

# Proposal to relocate Baltimore's Confederate Monuments to CMPI

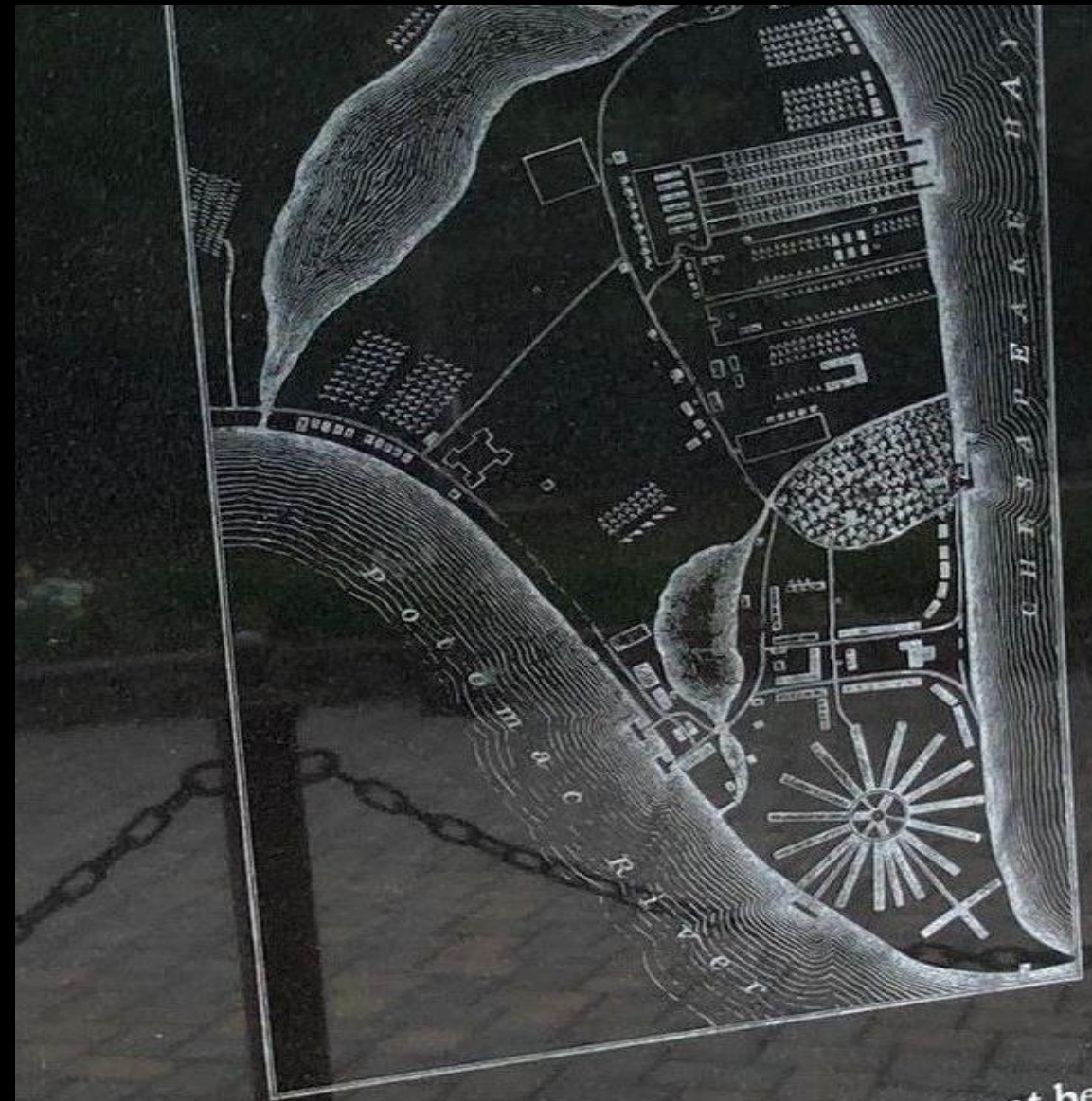
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History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived,  
but if faced with courage, need not be lived again.  
-Maya Angelou

A memorial to all who helped each other while suffering under the most horrendous of conditions

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- confederate /kən'fɛdərət/ **noun**
- *plural* **confederates**
- **Britannica Dictionary definition of CONFEDERATE**
- [count]
- **1**
- *formal* : a person who helps someone do something  
He turned to his *confederates* [=allies, accomplices] for help.



