

MEDIA ALERT

Who: THE NATIONAL CIVIL WAR MUSEUM

What: Exhibit Opening Reception for Our Newest Exhibit
“Reconstruction: The Unfinished War”

When: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 @ 5:30pm

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There will be an exhibit opening reception on January 18, 2017 5:30-7:30 with refreshments and a presentation by historian Dr. William Blair, who will present *The Violent Side of Reconstruction*. The cost of the reception is \$10.00pp and Free to Museum members. For those members of the press that cannot attend, the NCWM is offering private tours of the new exhibit, by appointment.

The exhibit *Reconstruction: The Unfinished War* will discuss the unfinished issue of equality among the races in the reunited states. The fighting came to an end in the spring of 1865, but the bitterness remained, leaving many in the southern states unable to accept that the Confederacy was gone. Former slaves were now able to hold political office and demand equality under the law as citizens of the United States. The reconstruction of a fractured nation would be a long and difficult road to travel, a journey that continues to this day. The exhibit will be open to the public January 19, 2017 – December 31, 2017.

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 the largest Civil War museum that addresses the war from both the Northern and Southern perspective, and from both a military and civilian perspective. The Museum protects 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 \$12.00 for adults, \$11.00 for seniors, and \$10.00 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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