

# BLACK, COPPER, & BRIGHT

## The Documentary

"I've recently had the pleasure of using Dr. Gibbs's book "Black, Copper & Bright" for my own research; it is critical to our understanding of the history of the Civil War, and the history of the country, to remember and celebrate the contribution of these union soldiers.

**Best,  
Paula Vogel**

"This documentary is based on Dr. C.R. Gibbs' book, an excellent scholarly resource. It's crucial to make our community aware of African Americans (and other diverse groups) as active participants in significant events of American history like the Civil War. We need to recognize and learn from the courage of individuals who time and history often neglect, whose sacrifices have impacted our lives today".

**Michelle T. Hall, Literary Manager & Dramaturg  
Arena Stage**

Brother Dexter:

So good to see you again recently at Wilson's Wharf...in uniform no less. (smile)  
Unfortunately, I could not get there until Sunday and when I did, you were quite busy as expected, doing your thing. And, since I did not want to disturb your flow & groove, I didn't really get much of a chance to speak to you at the time. But nonetheless, I merely wanted to let you know how proud all of us truly are that you were there and capturing it all on film. As a veteran of the movie "GLORY" and other related activities over some 17 most enjoyable years of reenacting, I can honestly tell you that it is indeed a rewarding experience to now finally see and work with a Brother, and especially one like you with the enthusiasm, energy and expertise so necessary for successful filming. So, hats off to you My Brother for your superb efforts and on behalf of many, I can hardly wait to see the final product. As always, don't hesitate to contact me if the need arises.

**Your humble and obedient servant,  
Pvt. Mel Reid  
54TH MASS. VOL. INF. Co. B**

Dexter,

I can only say what a great pleasure it was to meet you during the weekend at Fort Pocahontas!!! It was a distinct honor & privilege for me to be assigned to work with the USCT company on Sunday ... & I was very impressed with the progress made in just 2 days by the numerous "fresh fish" (New soldiers) within their ranks!! Needless to say, if there is anything that I can do to assist you any further with the project, please do not hesitate to contact me!!! Thank you for your work on this IMPOR-TANT project!!!!

**Take Care,  
Timothy G. Gredrikson  
38th. USCT, Company D**

Dear Dexter,

Many thanks again for sending me the wonderful pictures and noteworthy comments about the forthcoming documentary!!! I feel so blessed and honored to have participated in such a worthy endeavor.

**Take care,  
Valerina.Cannady  
Former President of the Capital Hill Civil War Roundtable**

The photos you sent are marvelous but I knew they would be. I know one thing from now on, when Dexter is shooting you had better be ready for your close-up. It was a pleasure meeting and working with you and I look forward to my trip back in June. Until then, let's keep in touch and let me know if there is anything I can help you with in the future.

**Michael E. Crutcher, Sr.  
12th. USCTHA and  
Frederick Douglass, Reenactor**

**Dexter**

I hope you had a good experience at "Pokey" as we call it. You are doing a good thing to bring what the CT's did during the war to light. Maybe it will bring out more people to participate in a forgotten noble heritage.

**John C. Jobe  
1st Sgt. of the 7th New York Cavalry Co. A, 18th Corps.**

**Hi Dexter,**

Great work! Impressive. Will you now develop it into an hour long documentary ready for viewing on cable PBS?

**Keep up the good work.  
Carroll Stanley, CPA**