

## AMERICAN BATTLEFIELD TRUST \* \* \*

PRESERVE. EDUCATE. INSPIRE.

#### Land is Protected. Now what?

Tom Gilmore, Chief Land Preservation Officer 2022 MARYLAND LAND CONSERVATION CONFERENCE June 1, 2022

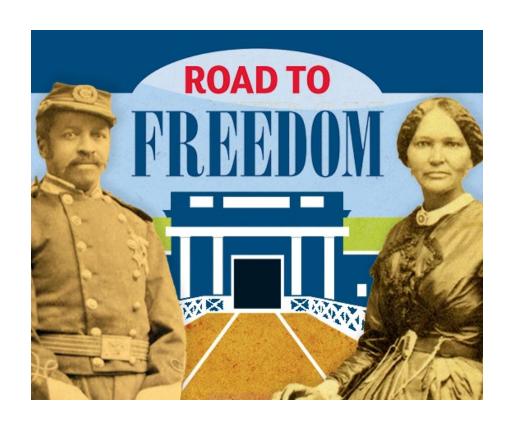
#### American Battlefield Trust

- The nation's largest land trust dedicated to preserving significant Civil War, Revolutionary War and War of 1812 battlefields
- Over 55,000 acres saved in 24 states
- Trust-saved land has resulted in the creation or expansion of national parks, state and local parks, parks operated by nonprofit entities



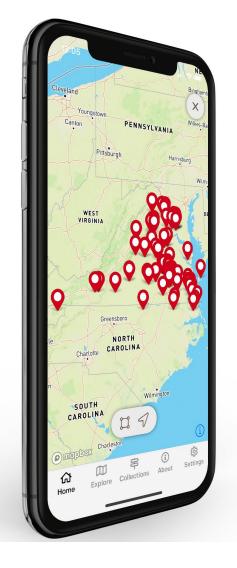
Step One: Preserve the Land ("Preserve")

Step Two: Tell the Story ("Educate, Inspire")









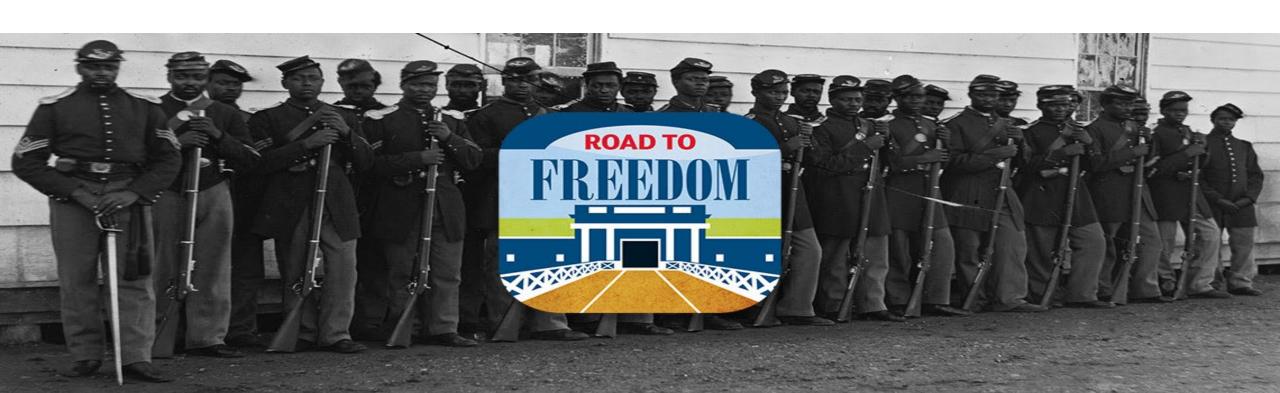
#### **Road to Freedom**

- Announced in February, 2021
- Trust partner(s): Civil War Trails, Inc. and the African American Heritage Preservation Foundation
- App available from Apple Store, Google Play
- Features 88 sites across Virginia
- Curated tour offers relating the African American experience during the Civil War-era by bringing together the stories of war and the fight for emancipation through battlefields, churches, cemeteries, highway makers and other historic places.



#### **Road to Freedom**

- More than 22,000 physical map guide brochures given out at Virginia Welcome Centers and cultural institutions
- Awarded silver in the inaugural Anthem Awards
- Next states: Tennessee and North Carolina



# Medal of Honor VALOR TRAIL



#### Putting Valor on the Map Coupling Tales of Bravery to Tangible Places

- Partner: Congressional Medal of Honor Society
- Follow up to the Trust's award-winning "Brothers in Valor" video series in 2019 featuring MOH recipients from WWII, Vietnam and the War on Terror
- Announced March 25, 2022 | National Medal of Honor Day

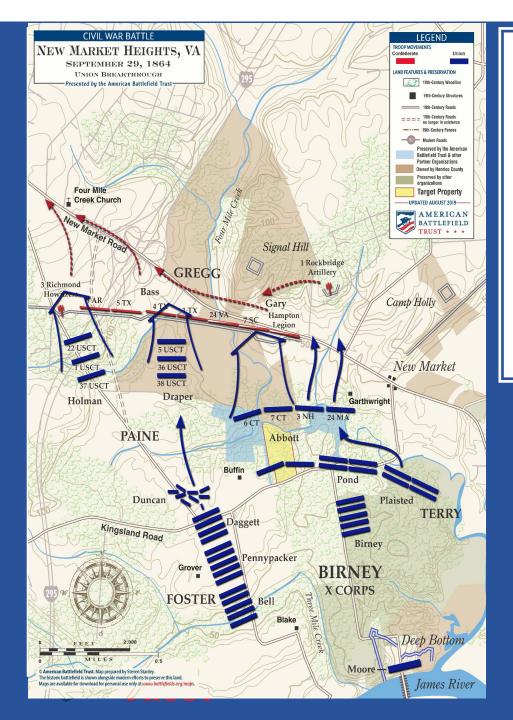


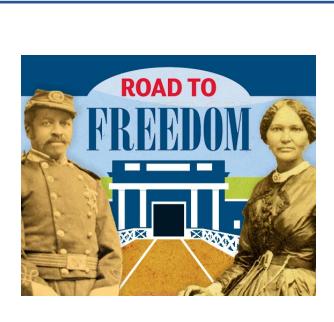


#### **Medal of Honor Valor Trail**

- The Medal of Honor Valor Trail weaves the stories of the nation's highest decoration for valor with the places most deeply connected with Medal of Honor recipients battlefields and historic sites, hometowns and burial places, namesake sites, monuments and museums. The envisioned trail will span centuries from the Civil War through the present and continents, showcasing the diverse universe of inspirational recipients who have worn the Medal.
- Website valortrail.org and Social pages (Facebook & Instagram) now live
- App under development









### Battle of New Market Heights (September 29, 1864)

14 Medals of Honor Earned by U.S.C.T. Soldiers