***CMPI chronicles the shared human experiences of individuals of every race, religion, gender, occupation, and economic class whose paths crossed there.***

You should never read the cover of a book to form an opinion without reading the contents.

Accordingly, we invite you to visit and see for yourself our park's historical presentations. We educate the public based upon decades of historical research and study of the Point Lookout Prison Camp.

The Park was not built to dispute or debate the causes of the war but rather to chronicle the shared human experiences of individuals of every race, religion, gender, occupation, and economic class whose paths crossed there.

Many know of the atrocities suffered by Confederate Prisoners of war imprisoned at Point Lookout, but few realize the hardships, violence and inhumane conditions that Black civilians suffered there while under the protection of the United States government in Point Lookout's Contraband Camp.



## ***Location...*** perfect relocation sites within an historical park

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Confederate Memorial Park, Inc. (CMPI) formally offers to the City of Baltimore sites within its seven-acre historical park to relocate the Lee Jackson Equestrian Monument, the Confederate Soldiers and Sailors Monument, and the Confederate Women's Monument.

It is our understanding that Baltimore City, in concert with the Maryland Historical Trust, has worked diligently to find a suitable location in Maryland to relocate the three monuments in question without success.



## Near Point Lookout State Park, site of the Camp Hoffman Prisoner of War Camp

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Our offer fully complies with the general terms and conditions of the historic preservation easement with regard to conservation; keeping the bronze monuments and appurtenances intact *on land within the State of Maryland where the monuments would remain in perpetuity*; and by providing public access in a safe and secure environment where the monuments could be contextualized, properly maintained, and administered with the right of inspection.



Where the monuments can be displayed  
for the benefit of the citizens of Maryland  
***in perpetuity***

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The announced two-year delay in the proposed LAXART exhibit only serves to further exacerbate the need to identify a suitable location for the relocation of the monuments within the state of Maryland. Our historical park's location, in close proximity to Point Lookout State Park and the ***US Veterans Administration's Point Lookout Confederate Cemetery***, is an ideal location to display and interpret the monuments within the context of Maryland's rich history.



## Public Access

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- Open to the public
- Free Admission
- Convenient Parking with handicap access
- Open dawn to dusk, Monday through Sunday
- A destination visited by local, state, national and International travelers

