

Historic Information (Continued)

- During the Civil War, many family members traveled long distances to battlefields to retrieve the bodies of their loved ones.
- When the opposing armies departed Gettysburg, approximately 20,000 wounded soldiers from both sides were left behind, with 7,000 dead.
- In the hallway, as the visitors leave the Gettysburg exhibit, the “Tide Turns and Washington Celebrates” Gallery displays seven paintings of events leading to more positive times and celebration.
- One of the paintings depicts President Lincoln delivering a short speech on the evening of April 11, 1865, to a gathering of celebrators on the White House lawn. