



THE NATIONAL CIVIL WAR MUSEUM SECURES A TRAVELING EXHIBITION OF "THE LIFE AND TIMES OF CONGRESSMAN ROBERT SMALLS"

(Harrisburg, PA) –The National Civil War Museum ([NCWM](http://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org)) has announced that they have secured a traveling exhibition from the Robert Smalls Collection, "The Life and Times of Congressman Robert Smalls." This multifaceted traveling exhibition which includes visual displays, three-dimensional artifacts, pictures and other memorabilia of Robert Smalls, his life and his family will be on display beginning June 19, 2015 through June, 2016. The traveling exhibition featuring the life and times of Congressman Robert Smalls includes:

- Furniture from the "big house" where Smalls and his mother were enslaved
- Scaled replicas of the CSS Planter and the USS Keokuk, the two ships that Robert Smalls piloted during the Civil war
- A replica of the musket owned by Robert Smalls,
- 60 letters written by Robert Smalls to Booker T. Washington, Frederick Douglas, Carter G. Woodson, President Garfield and other dignitaries of his time
- Photographs of his house in Beaufort, SC, his immediate family and descendants through the generations
- Copies of the legislation that created the first public schools in South Carolina, the South Carolina Public Accommodations Act and the US legislation that created Parris Island Marine Base, all submitted by Robert Smalls during his public life in the South Carolina Legislature and The US Congress

The exhibit will open on Friday, June 19, 2015 with a wine & cheese reception, 5:30-7:30pm. The Museum will offer the exhibit *Free* to the public on Saturday, June 20, 2015 10:00am-4:00pm. For more information and a complete listing of our 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)