



# The United States Colored Troops

In the Civil War, African American soldiers were called "colored troops." Although many white people thought black troops should not be allowed in the military, these soldiers fought bravely and many died for their freedom. They also had to fight to receive the same pay as white soldiers. About 100 are buried at Chalmette National Cemetery.

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