This Day In History April 12th 1861: Firing on Fort Sumter On this day in American history, the Battle of Fort Sumter (April 12–14, 1861) was the bombardment and attack that initiated the American Civil War. On April 12, 1861, Confederate forces under General P.G.T. Beauregard began the bombardment of Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor, South Carolina, marking the official start of the Civil War. Fort Sumter, located near the mouth of the harbor, was a key Confederate stronghold.

The next day, April 13, President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation calling for 75,000 volunteers to suppress the rebellion. This event is often considered the beginning of the Civil War.

The war, fought primarily between the Northern Unionist states and the Southern Confederacy, lasted from 1861 to 1865. It was one of the bloodiest wars in American history, resulting in the deaths of hundreds of thousands of soldiers and civilians. The conflict was primarily fought to decide the fate of slavery in the United States, with the Southern states seceding from the Union to form the Confederate States of America.

After the Confederate attack on Fort Sumter, the United States government declared war on the Confederacy on April 12, 1861, setting the stage for the Civil War that would last four years. The war resulted in the abolition of slavery, the preservation of the United States, and significant changes to American society and government.
At 4:30 a.m. on April 12, 1861, Confederate artillery batteries surrounding On this, the 150th anniversary of the start of the most calamitous war in American history, War ever since one of my professors mentioned that the school's senior class course of the war, something it mentions with tremendous pride to this day.