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Vice & Virtue: The National Civil War Museum Announces New Exhibit for 2016

“Tell Mother I’ve Been Good: Vice & Virtue in the Civil War”

Exhibit runs January 21, 2016 through December 31, 2016
at The National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, PA.



MEDIA: Contact Kate McDermott, Assistant Director of Sales & Marketing at The National Civil War Museum for more information on this announcement or to request images/logos at 717-260-1861 ext 1211 or kmcdermott@nationalcivilwarmuseum.org. Visit the NCWM website at www.NationalCivilWarMuseum.org.

Harrisburg, PA (January 13, 2016) – The National Civil War Museum ([NCWM](http://www.NationalCivilWarMuseum.org)) in Pennsylvania’s Hershey Harrisburg Region ([HHR](http://www.HersheyHarrisburg.org)) kicked off 2016 with a new special exhibit that illustrates the moral challenges faced by thousands of men and women on both sides of the American Civil War.

“Tell Mother I’ve Been Good: Vice & Virtue in the Civil War” is the latest in the museum’s ongoing series of programming to illustrate a topical theme through personal stories, images and artifacts from this time period in American history.

This exhibit explores the experiences of those soldiers who left home for the first time in their lives and how they were determined to uphold the virtuous principals of faith, hard work and morality practiced by their families for generations. Other men in the ranks however had no such principals and were determined to seek their own path. The vices of drinking, gambling and fraternization were but a few of the moral transgressions that tempted both men and women during the Civil War period.

“Whether tempted by vice or touched by virtue, all of those who lived through the Civil War were changed by it,” said Wayne Motts, CEO at the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg.

“Tell Mother I’ve Been Good: Vice & Virtue in the Civil War” exhibit will open to the public on January 21, 2016 and will be on display December 31, 2016.

For a complete listing of other events at the Museum, please visit the Museum website: www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org or call 717-260-1861.

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About The National Civil War Museum

Opened in February 2001, The National Civil War Museum, a member of the Smithsonian Institution Affiliations Program, is a non-profit private educational institution dedicated solely to the American Civil War. It is one of the largest museums in the world which interprets the entire American Civil War from a military and civilian perspective. The Museum preserves and exhibits some of the nation’s treasures, including General Robert E. Lee’s personal Bible, and more than 24,000 artifacts, documents and photos. Admission to the Museum is \$11.00 for adults, \$10.00 for seniors, and \$9.00 for students with reduced rates for children and families. The Museum offers complimentary ample parking. For more information, please call 717-260-1861, or visit the Museum’s website at www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org. One Lincoln Circle @ Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, PA 17103

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