

**National Civil War Museum Advisory Council Member**

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<p><b>Bob Dodson</b> is the Superintendent of Fort Sumter National Monument and Charles Pinckney National Historic Site. Bob assumed the position on May 28, 2006. He has been a successful park manager for the past 14 years and has a long track record of community involvement, establishing park partners and working with elected officials.</p> <p>Dodson, a 33-year veteran of the National Park Service, oversees the management of 228 acres and a staff of approximately 32. America's most tragic conflict was ignited at Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861, when a chain reaction of social, economic and political events exploded into civil war.</p> <p><b>Fort Sumter National Monument</b> is located in Charleston Harbor, South Carolina, accessible only by boat. It includes historic Fort Sumter located in Charleston Harbor, the Liberty Square Visitor Education Center in Charleston at 340 Concord Street, and Fort Moultrie, located on Sullivan's Island. You may either use the park concession ferry or your private boat to reach Fort Sumter. All other sites are accessible via automobile. The concession tour boats leave from the Fort Sumter Visitor Education Center in downtown Charleston and Patriots Point in Mount Pleasant.</p> <p>The first major engagement of the Civil War took place here on April 12, 1861. The park also embraces Fort Moultrie, scene of the patriot victory of June 28, 1776 – one of the early defeats of the British in the Revolutionary War.</p> <p>The Fort Sumter Visitor Education Center is located in Liberty Square, a quiet, park-like setting at the eastern end of Calhoun Street on the Cooper River and adjacent to the South Carolina Aquarium. National Park Service rangers will answer questions and help you achieve a better understanding of the causes of the Civil War and what happened at Fort Sumter.</p> <p><b>For more information, visit <a href="http://www.nps.gov/fosu">www.nps.gov/fosu</a></b></p>		