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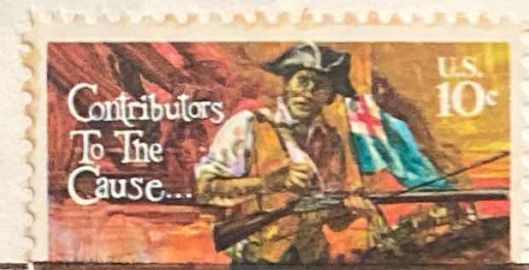
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SALEM POOR RECEIVED
COMMENDATION FOR HIS
HEROICS DURING THE
BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL

Honoring
SALEM POOR
Gallant Soldier

DISTINGUISHED PATRIOT OF BUNKER HILL,
VALLEY FORGE AND WHITE PLAINS



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SALEM POOR
FREEDOM'S
EXCEPTIONAL SOLDIER

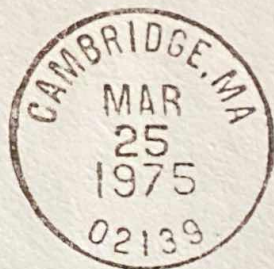
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**SALEM POOR (c.1747-?)
GALLANT SOLDIER**

Of the black soldiers who fought in the famous Battle of Bunker's Hill, the most celebrated was a freeman of Captain Benjamin Ames' company, Salem Poor. So courageous and valiant was he that fourteen of his officers signed a petition to the Massachusetts legislature some months following the battle, wherein they stated, "A negro called Salem Poor, of Colonel Frye's regiment, Captain Ames' company, in the late battle at Charlestown, behaved like an experienced officer, as well as an excellent soldier." They went on to say it would be "tedious" to go into more detail regarding his heroic conduct, adding, "We only beg leave to say, in the person of this said negro centers a brave and gallant soldier." It is unknown whether that petition was acted on, but Salem Poor, Gallant Soldier, went on to fight in other battles.