

National Civil War Museum Advisory Council Member

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<p>John Tucker is the Secretary-Treasurer of the Fort Sumter – Fort Moultrie Trust, and the Assistant Director of the South Carolina Historical Society. John retired as superintendent of Fort Sumter National Monument and Charles Pinckney National Historic Site in January of 2006 after a distinguished 35-year career with the National Park Service.</p>		
<p>John graduated from North Carolina State University in Raleigh in 1970. There he earned a bachelor of science degree in forestry and a bachelor of science degree in natural resource recreation management.</p>		
<p>John began working for the NPS on June 1, 1970, the day after his college graduation. His first NPS job was at Cades Cove in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. After finishing a <u>second degree</u> from NCSU, John joined the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve in January of 1971.</p>		
<p>John served as superintendent of Andersonville National Historic Site from 1980 to August of 1989. While at Andersonville, he received the Superior Service Award in 1988.</p>		
<p>While at Fort Sumter, John received the Superintendent of the Year Award in 2002, as well as numerous other awards over the past 35 plus years.</p>		
<p>John's crowning achievement came with managing the construction of the Fort Sumter Visitor Education Center and tour boat facility in the City of Charleston. Included in the center were the first NPS exhibits to directly discuss the wide range of causes of the Civil War, including the issue of slavery.</p>		
<p>The Fort Sumter-Fort Moultrie Trust was organized in 2001 as a supporting arm of Fort Sumter National Monument. The Trust is committed to strengthening the connection between the American people and the National Park Service sites in Charleston, SC. Its specific mission is to help protect and preserve the unique cultural and historic National Park Service sites in Charleston, SC and its historic environs of the Carolina Lowcountry through educational and outreach programs as well as direct support of the National Park Service.</p>		
<p>Beginning in April 2010, South Carolina and the Nation will begin to commemorate the Civil War sesquicentennial. This event will offer an important opportunity to positively impact the public with a variety of educational programs highlighting the Civil War legacy in spreading liberty in America.</p>		
<p>The South Carolina Historical Society is the state's oldest and largest private repository of books, letters, journals, maps, drawings, and photographs about South Carolina history. The mandate of its founders remains its mission today: "to collect information respecting every portion of our state, to preserve it, and when deemed advisable, to publish it." The Society's holdings, located in the historic Robert Mills Fireproof Building in Charleston, S.C., are vast and grow constantly with the addition of materials from 200 years ago. It is especially rich on South Carolina's colonial and antebellum eras and the American Civil War.</p>		
<p>The Society is a private, non-profit organization depending entirely on the generosity of its members to preserve and extend awareness of South Carolina history. It receives no local, state, or federal funding for its operations.</p>		