

Fort Monroe National Monument



Major General Benjamin F. Butler

Born: November 5, 1818

Died: January 11, 1893

As Union commander at Fort Monroe in 1861 Butler decided that escaped slaves who made it to Union lines would have refuge and protection of the Union army. This sympathy for African Americans, combined with his harsh treatment of Confederate civilians under his jurisdiction, made Butler one of the most hated men in the South.

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