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“Guns of 1864” ushers in the 150th Spring Civil War Lecture Series at The National Civil War Museum

(Harrisburg, PA) – [The National Civil War Museum](http://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org) will host “Guns of 1864,” presented by author and firearms expert, Joseph G. Bilby on March 29, 2014, 1:00pm-2:00pm. The first of our 150th Spring Civil War Lecture Series will explore the evolution of weaponry during the Civil War from 1863-1864 and address the standard weapons of the era, along with new innovations including repeating firearms such as the Spencer and Henry rifles.

Joseph G. Bilby was born in Newark, New Jersey, received his BA and MA degrees in history from Seton Hall University and served as a lieutenant in the First Infantry Division in Vietnam in 1966-1967 and in the Army Reserve as assistant economics officer in the 303rd Civil Affairs Company from 1968-1970. He is currently part time Assistant Curator of the New Jersey National Guard and Militia Museum in Sea Girt, New Jersey and a free lance writer and historical consultant. Freedom to All, his new book on the Civil War and other military experiences of New Jersey's African-American soldiers, was published by Longstreet House in 2011, as was New Jersey's Civil War Odyssey, which he edited for the Sesquicentennial Committee. He recently worked with the firearms curator of the Dutch National Military Museum on the English translation of a book on the museum's collection of historic arms.

This lecture is included on the cost of admission and is *Free* to members.

For a complete schedule of activities, please visit www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org.

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 the largest Civil War museum that addresses the war from both the Northern and Southern perspective, and from both a military and civilian perspective. The Museum protects 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 \$10.00 for adults, \$9.00 for seniors, and \$8.00 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. **Connect with us!** [Facebook.com/TheNationalCivilWarMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/TheNationalCivilWarMuseum); [Twitter.com/NCWM](https://twitter.com/NCWM); and [FourSquare.com/NationalCivilWarMuseum](https://www.foursquare.com/NationalCivilWarMuseum)*

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