



The USCT "Fight For Freedom" Tour

The African-American Civil War Memorial Freedom Foundation's (AACWMFF) heritage organization the Sons & Daughters United States Colored Troops (S&DUSCT) will host the African-American experience in the Civil War Sesquicentennial USCT "Fight For Freedom" weekend tour of Eastern Virginia sites that will include the Fort Pocahontas annual Civil War Living History and Reenactment of a victorious USCT Civil War battle, that will mark the 150th commemoration of the May 24th, 1864 battle at Wilson's Wharf. The tour will begin on Thursday, May 22nd, 2014 "Freedom's Founders Day" and conclude on Sunday, May 25th, 2014.

The AACWMFF United States Colored Troops "Fight For Freedom" Sesquicentennial tour is designed to provide a unique Civil War tour experience that will expose participants to an overview of the broad scope of the African American Civil War legacy.

The USCT-FFF tour will explore the political, social, and battlefield experiences of the United States Colored Troops. The tour will take us from Fort Monroe "The Freedom Fort" to the fall of Richmond, from where the enslaved began the battle to liberate themselves and ended in a battle that liberated a nation.

The story of civilian blacks will be told during the tour at Fort Monroe at Hampton, at City Point, site of the Army of the Potomac's enormous supply depot, and at the National Park Service's Tredegar Iron Works Visitors Center in Richmond.

Tour participants will visit landmarks and battlefields along the way which will reveal how their struggle to become soldiers transformed the Union army of re-union into an army of liberation, and how their

struggle as soldiers transformed the nation's constitution. The tour will range between Hampton Roads and Richmond, visiting battlefields where the U.S.C.T. fought such as Petersburg, Fort Harrison, New Market Heights and Fort Powhatan.

Civil War site tours will be conducted by tour guides Asa Gordon, Sec. Gen. S&DUSCT and Hari Jones, Curator AACWM using the primary source methodology that is the backbone of AACWMFF events.

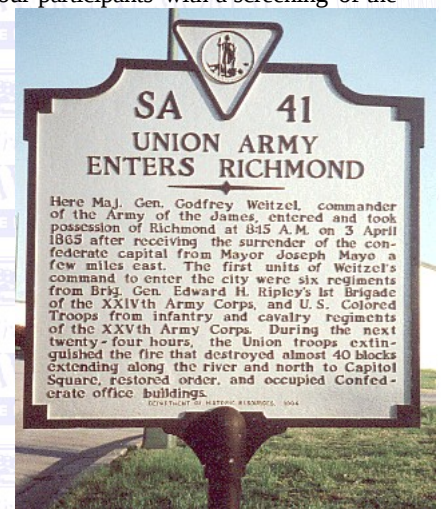
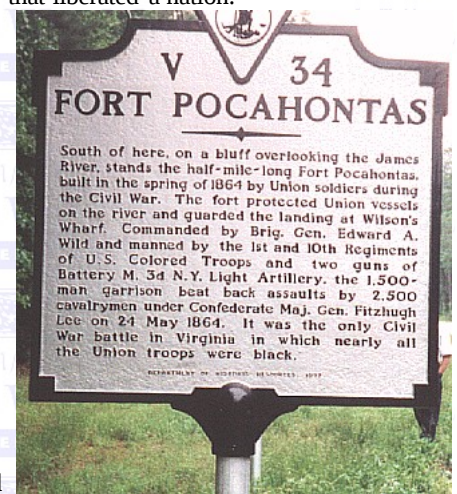


The daylong tour of Civil War sites will be augmented

with after dinner lectures by Asa Gordon, Sec. Gen. S&DUSCT. The Fri. tour will conclude with the lecture "*The USCT Battle for Education*". The Sat. tour will include a presentation by Mitch Bowman, Director of Virginia Civil War Trails at the Fort Pocahontas battle Reenactment site; a lecture and book signing by C.R. Gibbs, author of *Black, Copper, & Bright: The District of Columbia's Black Civil War Regiment* and lunch on the porch of the museum house overlooking the scenic James River as guests of Mr. Harrison Tyler. The Sat. tour will conclude with a lecture on "*The USCT Battle for Civil Rights*".

Frank Smith, Executive Director of the African American Civil War Memorial (AACWMFF) will join us in our opening introductions Thur. eve. to tour participants with a screening of the international award winning AACWMFF documentary "Fight For Freedom".

On Sun., the final day of the tour will conclude with a lecture based on original research by Hari Jones on the Civil War "*Black Spy Network*" at the Richmond National Battlefield Park's Civil War Visitor Center at Tredegar Iron Works.



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Tour fee: \$800 -> Continental Breakfast, Field Lunches & Transportation to sites.