THE BALTIMORE SUN

**Two Baltimore Confederate statues  
vandalized; no suspects identified**

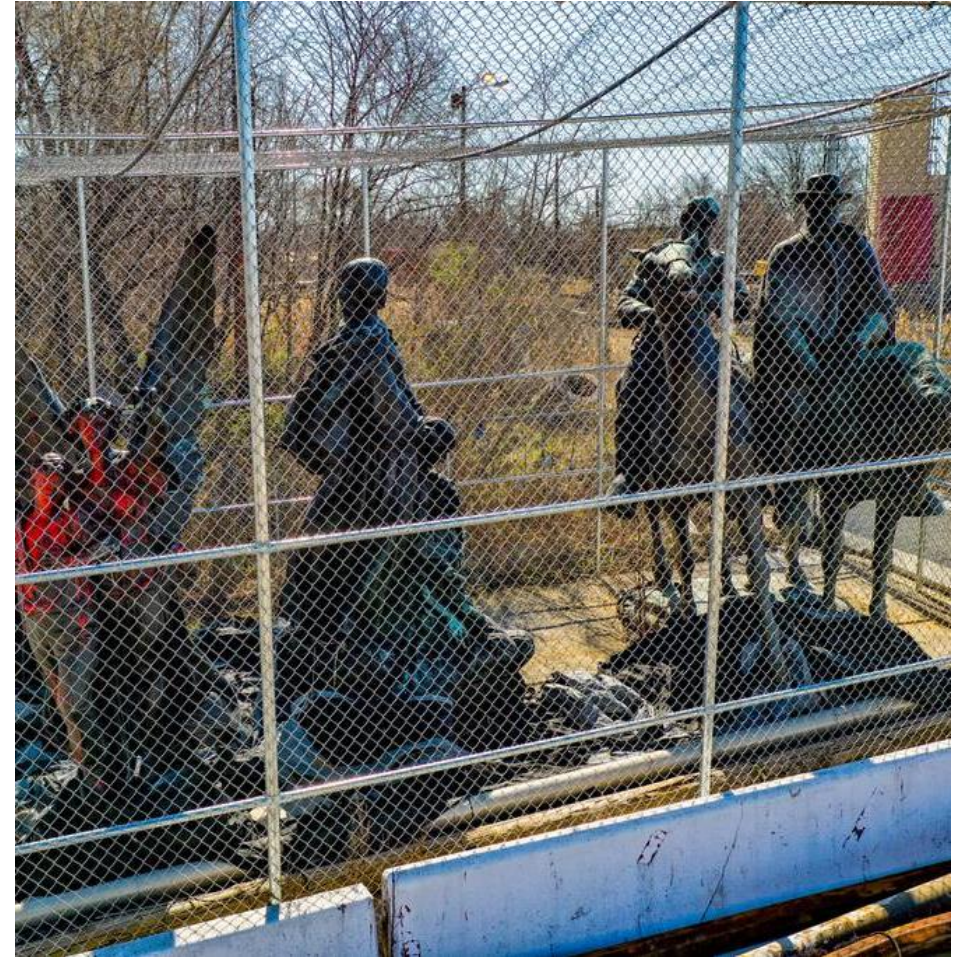
Mar 17, 2023, at 4:01 pm

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We believe our offer provides a long-term solution to the impasse that has lingered since August of 2017, enabling an amicable resolution of what has remained a discordant and unresolved matter of concern.

Sadly, over the course of the past five and a half years, the statuary and plinths have continued to deteriorate and suffer vandalism as referenced in the recent *Baltimore Sun* article.

## ***Proper Conservation, and Maintenance***



# ***Safety and Security***

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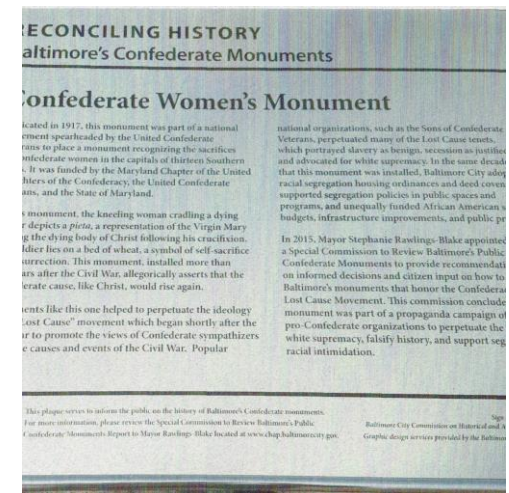
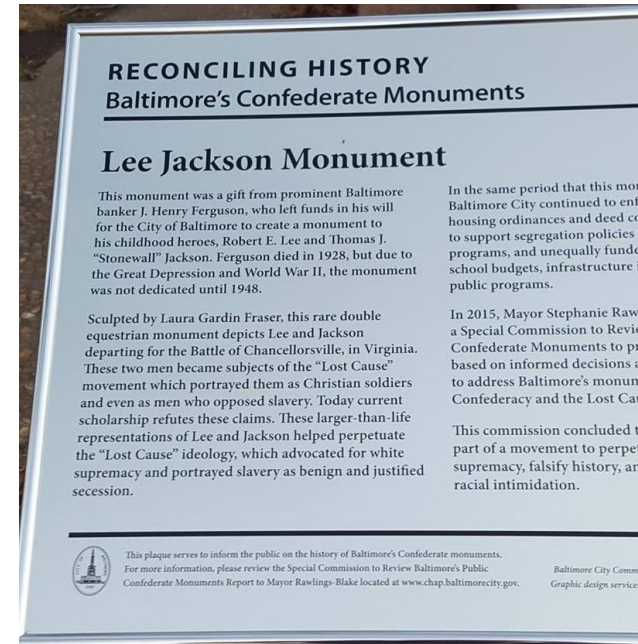


