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## Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park News Release

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### 44<sup>th</sup> United States Colored Troops

Fort Oglethorpe, GA: In celebration of Black history Month, Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park invites the public to attend a special program at the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center on Saturday, February 25, 2012 at 2 P.M.

Join a Park Ranger for a talk about the 44<sup>th</sup> United States Colored Troops (U.S.C.T.), a regiment of freed slaves from North Georgia and Southeast Tennessee. These men enlisted in Chattanooga during the spring of 1864 to fight for their freedom, as well as that of their fellow enslaved African Americans. At that time the 44<sup>th</sup> had a struggle against greater risk and danger than their fellow soldiers in white regiments, facing prejudice and bigotry from their own side and at least a return to slavery or worse from their enemies. This 30 minute program will tell the story of these brave men and the risk and sacrifice they made in their own story of "Glory".

The men of the 44<sup>th</sup> U.S.C.T. would make up about 1,000 men of the approximate 180,000 African Americans who empowered themselves and served in the ranks of the United State Army during the Civil War. The 44<sup>th</sup> would see dangerous service in North Georgia and fight in the Battle of Nashville in December of 1864.

For more information about programs at Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, contact the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center at (706) 866-9241, the Lookout Mountain Battlefield Visitor Center at (423) 821-7786, or visit the park's website at [www.nps.gov/chch](http://www.nps.gov/chch).

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