

EXPLORE THE Extraordinary HISTORY OF FORT MONROE AT THE CASEMATE MUSEUM

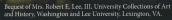
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## What You'll Find at the Casemate Museum

## Experience the stories of Fort Monroe through our permanent and rotating exhibits











#### 32-Pounder Gun

Early 19th-century artillery, these original 32-pounder guns protected the entrance to Hampton Roads.

### **Robert E. Lee**

As a 24-year-old West Point trained engineer, Robert E. Lee was posted to Fort Monroe with his wife, Mary Custis Lee, from 1831-1834.

#### **Edgar Allan Poe**

Did you know that the famous poet, Edgar Allan Poe, was stationed here at Fort Monroe in 1828-29?

### Battle of the Ironclads

The famous battle between the USS Monitor and the CSS Virginia (Merrimack) could be seen from the ramparts of Fort Monroe.









#### **Freedom's Fort**

Three enslaved men sought refuge at Union-held Fort Monroe, sparking the "Contraband Decision," which enabled thousands to find protection at "Freedom's Fort."

#### The Jefferson Davis Cell

Visit the cell where the former President of the Confederacy was imprisoned following his capture by Union troops in May 1865.

### Gun Battery Plotting Room

The Coast Artillery Corps used plotting boards to make mathematical calculations needed to take aim at fastmoving targets.

## Social Life at Fort Monroe

Host to soldiers and tourists alike, steamships and trains once carried visitors to grand hotels on the shores of Old Point Comfort.

## GO BACK IN TIME

Old Point Comfort – A great place to visit for over 400 years

Explore the dramatic story of Old Point Comfort from the earliest Virginia Indians to the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC), the last military command at Fort Monroe.

## What is a Casemate?

The museum is located in a series of interconnected casemates. Casemates are vaulted chambers within the fort's walls.

## Fees and Passes

Admission to the Casemate Museum is free and self-guided. Guided tours are available for groups of 10 or more for a fee and should be arranged at least 2 weeks in advance. Call 757-788-3391 for reservations.

## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE Partner Site

Stop by the Casemate Museum to get your NPS Passport stamped or learn about the Fort Monroe National Monument Junior Ranger Program.

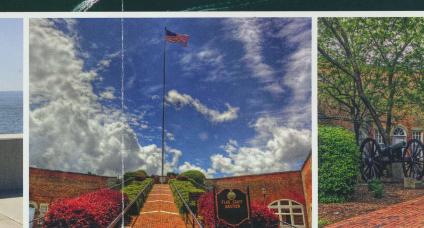




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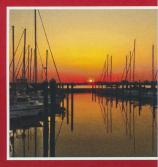


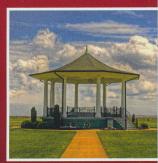
## DISCOVER FORT MONROE

Uncover the centuries of rich history at Fort Monroe. A visit to this National Monument is a wonderful experience for people of all ages.

- Open year round
- Panoramic views of the Chesapeake Bay
- 3 miles of beaches
- Fishing pier and marina
- Walking and jogging
- Biking
- Kayak launch
- Bird watching
- Camping and RV park
- Concerts and special events
- Dining and shopping options (both onsite and nearby in downtown Hampton and Phoebus)











# FORT MONROE



## CASEMATE MUSEUM

20 Bernard Road | Fort Monroe, VA 23651 (near I-64, exit 268) 757-788-3391

Hours of operation vary seasonally

Closed: Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve/Day, New Year's Day

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