

FORT MONROE

— *Where Freedom Lives* —

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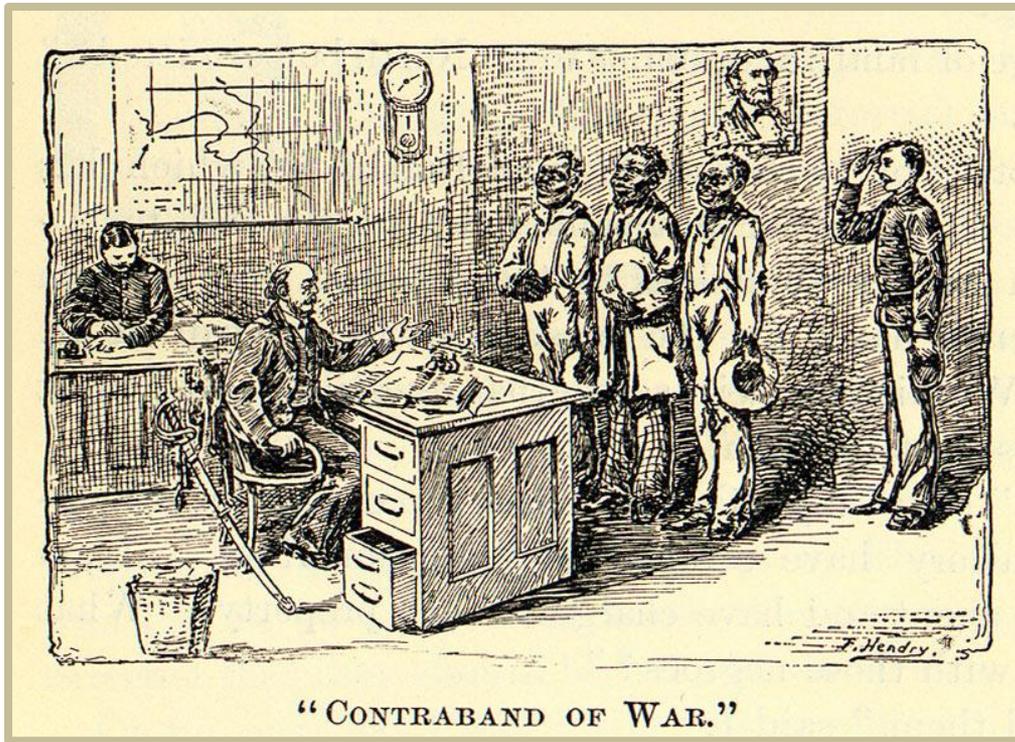
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The History of Old Point Comfort



- ✦ Approximately 565 acres including tidal islands and bottom lands
- ✦ Virginia Company found comfort at this spit of land in 1607
- ✦ In 1609, early colonists established Fort Algernourne in order to protect Jamestown
- ✦ Dutch ship landed at Fort Algernourne with “twenty and odd” Africans in 1619

African-American History: The Contraband Story



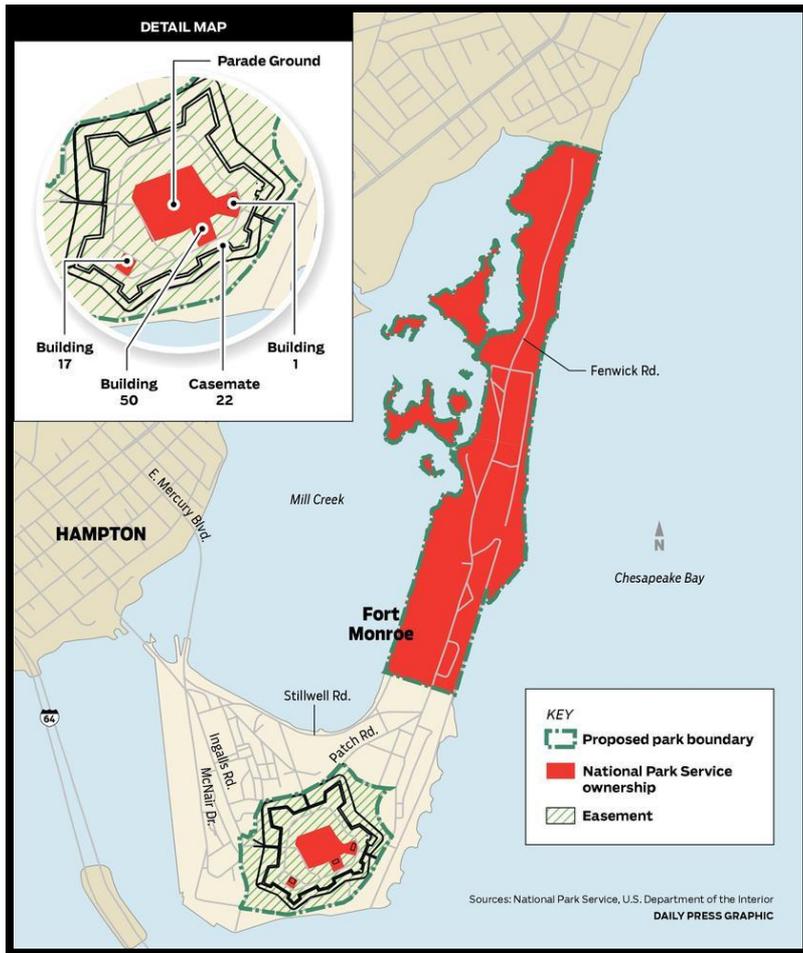
- ✦ First documented landing of Africans in 1619
- ✦ In May of 1861 three slaves rowed across the harbor to Fort Monroe
- ✦ Gen. Benjamin Butler refused to return slaves declaring them Contraband of War
- ✦ Butler’s decision accelerated the Emancipation Proclamation

