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SEARCHING FOR BLACK CONFEDERATES: THE CIVIL WAR'S MOST PERSISTENT MYTH

More than 150 years after the end of the Civil War, scores of websites articles, and commemorative organizations repeat claims that between 500 and 100,000 free and enslaved African Americans fought willingly as soldiers in the Confederate army. Such claims would have shocked anyone who served in the army during the war itself. In this talk, Kevin M. Levin will explore the origins of this myth and discuss its persistence and impact on public discourse today.

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