations 2023 Archives).

the project. I am sure Brother Gore is looking down in approval of what has been achieved. In God's grace, he lived to see the cabin restored.

Since then, we have added a one-hundred and seventy-mile corridor as a punctuation mark. We have called and are recalling upon President Joe Biden to de-

clare the cabin property a National Monument under the Presidential Antiquities Act. President Biden granted Charles Young the promotion to Brig-

adier General to which we are appreciative, and we now believe it to be fitting if he would annex the cabin into the National Park

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## Sen. Blackburn and Tennessee officials tour Disaster Relief Center and receive update on I-40 repairs in East Tennessee

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – U.S. Senator Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.) toured the Northeast Tennessee Disaster Relief Center at Bristol Motor Speedway, which currently serves as a major donation and collection site, provides logistics for search-and-rescue operations, and houses a regional disaster relief hotline. After the tour, Senator Blackburn, Tennessee Governor Bill Lee, and U.S. Representative Diana Harshbarger (R-Tenn.) held a media availability.

Senator Blackburn then heard from the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) at I-40 in Cocke County about the steps the agency is taking to repair damages along the vital roadway that connects North Carolina and Tennessee. Following the update, Senator Blackburn, Governor Lee, Representative Harshbarger, Senator Bill Hagerty (R-Tenn.), Commissioner of Transportation for Tennessee and Deputy Governor Butch Eley, and other Tennessee officials held a media availability.

"I want to say a heartfelt thank you to the Governor's team and Please see sports-Military 3



U.S. Senator Marsha Blackburn and U.S. Representative Diana Harshbarger with members of the Tennessee National Guard at Bristol Motor Speedway toured the Northeast Tennessee Disaster Relief Center and received updates on the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. (Photo/Courtesy: Sen. Blackburn Office)



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