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*Myra Reichart*

## Ghosts, Ghoulies and Things That Go Bump in the Night at the NCWM

(Harrisburg, PA) – [The National Civil War Museum](http://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org) is adding a new event on Saturday, October 28, 2017 ~ 1-2 PM *Ghosts, Ghoulies and Things That Go Bump in the Night: Spiritualism and Spirit Photography and the Civil War* with Myra Reichart.

With 620,000 dead in the Civil War, it is not surprising that many of those left behind sought solace and understanding in their religious beliefs. Spiritualism, a belief that spirits of the dead have both the ability and the inclination to communicate with the living, reached its peak growth in membership from the 1840s to the 1920s, especially in English speaking countries. By 1897, Spiritualism was said to have more than eight million followers in the United States and Europe, mostly drawn from the middle and upper classes. We'll look at Spiritualism and its companion Spirit Photography which purported to show images of ghosts in photographs of the living. We'll learn about the mediums, their critics and some of the "celebrities" of the day who were true believers.

Entrance to the presentation is included with the purchase of museum admission.

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 \$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](http://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org). Connect with us!*

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