

Fort Sumter National Monument



Colonel Ambrosio José Gonzales

Cuban-born Gonzales developed ties with the American South while working to overthrow Spanish rule in Cuba. When that failed, he moved to the US, offering service to the Confederacy. Commended for his leadership when bombarding Fort Sumter, Gonzales later designed a system of coastal defenses from Charleston to Savannah before returning home to fight for Cuba.

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