



Split Decision

The Civil War created a nation divided. Brothers fought brothers and friends fought friends.

What would you do if you stumbled across an enemy soldier only to discover he was a childhood friend fighting for the opposing side?

Would he remain your friend... or become your enemy?

On the eve of the Battle of the Crater in July of 1864, two soldiers - one black, the other white- find themselves on opposing sides as pickets in the trenches outside Petersburg, Virginia.



Mortal combat between the black union infantryman and his white confederate opponent is averted only with the startling realization that they know each other and share a common heart-wrenching past. How could either man know prior to the war that they were destined to meet again on the field of battle?

The ensuing conversation between the Union soldier of General Ferrero's 9th Corps (United States Colored Troops) and his Confederate opponent from General Mahone's Confederate brigade tears at the emotions and tests the resolve of both men to perform their duty as soldiers while dealing with the issues of their past. Little do they know that the next day, July 30, 1864, will compound their tragedy and go down in history as one of the epic battles of the Civil War.

You are invited to experience the moment of their "split decision" and decide for yourself if it was the right one. This story is based on true historical accounts as told by two award-winning living history interpreters and historic scholars, Lamar Banister and Jerome Bridges.



Award-winning historians Lamar Banister and Jerome Bridges portray Confederate and Union Soldiers on a chance meeting on the eve of the