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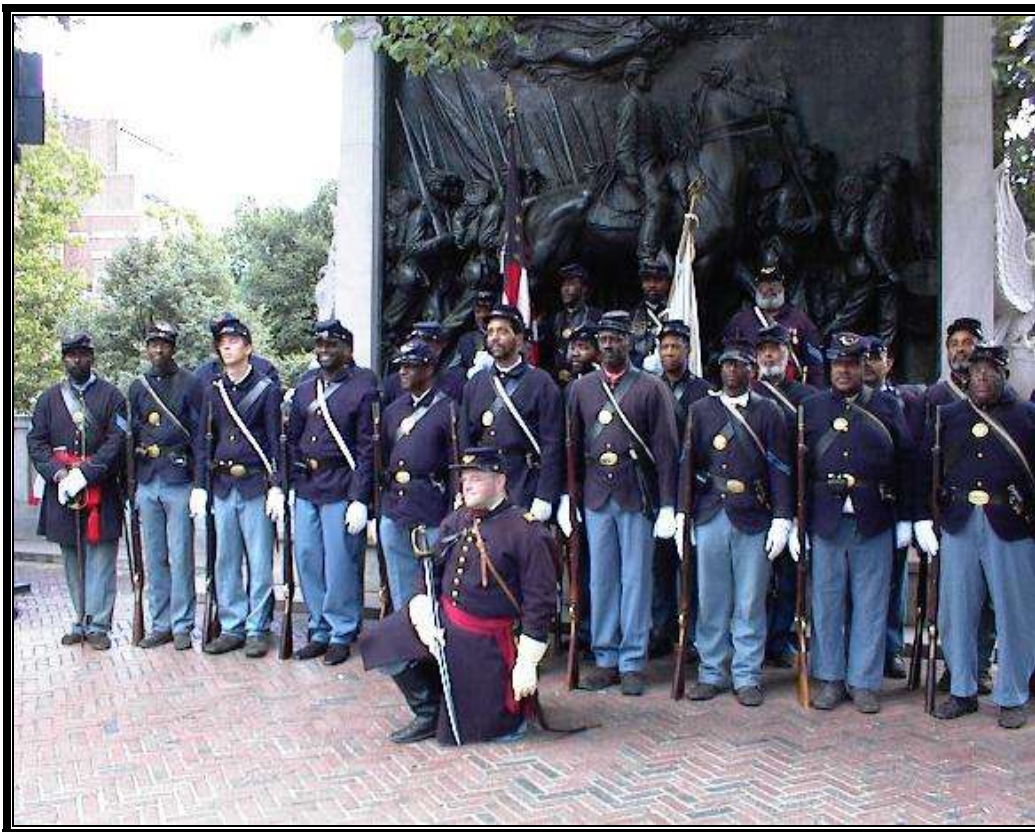
Re-enactor – Civil War Soldier

Born and raised in central Ohio, he is a product of public schools and thus, attended The Ohio State and Franklin Universities in Columbus. He has lived, worked and recreated in several places throughout the country. His personal interests are Faith in God, people, sports, music, good food, vehicles, Civil Rights and honoring our Afro-warriors from the from the Civil War.

He has served in a variety of employment capacities including construction contracting and, in numerous capacities in the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of the Interior. He currently serves as a National Park Service Regional Manager stationed in Washington, D.C. An avid traveler, he has journeyed throughout the US, Canada, Eastern Europe, Central America, Caribbean Islands and Africa.

For the past 14 plus years, he has thoroughly enjoyed learning about the many aspects of Civil War history. A member of B Company, 54th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment, he had a part in the award-winning movie *Glory* and is proud to have had the good fortune to visit several battlefields, monuments, forts, memorials, museums, and the like.

Having experienced a small part of what a Civil War soldier might have endured from an African American perspective, he is anxious to share his personal views and accounts of that experience through impressions and interpretive presentations.



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