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See the Kennedy Family Connection to the Civil War Union Pension System at the NCWM

(Harrisburg, PA) – [The National Civil War Museum](http://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org) will examine the Union Pension System During and After the American Civil War, presented by Museum CEO Wayne E. Motts. The Spring Civil War Lecture Series will continue on April 16, 2016, 1:00pm-2:00pm at The National Civil War Museum.

In 1865 during Lincoln's Second Inaugural speech, the President said "...to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan." With over 300,000 dead and hundreds of thousands of soldiers, wounded, former prisoners, or ill from exposure during the previous four years, the nation embarked on Lincoln's promise to care for all those who in his words had "...borne the battle..." The pension system of the United States consumed a large part of the entire federal budget by the turn of the century. Learn about this important Federal initiative and how it developed over the years, as well as the connection to one of America's most famous families ~The Kennedy's.

The 2016 Spring Civil War Lecture Series will continue through the month of April with additional lectures scheduled on April 23, and 30, 2016.

For more information and 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 \$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!** [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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