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***The National Civil War Museum announces a  
New Initiative for 2017  
“Lessons in History Civil War Speaking Program”***

(Harrisburg, PA) – [The National Civil War Museum](http://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org) announces Historian James Hessler will be the first speaker for the NCWM’s new 2017 initiative “Lessons in History Civil War Lecture Series.” Join James Hessler as he presents “Major Marcus Reno: From Harrisburg to Little Bighorn” Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:00pm-2:00pm in the Education Gallery, first floor.

Marcus Reno is best remembered for his controversial role as the senior subordinate officer under George Armstrong Custer at the 1876 battle of Little Bighorn. Although Reno survived that battle with most of his command, he was forever dogged by rumors of drunkenness, cowardice, and failure to support Custer. Reno was later cashiered on charges of being a peeping tom. Lesser known is the fact that Reno had family ties to the Harrisburg area and the National Civil War Museum holds several personal artifacts. Please attend this presentation on Reno's controversial life and view his belongings.

Entrance to this lecture is included in the purchase of museum admission and is free to NCWM members.



**About the Author:** *James Hessler is a Licensed Battlefield Guide at Gettysburg National Military Park. His published works include co-author of "Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg" (2015) with National Civil War Museum CEO Wayne Motts. A lifelong Little Bighorn enthusiast, he is a member of the Little Bighorn Associates and Custer Battlefield Historical Memorial Association.*

**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 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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