

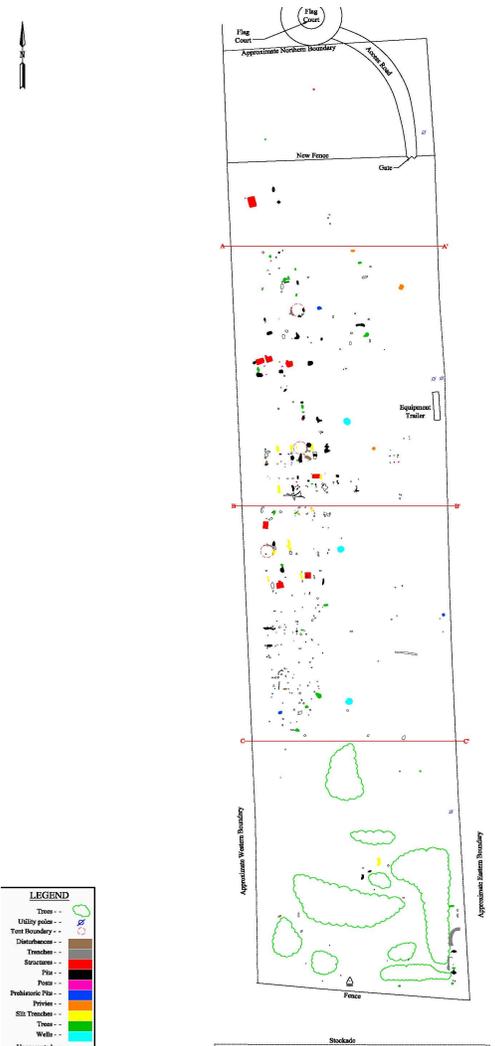
# Florence National Cemetery Expansion

## Florence, Florence County, South Carolina

### Review and Compliance Program



A force of 1,600 men was assembled from among State Reserve troops and regular units to guard the prisoners at the Stockade. The portion of the guard camp investigated (outlined in red above and shown on feature map right) was probably used by State Reserve troops from South Carolina. These troops included boys age 17-18 and men age 45-50 who were too young or too old to serve in the regular army.



*As Comfortable Camps as Circumstances Allow*

Archaeological Investigations of a Confederate Camp at the Florence Stockade Florence, South Carolina

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The proposed expansion of the Florence National Cemetery required that the Department of Veterans Affairs take into account the effect of its action on historic properties. The Cemetery originated during the last months of the Civil War as a place of burial for Union soldiers who died in the prisoner of war camp at Florence. This camp, commonly known as the Stockade, and the original part of the Cemetery, which contains the Union dead, are collectively known as archaeological site 38FL2 and are listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The Cemetery expansion tract included numerous features thought to be support facilities for the Stockade and were found to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion D, but effects to them by the Cemetery expansion could not be avoided. Mitigation of the adverse effect consisted of documentary research and archaeological fieldwork to collect data with which to generate important information about the Stockade complex and prisoner of war camps, as well as preparation of public education materials. The numerous features were likely part of the camp of Confederate soldiers assigned to guard the stockade. Public education materials consisted of signage, a web-based brochure, an artifact exhibit, a public presentation that includes slides, and a web-based Teaching with Historic Places lesson module.

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