Status of the Army Transfer to the Fort Monroe Authority

- ✦ FMA is working with the Army on transfer of property to Commonwealth
- ✦ Army Caretaker staff at Fort Monroe until all work and reports are completed



National Monument Designation



- Gov. McDonnell wrote letter to Sec. Salazar offering an agreement to Park boundaries
- President Obama signed the proclamation on Nov. 1, 2011
- Kirsten Talken-Spaulding named Superintendent
- NPS/FMA interpreters to tell history of Fort Monroe
- Nature, recreational and educational programs available to the public

Vision for Fort Monroe

- Preserve the property
- Tell the Story
- Economic Independence



Live, Work, Play At Fort Monroe



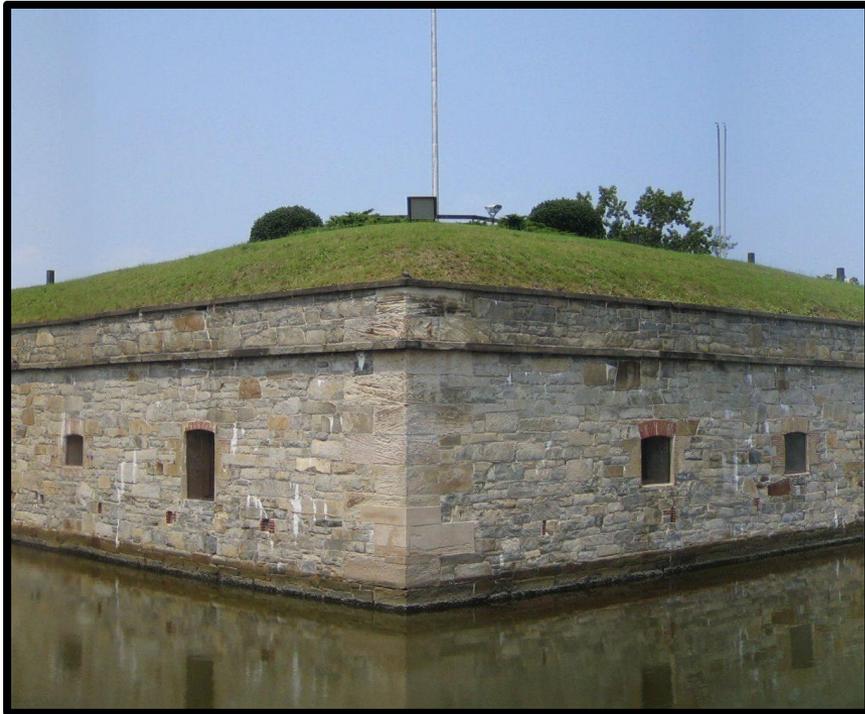
- 🌿 174 homes (20 detached, 98 duplex units, 56 quad units)
- 🌿 Approximately 107 homes leased
- 🌿 Over 240,000 sq. ft of commercial space
- 🌿 Onsite leasing agency is available 7 days a week

Amenities at Fort Monroe

- 3.2 Miles of beaches
- 8 Miles of waterfront
- 2.5 Miles of boardwalk
- Continental Park
- Casemate Museum
- The Historic Chamberlin



Master Plan



- ❖ Sasaki Associates—40+ years of experience. Recently named Planner of the Year by the APA
- ❖ Public input—HIGH PRIORITY
- ❖ Comprehensive approach—land use planning, protect the viewsheds, connect the National Park sites
- ❖ Fulfilling the vision to protect the property, tell the story, and achieve economic sustainability



Questions?