

uring the Civil War, Baltimore was the rail center of Maryland and the North's gateway to the South. Three railroads terminated there—the Baltimore and Ohio, the Northern Central, and the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore and connections to two others were just outside the city. Because locomotives were banned from the city's streets, passengers either walked or rode in horse-drawn cars between connecting stations. On April 19, 1861, a mob attacked U.S. Army soldiers marching between the two stations en route to Washington, D.C. In what became known as the Baltimore Riots, the crowd threw bricks, and the soldiers opened (or returned) fire. Four soldiers were killed and 39 wounded, while 12 civilians died and "dozens" more were injured. After Federal control was reasserted, Baltimore's railroads became part of the network supplying the U.S. Army

for the rest of the war.

n 1861, Baltimore found itself in a civil war fought on the docks, streets, waters, and farms of the South's northernmost city, home of the "Star-Spangled Banner." The flag had helped unite the young nation in 1814, but 47 years later it represented despotism and tyranny to some Americans, while to others it symbolized "a high and delicate trust" to preserve the Union. In February, distrust and threats of disunion culminated in the midnight passage of president-elect Abraham Lincoln through Baltimore to thwart a rumored assassination attempt.

On April 19, five days after the Union surrendered Fort Sumter, South Carolina, the tensions in Baltimore exploded in violence. Confederate sympathizers attacked Massachusetts troops en route to Washington, D.C. along the Pratt Street waterfront. The war's first casualties fell in Baltimore's streets, inspiring Marylander James E. Randall to write the intensely pro-Southern "Maryland, My Maryland," which became the state song in 1939. By summer, Union troops occupied strategic rail and shipping depots to guard communication lines to Washington. Lincoln's suspension of habeas corpus resulted in the temporary imprisonment of the Maryland legislature and Baltimore's government. U.S. troops garrisoned Federal Hill and Fort McHenry, aimed their guns at the city, and ensured Federal control for the remainder of the war. In June 1861, an officer wrote, "The loss of Baltimore would have been the loss of Maryland; the loss of Maryland would have been the loss of the national capital, and perhaps, if not probably, the loss of the Union cause."

Baltimore became U.S. Middle Department headquarters on March 22, 1862, to coordinate regional military activities. After the Battle of Antietam on September 17, during the first Confederate invasion of the North, the city received thousands of wounded, transforming parks, warehouses, churches, and hotels into hospitals. Fort McHenry became a prisoner-of-war transfer facility and nearby Locust Point served as a munitions depot, with supplies transported to the

HOSPITAL TOWN

n the weeks following the Battle of Antietam on September 17, 1862, and again after the Battle of Gettysburg in July 1863, Baltimore became a vast hospital complex for the wounded men who poured into the city. The Antietam casualties arrived on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad from Frederick, Maryland. As thousands of Union and Confederate soldiers hobbled or were carried from the trains, authorities transformed 22 churches, hotels and cotton and tobacco warehouses into medical facilities. Nearly all of Baltimore's public parks still in use today, including Patterson's Park, Federal Hill, and Druid Hill Park, as well as other open spaces, were used for hospitals. Thousands of the Gettysburg casualties were cared for in downtown Baltimore, while Fort McHenry's post hospital treated many of the Confederate officers wounded during Gen. James Longstreet's famous assault (often mistakenly called Pickett's Charge) on July 3, 1863. A pressing need for treating the wounded closer to the battlefields led to the creation of several relief organizations in Maryland.

he U.S. Navy's actions in the Chesapeake Bay during the Civil War were similar to its operations throughout the South. From Baltimore to the Virginia Capes, naval vessels tightly blockaded the coastline to keep desperately needed supplies from Confederate armies, as well as to protect the vast numbers of Union vessels that transported men and supplies to the front. In addition, the navy actively assisted the U.S. Army with amphibious support, while also

