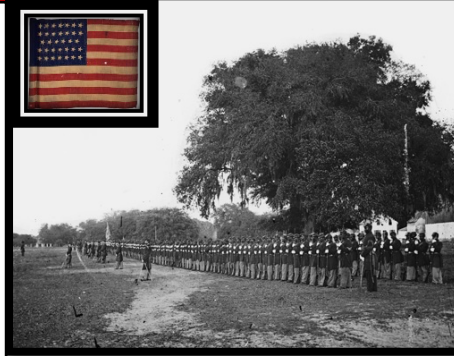


# Harriet Tubman and The Port Royal Experiment - Did you know...

1864



Harriet Tubman served under General David Hunter and Rufus Saxton as a part of the United States Colored Troops at Port Royal, South Carolina 1862 - 1865



- The United States Flag had 34 stars at the beginning of the war. When West Virginia became a state, a 35<sup>th</sup> star was added.
- There were about 4.5 million captives held in America's institutional slavery system in 1861.
- There were 500,000 total **free** African Americans living in the United States.
- About 225,000 free African Americans were living in the Northern states and about 275,000 were living in Southern States.
- 23 African American men were awarded the Medal of Honor during the Civil War for their Service between the years of 1861 and 1865.
- Before the end of the War more than 186,000 men of African Descent served as part of the Bureau of the United States Colored Troops – 166 regiments: 140 Infantry, 13 Artillery, 7 Cavalry
- Men of African Descent made up about 10% of the Federal forces Full Union Strength: 200,000 out of 2,200,000 men
- The Navy did not segregate its forces; about 30,000 were of African Descent making up about 25% of the naval forces.
- The last land battle of the Civil War was May 12 and 13 at the Palmetto Ranche in Texas, forces led by the USCT.
- Out of a total of 21,208 women listed as attendants, nurses, matrons, cooks and laundresses about 2500 women were of African Descent, about 10% of the nursing staff.
- More than 1/5 of all African American males under the age of 45 served with the Union army.
- The official end of the Civil War was August 1865, long after Lee surrendered at Appomattox Court House, April 9, 1865.
- Total casualties of the war from both sides Dead: 618,000 Wounded: 409,200
- Total Casualties from the United States Colored Troops: 37,000\* (\* 2870 died in combat \* 4000 died unknown causes \* 830,000 died from disease)

Questions to think about...

- Where could you find letters written by African American Soldiers?
- What Newspapers carried news about the United States Colored Troops and their battles?
- How did we women expected to conduct themselves around soldiers? White or Black?



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