

# FORT NEGLEY

## A SYMBOL OF THE STRUGGLE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS IN NASHVILLE

Sponsored by the Tennessee Historical Society, the Friends of Fort Negley and Vanderbilt University's Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities



**Fort Negley Visitors Center**  
1100 Fort Negley Blvd, Nashville

**SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 5  
2016**

**Fort Negley**, occupied by U.S. Federal troops in Nashville from 1862-1867, was built on behalf of the occupying U.S. Army by men and women who had recently escaped from slavery and who were living under the protection of federal troops. This program, which includes the unveiling of a new interpretive marker telling the story of those who built the fort, will highlight the role that Fort Negley has played in Nashville as both a very tangible site for freedom during the Civil War and now an enduring emblem for the fight for justice and equality over many generations.

Support for this project provided by the National Humanities Alliance Foundation.

The event is free and open to the public but please reserve a space by emailing [membership@tennesseehistory.org](mailto:membership@tennesseehistory.org) or by calling 615-741-8934.

**9:00 a.m.** Welcoming remarks

**9:15 a.m.** Keynote address, Professor Bobby Lovett (history, Tennessee State University)

**10:00 a.m.** Panelists' remarks: Dr. Crystal deGregory (Ph.D., history, Vanderbilt University), Professor Reavis L. Mitchell, Jr. (history, Fisk University), Professor Daniel Sharfstein (law and history, Vanderbilt University)

**10:45 a.m.** Discussion

**11:30 a.m.** Unveiling of new interpretive marker

**Noon** Reception

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