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A statue of Nathaniel Greene at Guilford Courthouse National Military Park. Greene's army of Continental soldiers and militia lost the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, but did such damage to the British army that British General Lord Cornwallis was forced to retreat to the coast. Greene's army escaped relatively unscathed, and moved south to liberate South Carolina from the grip of the British. Within six months, Cornwallis would be forced to surrender his army at the Battle of Yorktown.

Inscribed on the monument is this statement on the significance of the battle by C. Alphonso Smith:

In the maneuvering that preceded it, in the strategy that compelled it, in the heroism that signalized it, and in the results that flowed from it, the Battle of Guilford Court House is second to no battle fought on American soil. Over the brave men who fell here their comrades marched to ultimate victory at Yorktown, and the cause of constitutional self-government to assured triumph at Philadelphia. To officer and private, to Continental soldier and volunteer militiaman, honor and award are alike due. They need neither defense nor eulogy but only just recognition.



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