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SPIES AMONG US: **NEW EXHIBIT FOCUSING ON ESPIONAGE** **DURING THE CIVIL WAR TO OPEN**

(Harrisburg, PA) - The National Civil War Museum will open a fascinating new exhibit on military intelligence during the Civil War on Wednesday, March 24, 2010. Sponsored by Caretti, Inc. and Susquehanna Bank, "Spies Among Us: Espionage in the Civil War" will largely focus on Confederate & Union attempts to formulate a spy network of formally trained individuals and private citizens. The exhibit will also discuss the tools of the trade, the methods in which information was smuggled behind enemy lines, the specific missions undertaken, and the penalties for those who were caught.

The exhibit will concentrate on the spies (also known as scouts) themselves, including soldiers, women and African Americans. "The best and most effective spies of the Civil War were really never known, as a result of poorly kept records and because many spies operated under various assumed names," commented Brett Kelley, Curator of Collections at the Museum.

"Spies Among Us: Espionage in the Civil War" will open to the public on March 24, 2010 and run through September 6, 2010. The National Civil War Museum will host a wine & cheese reception to preview the exhibit on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 from 5:30pm-7:30pm. The reception speaker will be Donald Markle, an alumnus of the Civil War institute at Gettysburg College. Mr. Markle is also the author of *Spies and Spymasters of the Civil War* and a retired Federal employee of 34 years with the Department of Defense in the area of intelligence, predominantly with the National Security Agency (NSA). Admission to the reception is \$10 per person with complimentary admission for Museum members. Reservations can be made by contacting Lynn Smolizer at 717.260.1861 x. 1108 or lsmolizer@nationalcivilwarmuseum.org.

About The National Civil War Museum

Opened in February 2001, The National Civil War Museum is a non-profit 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, worth an estimated \$20 million. The National Civil War Museum was rated 2008 Reader's Choice for Historic Attraction and Museum by Harrisburg Magazine. Admission to the Museum is \$9.00 for adults, \$8.00 for seniors, and \$7.00 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.