With the fall of Norfolk, Virginia, in 1861, the port of Baltimore became a vital base for the U.S. Navy's activities in the Chesapeake. The city's shipyards repaired vessels damaged in battle, while its many steamship companies provided vessels that could be converted for military use. Inland, the navy utilized the city's industrial power, with Baltimore's mills producing steam engines for warships as well as armor plating—

seeking battle with the ships of the Con-

n July 1864, Confederate Gen. Jubal A. Early, having cleared Virginia's Shenandoah Valley of Union troops, marched his corps into Maryland to threaten Baltimore, free Confederate prisoners at Point Lookout and attack Washington, D.C. He and commanding Gen. Robert E. Lee also hoped to lure Union troops away from Petersburg, Virginia, to reinforce the capital's defenses and, thereby, relieve the pressure on Lee. Early's maneuver was the South's third and last invasion of the North.

In response, the Union rushed Gen.
Lew Wallace's force of 5,800 men from
Baltimore and an infantry division from
Petersburg to confront Early on the banks
of the Monocacy River near Frederick,
Maryland, on July 9. Called "The Battle
That Saved Washington," the fight was a
Confederate victory, but it cost Early
a critical day's march on the U.S. capital.
Wallace retreated east on the Baltimore

AFRICAN AMERICANS

he Emancipation Proclamation, issued January 1, 1863, authorized the recruiting of African Americans as United States soldiers. Gen. William Birney and his staff raised seven regiments of what were called United States Colored Troops (USCTs)—the 4th, 7th, 9th, 19th, 30th, 39th, and 118th—in Maryland during the Civil War. The Maryland General Assembly offered bounty money to each man who enlisted as well as to owners who freed their slaves for service. Many slaves, however, freed themselves from their masters and ran away to join the Union forces.

Of the sixteen African-American soldiers who received the Medal of Honor during the Civil War, five were Maryland natives: Sgt. Maj. Christian A. Fleetwood, Baltimore, 4th USCT; Sgt. Alfred B. Hilton, Harford County, 4th USCT; Sgt. Decatur Dorsey, Howard County, 39th USCT; and Pvt. William H. Barnes and Sgt. James H. Harris, St. Mary's County, 38th USCT.

BALTIMORE A HOUSE DIVIDED



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This guide showcases a collection of sites that portray the Civil War story in Baltimore and the surrounding Chesapeake Bay region. Central to this collection, is the one-and-a-half mile walking tour along Baltimore's Inner Harbor that depicts the April 1861 riot when Confederate sympathizers attacked the 6th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment as they marched to trains en route to Washington, D.C. Information contained here and along the

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of the Civil War's lesser-known but important sites.

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TRAILS

The Trail, including a number of additional sites, can be driven in one, two or three days depending on traveler preference. Destinations like Chestertown, Port Deposit, Bel Air, Ellicott City, Westminster and Frederick offer charming ambiance that can be enjoyed all-year long while Baltimore and Rockville offer a more sophisticated urban environment. Amenities include dining, lodging, shopping, and a variety of attractions that illustrate Maryland's important role in the Civil War. For more detailed travel information, stop by any Maryland Welcome Center, local Visitor Center or contact any of the organizations listed in this guide. For additional Civil War Trails information, visit www.civilwartrails.org. For statewide travel information, visit www.visitmaryland.org.

Enjoying Baltimore's Inner Ha









these signs to more than 1,000 Civil War sites

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lthough many Marylanders served on the Civil War's losing side, several former Confederates afterward played prominent roles in their native state. Adm. Franklin Buchanan, who commanded CSS Virginia (formerly USS Merrimack) the day before its famous battle with USS Monitor, served as president of Maryland Agricultural College, now the University of Maryland. Maj. Harry Gilmor, the partisan cavalry commander, returned to Baltimore as a businessman, city police commissioner, and colonel in the Maryland National Guard. Col. Henry Kyd Douglas, junior member of Jackson's staff who wrote I Rode with Stonewall, became a lawyer, judge, and commander of the Maryland National Guard.

It is often said that the victors in a war get to write its history, but Maryland's vanquished contributed greatly to the war's history and literature. Seventeen former Confederates published reminiscences about Maryland's role in aiding the Confederacy as compared to five Unionists.