



## *Local Civil War Soldier is Immortalized with a New Figure at the NCWM*

(Harrisburg, PA) – [The National Civil War Museum](http://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org) is proud to showcase the accomplishments of the US Colored troops during their service in the American Civil War with the addition of a life size figure of Ephraim Slaughter in the NCWM galleries. This figure was sculpted from photographs and represents Ephraim Slaughter, a soldier during the Civil War and later a member of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.).

Museum CEO Wayne E. Motts says “The museum is pleased to incorporate the figure of Ephraim Slaughter into the museum’s educational offerings. This figure, with its unique story of this local soldier, and by extension all the United States Colored Troops (USCT) during the war is compelling and makes an excellent teaching tool for our youth and visitors. We are proud to honor Slaughter for his contributions to our country.”

The NCWM will hold a public unveiling of the Ephraim Slaughter figure on May 27, 2015 9:00am-9:30am in the Museum Rotunda, first floor.

*Ephraim Slaughter was born into slavery in 1846 in Hertford County, North Carolina. In 1863, Slaughter escaped slavery and in January of 1864 enlisted for three years in the Union Army under the name Ephraim Newsome. He was assigned to Company B of the 3rd North Carolina Colored Infantry which became the 37th USCT (United States Colored Troops), where he finished his service. He worked in North Carolina before moving to Harrisburg, PA on March 19, 1869. He remained a Harrisburg resident for the rest of his life, married his first wife Carrie in 1880 and after her death married Georgiana Williams Mitchell in 1935. He was an active member of the African American Grand Army of the Republic and the A.M.E Zion Church on North Sixth St. He died on February 17, 1943 at the age of 95, and was buried with military honors in Lincoln Cemetery, Penbrook, Pennsylvania. The Harrisburg American Legion Post 733 has since been named in his honor.*

For a complete listing of other events at the Museum, please visit the Museum website:

[www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org](http://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](http://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org). **Connect with***

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