CMPI has 24 Hour surveillance from a number of security cameras strategically placed throughout our campus, which are monitored by our park staff. In addition, the park is routinely patrolled by the Saint Mary's County Sheriffs Department



# Contextualization

We would propose that the original interpretive signage that Baltimore City installed at the former site locations be utilized



*There is no  
better time  
than the  
present to  
relocate the  
monuments !*

CMPI is fully prepared to have site preparation in place for the **immediate** placement of the monuments.....ensuring proper conservation, maintenance, security and public access while resolving concerns regarding long term storage and vandalism.

# A story of humanity and acts of kindness

Our park also tells the story of individuals whose humanity and generous acts of kindness persevered despite horrendous obstacles, undoubtedly saving hundreds of lives. One such example is Mary Ellen Whalen Jones, a former slave and cook employed at Point Lookout, who placed herself in considerable jeopardy by surreptitiously providing unauthorized but much needed sustenance to the emaciated prisoners.

The Daughters of Charity, an order of Catholic nuns, came to Point Lookout at great personal sacrifice to provide much needed nursing skills to the Camp's general population. One such nun, Sister Mary Conlan, made the ultimate sacrifice succumbing to typhoid fever while providing humanitarian care to the sick and wounded at Point Lookout.

Numerous diseases at the only smallpox hospital took the lives of many individuals including Union and US Colored troops, Confederates, Contrabands, and civilian prisoners of war alike, all buried within a recently excavated cemetery where the remains of the interred were never exhumed. Massive amounts of material from the excavated cemetery has been transported to our park, forming a burial mound where a fitting memorial will be erected to those forgotten souls.



A memorial to the victims of the Smallpox epidemic who had been forgotten, but will now be remembered

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# *Gone but not forgotten*

## Memorial Bricks and Flagpoles

The engraved bricks you see around the P.O.W. monument have been donated by descendants of the prisoners, veterans' organizations and individuals. The names on the bricks represent a small percentage of the documented 52,264 POW's imprisoned at Pt. Lookout.

This prison camp had the largest number of POW's for either side during the War Between the States. In addition to military POW bricks there are civilians listed including at least 2 bricks in memory of women prisoners. Of the first 100 bricks installed, 5 are for African Americans who served in the Confederate Armed Services and were confined at Pt. Lookout.





**Point Lookout,  
Maryland is  
known to be  
one of the  
most haunted  
places in the  
United States.**

**Apparitions  
may visit our  
property, even  
in the  
daylight,  
like this image  
of a soldier  
holding a  
small child.**

**What do you  
see?**



Original Confederate Cemetery  
Fencing from Tanner Creek



This obelisk marked the  
graves of 17 soldiers who  
lost their lives in the Battle  
of Fort Stevens.



"Faces of Point Lookout"  
Pictures from Descendants of  
ancestors imprisoned at Point  
Lookout Prison Camp.



