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## **FOREIGN INVADERS AT GETTYSBURG** **EXPLORED AT THE NCWM**

(Harrisburg, PA) – [The National Civil War Museum](http://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org) explores “Gettysburg Rebels: Five Native Sons Who Came Home To Fight as Confederate Soldiers” with author Tom McMillan on March 24, 2017, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm. This third presentation in the 2018 Lessons in History Speaker Series introduces McMillan’s book, *Gettysburg Rebels*, the gripping true story of five young men who grew up in Gettysburg, moved south to Virginia in the 1850s, joined the Confederate army - and returned "home" as foreign invaders for the great battle in July 1863. Drawing on rarely-seen documents and family histories, as well as military service records, courthouse records, newspaper clippings and contemporary accounts, McMillan delves into the backgrounds of Wesley Culp, Henry Wentz and the little-known Hoffman brothers in a riveting tale of Civil War drama and intrigue. His discovery of a six-page, hand-written “Story of Wesley Culp,” written by Wesley’s niece, sheds new light on the traditional Culp story known by Gettysburg visitors.

The 2018 Lessons in History program is free to the public. Regular museum admission applies for entrance to the museum galleries.



Tom McMillan

*About the speaker: Tom McMillan works in sports but his passion is history – especially Civil War history. He serves on the board of trustees of Pittsburgh’s Heinz History Center, on the board of directors of the Friends of Flight 93, and on the marketing committee of the Gettysburg Foundation. He also volunteers as a tour guide at the Civil War Room at Carnegie Library in Carnegie, Pa. His day job is vice president of communications for the Pittsburgh Penguins of the NHL. McMillan grew up near Pittsburgh and earned a journalism degree from Point Park University. He and his wife, Colleen, are regular visitors to the Gettysburg battlefield.*

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For a complete listing of these and 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).*

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