

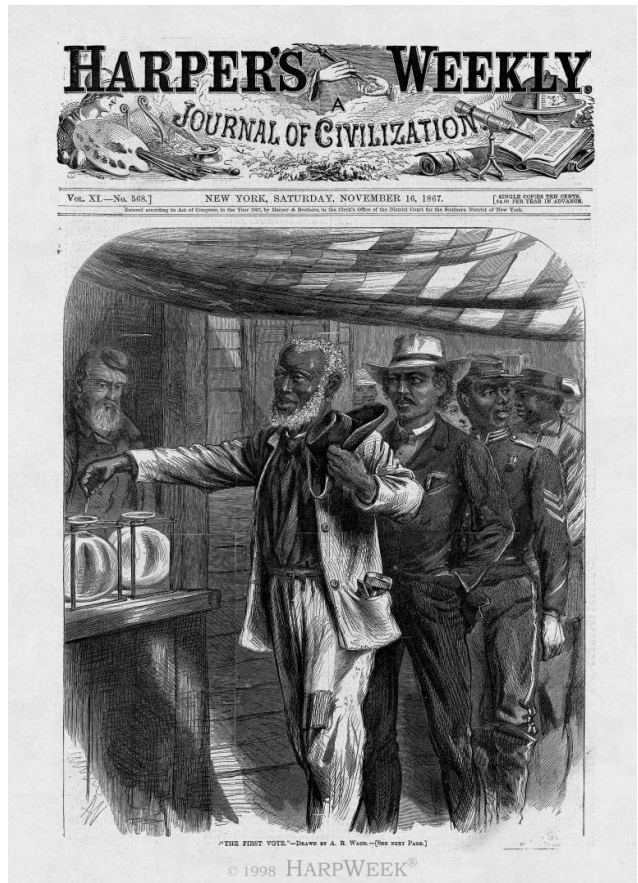


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Special AACWMFF_Historical Voting Rights_Civil War Sesquicentennial Lecture
 by *Asa Gordon*
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The USCT Legacy of National Redemption and Democracy

(How Black Civil War Veterans Reconstructed the Union and Established Democracy in America)



In the aftermath of America's Civil War it was accepted that the union had been saved, but "The reinauguration of the national authority-reconstruction" (*A. Lincoln*) and the establishment of full participatory democracy was still very much in doubt. This lecture will expose ignored historical facts, and reveal the hidden Civil Rights legacy of how Black Civil War veterans reconstituted the nation in alignment with the DECLARATION and established the foundation of citizens' voting rights in the United States of America.



How the facts of American history have in the last half century been falsified because the nation was ashamed. The South was ashamed because it fought to perpetuate human slavery. The North was ashamed because it had to call in the black men to save the Union, abolish slavery and establish democracy.-W.E.B. Du Bois, *Black Reconstruction in America*, (1935).