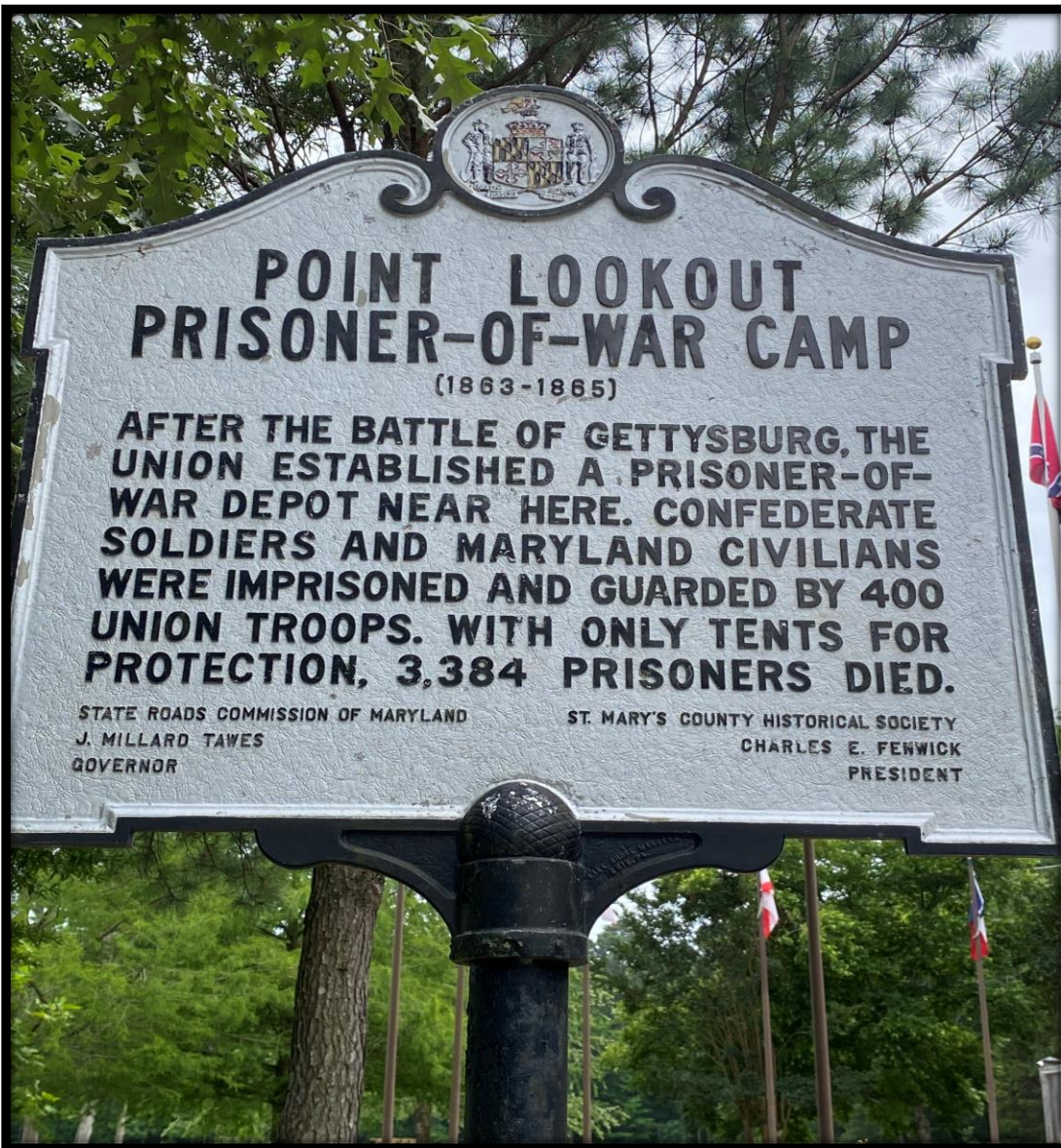
### "The Bean Pot"

The pot was used in one of the nine cook houses at the POW Camp.

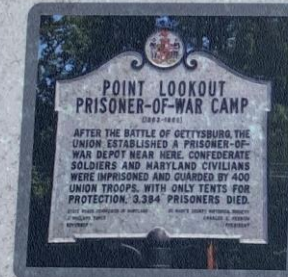


### "Granite Stone"

The granite stone fell off the barge into the Chesapeake Bay in 1910 when the Federal Confederate Monument was under Construction.



