

Haunted

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Hunter Observation Group in neighboring Cheyenne.

Before becoming Warren's security force headquarters, Building 34 served as the base hospital, widely considered one of the most haunted spots on the installation.

A phantom nurse is often seen making her rounds through the building. According to base legend, she's one of six nurses killed by a murderous mental patient who escaped from the hospital.

6. The Alamo, San Antonio

"Remember the Alamo" became the legendary battle cry for the fledgling Republic of Texas — and even in the afterlife, it appears many cannot forget that battle.

Indeed, the Alamo, site of James Bowie and Davy Crockett's last stand, where nearly 200 defenders were slaughtered by the Mexican army after a 13-day siege, is considered second only to Gettysburg among military history's most haunted sites, says ghost hunter Goodwin.

"It has all this huge emotion and history, and a lot of that is still bottled up there," Goodwin says.

Ghost stories began emerging within weeks of the battle. First there were the six ghostly monks who suddenly materialized to protect the fort's chapel when Mexican troops were ordered to tear it down.

Then there's the story of buried treasure under the Alamo and the ghosts who guard it.

Goodwin has documented recurring stories of a phantom sentry who frantically patrols the top of the Alamo. Some think he's trying to escape the coming massacre.

Meanwhile, many witnesses have reported seeing freakish forms emanating from the walls of the Alamo itself, sometimes with the sound of fighting and screams.

A ghostly little boy — only visible from the waist up or peering down from a high window — is another common sighting.



7. Fort Monroe, Va.

Before becoming a celebrated author of murder and the macabre, Edgar Allan Poe served as an artilleryman at Fort Monroe, a coastal defense outpost protecting Norfolk. It's said that he wrote "The Cask of Amontillado," his bone-chilling tale of murderous masonry, while stationed there.

Now he's just one of a slew of celebrity ghosts believed to roam the stronghold's ramparts, says Goodwin, the Army Reserve major and military ghost expert.



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Quarters No. 1, Fort Monroe, Va.

Both Abraham Lincoln and his Confederate counterpart Jefferson Davis, who was imprisoned at Fort Monroe after Lincoln's assassination, are among them, as well as Ulysses S. Grant and Chief Black Hawk.

"Lincoln is one of those ghosts that seems to be everywhere," Goodwin says. "I don't know how one ghost can get around so much. He must get frequent flier miles or something."

At Old Quarters No. 1, Lincoln's favorite haunt at Fort Monroe, paranormal investigators also have recorded the disembodied voice of a little girl calling for her cat named Greta in the same area where office workers report seeing snatches of a phantom gray cat.

Matthews Lane, which runs along the stronghold's southwestern walls, is better known as Ghost Alley and is said to be haunted by the wife of Civil War Army Capt. Wilhelm Kirtz.

She fell in love with another soldier, and Kirtz killed her when he caught them in bed together. Now she roams the alley in search of her lost love.

8. Vancouver Barracks, Wash.

Archaeologist and retired Army Reserve historian Maj. Jeff Davis grew up around the Army's Vancouver Barracks when his dad was a soldier.

With the original fort there dating to the early 1800s, the Army maintained a small presence there until last year.

Davis, author of "A Haunted Tour Guide to the Pacific Northwest" and several other paranormal books on the area, says the barracks is one of the most haunted military installations in the region.

Building 674 in particular is the source of many stories.

"There are dark spirits that may have come from the time when this building was the post hospital," he writes on his website Ghosts and Critters. "There have been several different manifestations. Mike Lakey, a civilian employee, talked of the frustrations he and others had in keeping the front door locked. Several times he would lock the building at night. In the morning he would find the door unlocked. He put tape on the door to see if anyone had opened it during the night and broke the tape. Each time, the door was unlocked and the tape was unbroken. The person who unlocked the door did not go inside, and nobody left."

Mysterious figures have been seen moving through another building known as the Howard House, once the base commander's residence and now a visitor's center. Security devices have picked up strange movements in the 134-year-old house, as well.

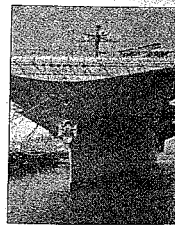
"There have been several evening incidents when the alarm

detected someone at one of the second-story windows in the front of the building to Davis. "The room was monitored as they went into the hallway and room overlooking the parking lot. The intruder remained there for several minutes and then walked back to the first room and then left again."

9. USS Hornet, Alameda

Described by some as the most haunted ship in the world, the World War II-era aircraft carrier is rife with ghost sightings.

From suicides to fire deaths, some 300 sailors are believed to live aboard the warship 27 years of service. A sailor is said to linger.



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turning on and off at night, the spirit-world repository.

The ship is now a San Francisco-area museum, and visitors are encouraged to judge for themselves. The museum offers regular spooky, guided tours and special night sleep-aways for groups who want to visit "our well known" paranormal hot-spots," according to the USS Hornet's website.

Based on volunteer reports, paranormal visitor reports, paran-