

Shiloh National Military Park



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Fighting for their Freedom

Organized at the Corinth Contraband Camp in May 1863, the 1st Alabama Infantry Regiment of African Descent gave almost 1,000 formerly enslaved men the opportunity to fight for their freedom. In March 1864, the unit was re-designated the 55th Regiment of U.S. Colored Troops. The regiment rendered important service defending local railroads and fortifications.

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