## *Historical Marker*



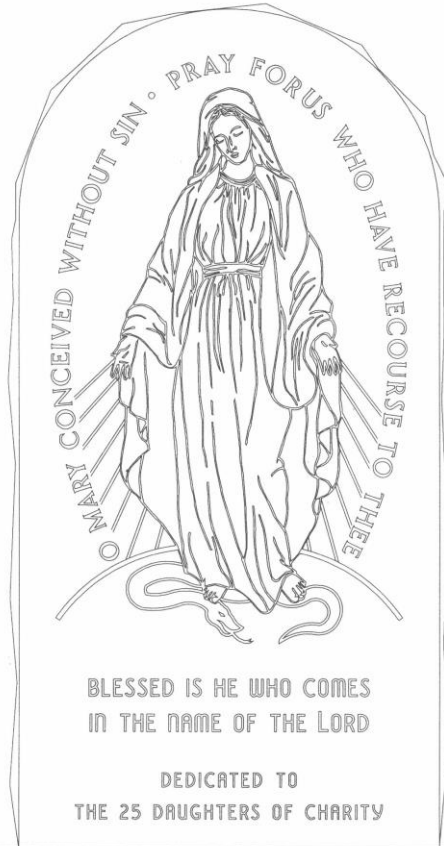
Point Lookout, also known as Camp Hoffman, imprisoned the largest number of military and civilians during the War Between the States. There are 52,264 documented Confederate prisoners at Point Lookout compared to 45,000 imprisoned at the Andersonville prison for Union soldiers.

It is unknown exactly how many prisoners died at the Point Lookout POW camp. There are 3,384 names of dead prisoners listed on the nearby Federal Monument. Yet, nearly 700 additional dead have been identified since then and new names are documented every year.

A historical marker was originally placed in 1963 at the site of the prison pen approximately two miles south of this point. It was stolen in 1995 and seven years later discovered at a salvage yard in Kingston County, New York by a descendent of a Point Lookout prisoner. Despite efforts of the St. Mary's Historical Society and Maryland State Police, it could not be recovered until 2004 when local attorney Earnest Bell Esq. worked with St. Mary's County and New York State Sheriffs' offices to return the historical marker to the St. Mary's Historical Society.

The St. Mary's Historical Society donated the marker to Confederate Memorial Park and Point Lookout Prisoner of War Descendents Organization in August 2007.

# An evolving work in progress with new exhibits planned and under construction



Daughters of Charity Monument dedicated to the 25 Daughters of Charity who cared for the sick and wounded. (soon to be installed)



Lumber cut to construct a replica of the prison wall, parapet and tower from Point Lookout Prison Camp.



Confederate Memorial Park provides a safe haven for reenactors from all over the United States to participate in living history



Sites within Confederate Memorial Park are immediately available to relocate the Baltimore Confederate Monuments



Potomac  
River

Point  
Lookout  
State Park

Aerial View of Confederate Memorial Park  
with proposed monument relocation  
sites

Proposed  
Soldiers and  
Sailors

Federal  
Confederate  
Monument  
VA Cemetery

Route 5

Proposed  
Women's'  
Monument

Proposed  
Lee  
Jackson

Route 5

# 501(c)(3) Organization

As a recognized 501 C 3 nonprofit historical and educational organization recognized by the Internal Revenue Service, our organization is uniquely postured to secure grants and loans to defray the costs associated with the removal, transport, and relocation of the plinths and statuary.

We are available to address any questions or concerns Baltimore City may have and would appreciate the city's favorable consideration of what we believe to be a mutually beneficial resolution for all concerned.

*"History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again"*

A quotation on a marble tablet within our park exemplifies our belief regarding the need to tell the story of the Point Lookout Prisoner of War Camp, a stain on Maryland's history which should never be concealed or erased.