

**National Civil War Museum Advisory Council Member**

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<p><b>Sharon A. Smith, President/CEO</b></p> <p>On October 20, 2007, <b>Sharon A. Smith</b>, former CEO of the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Pennsylvania, was named President and Chief Executive of the Civil War and Underground Railroad Museum of Philadelphia. E. Harris Baum, chairman of the museum’s board, cited Smith’s work in establishing partnerships with business, government and community organizations, and her experience in building coalitions as prime reasons for her selection.</p> <p><b>The Civil War Museum of Philadelphia</b> (formerly the Civil War and Underground Railroad Museum) was founded in 1888 by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, whose members were veteran officers of the Union Army, Navy and Marine Corps. It is the oldest chartered Civil War museum in the United States.</p> <p>The museum plans to relocate to the First Bank of the United States building, at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Chestnut near Independence Hall, in 2010. The location since 1922, at 1805 Pine Street in Philadelphia, was closed on August 2, 2008, and the collection was put into storage until the new museum opens in its new location.</p> <p>The collection’s over 3000 artifacts includes extensive material on Major General George G. Meade, including two large portraits, his desk, silverware and other personal effects, two of his topographical swords, and the flag that flew over his headquarters at Gettysburg. The mounted head of “Old Baldy”, his much loved war horse during most of the War, is a favorite part of the Meade exhibit.</p> <p>The museum includes personal items from other generals including Ulysses S. Grant, John F. Reynolds, and George B. McClellan, as well as Admirals Melville and Skelton. The saddle that Reynolds was sitting on when shot dead at Gettysburg, along with his sash and belt; a sword presented to Grant by his men after the victory at the battle of Vicksburg; and McClellan’s campaign chest are a few of those items. The museum’s collection also includes items pertaining to Abraham Lincoln, including a set of the original Volk plaster casts of his hands and face, a lock of hair, and a fragment of the flag he raised at Independence Hall in 1861, along with an extensive collection of paintings, lithographs, prints, and photographs.</p> <p>The collection is distinguished by the stories it can tell of the individual lives of hundreds of Union soldiers whose uniforms, weapons, diaries, scrapbooks, artwork and memorabilia bring these men to life 150 years later. Flag, guidons, and rosters document the units they served in and obituaries and reunion memorabilia enrich the picture of how the War was commemorated in the first 50 years.</p> <p><b>For more information, visit <a href="http://www.cwurmuseum.org">www.cwurmuseum.org</a></b></p>	<p><b>Civil War &amp; Underground Railroad Museum</b></p>	<p><b>Philadelphia, PA</b></p>