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**“Closing Down the Kingdom: The
Wilmington Campaign 1864-1865” at the
NCWM**

(Harrisburg, PA) – [The National Civil War Museum](http://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org) will host Dr. Chris E. Fonvielle, Jr. as the second speaker in our 150th Civil War Spring Lecture Series on Saturday, April 11, 2015, 1:00pm-2:00pm in our Education Gallery. Dr. Fonvielle will present “Closing Down the Kingdom: The Wilmington Campaign 1864-1865,” followed by a question and answer period. The Civil War spring lecture series is included in the cost of admission and Free to members of the Museum.

About the Speaker: Dr. Chris E. Fonvielle, Jr. is a native of Wilmington, North Carolina, with a lifelong interest in American Civil War, North Carolina, Lower Cape Fear and Southern history. He has published two books on North Carolina's coastal war, *The Wilmington Campaign: Last Rays of Departing Hope* (Savas Publishing, 1997) and *Fort Anderson: Battle for Wilmington* (Savas Publishing, 1999). Fonvielle also co-authored a third book, *The Best Ever Occupied: Archaeological Investigations of a Civil War Encampment, Folly Island, South Carolina* (South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology, 1989), that dealt with African American soldiers' wartime experiences. Dr. Fonvielle returned to his undergraduate alma mater at UNC-Wilmington in 1996, where he now teaches courses on the Civil War, Wilmington and the Lower Cape Fear, the Old South and Antebellum America. He also teaches extended education courses on the history of the Lower Cape Fear through the university.

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. **Connect with us!**

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