

Fort Pulaski National Monument



From Slave to Soldier

In 1862, General David Hunter recruited formerly enslaved African Americans on Hilton Head Island to become soldiers. Due to his efforts, Fort Pulaski served as an important recruitment station for one of the first black army regiments, the First South Carolina Volunteer Infantry. These soldiers fought bravely throughout South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.

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