

Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie National Historical Park



The Moultrie Flag

In 1775, Colonel William Moultrie designed a flag based off of his soldiers' uniforms. He selected an indigo blue that matched the color of their jackets and a white crescent in the upper left corner, that was taken from the insignia found on their hats. The flag flew over the unfinished palmetto log fort at the Battle of Sullivan's Island and would become the symbol of the revolution and liberty throughout the state.

In 1861, South Carolina created an official state flag by adding a palmetto tree to the center of Moultrie's flag, commemorating the patriot victory on June 28, 1776.