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"Ought it not to be a Merry Christmas?" Victorian Presentation at the National Civil War Museum

(Harrisburg, PA) – [The National Civil War Museum](http://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org) will offer a Holiday program featuring Myra Reichart on Thursday, December 29, 2016 at 1:00pm - 2:00pm in our education gallery, first floor. This program will focus on how Americans - both northern and southern - celebrated Christmas during the Civil War. Many of the customs and observances, some of which we cherish to this day, grew to be widely accepted during this terrible time of national struggle. But more than anything, we ought to remember the privations and heartaches of the soldiers far from home and their loved ones left behind. Drawn from the letters and journals of soldiers and civilians, this program transports you to a 19th century Christmas filled with the conflicting emotions of a country torn by Civil War - and resonates for our society today.

This special program is included in the cost of regular Museum admission and is Free to Museum members.

For a complete listing of other events at the Museum, please visit the Museum website: www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org or call 717.260.1861.

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 \$12.00 for adults, \$11.00 for seniors, and \$10.00 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!

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