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It's Another FREE Lecture at the NCWM ~ November 2, 2018

(Harrisburg, PA) – [The National Civil War Museum](http://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org) is offering a new opportunity for a Free lecture, followed by a book signing, next week. On Friday, November 2, 2018 ~ 6:00 pm, Professor Peter Carmichael examines "The Fate of a Confederate Deserter after Gettysburg."

On August 20, 1863, thirteen veteran soldiers from the 3rd North Carolina decided that they'd had enough of war. That evening, in the blackness of night, they picked up their rifles, slung on their cartridge belts, and escaped into the woods. From that point on there was no turning back. Join Professor Pete Carmichael of Gettysburg College and learn why these soldiers deserted and what happened to them during their journey. This lecture will focus on the words of John Futch, one of the thirteen deserters. Though he was illiterate, Futch left a remarkable set of letters that he dictated to his comrades. Futch's powerful story puts us in the shoes of a deserter, enabling us to see his world after the devastating defeat in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. This speech is part of Dr. Carmichael's newest book entitled, *The War for The Common Soldier: How Men Thought, Fought and Survived in Civil War Armies*. Dr. Carmichael will be on hand to sign books after his presentation.

Admission to this special program is FREE to the public. Regular museum admission applies for entrance to the museum galleries.

About the Speaker: Dr. Peter S. Carmichael is an American historian at Gettysburg College who serves as Robert C. Fluhler Professor of Civil War Studies and Director of the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College. His research and teaching is focused on the American Civil War, the American South, and public history.

For a complete listing of other 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 \$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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