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## Fort Sumter News Release

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### Special Program: The 54<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts and Battery Wagner

(Sullivan's Island, South Carolina) — Join the National Park Service at the Fort Moultrie Visitor Center for a free educational program on the 54<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment on Saturday, July 17, 2010. The 54<sup>th</sup> led the courageous assault onto Battery Wagner, a Confederate stronghold on Morris Island, July 18, 1863.

**1:00 – 4:00** Living History with Joseph McGill and the 54<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts reenactors

**1:30** Musket Demonstration

**2:00** Power Point Presentation

**2:30** View the battle scene from the 1989 film Glory

“We remember the men of the 54<sup>th</sup> for their bravery, courage, pride, determination, and impact on American history,” said Bob Dodson, Superintendent of Fort Sumter National Monument. “As one of the first African American regiments called to duty during the Civil War, these men not only fought for their country, they also fought for the freedom of all enslaved African Americans and equal rights for those who were free. We continue to honor those men who risked their lives for a cause greater than themselves.”

A unit of Fort Sumter National Monument, Fort Moultrie is located at 1214 Middle Street, Sullivan's Island, SC 29482. The site is open daily from 9:00-5:00. For more information visit us online at [www.nps.gov/fosu](http://www.nps.gov/fosu) or call (843) 883-3123.

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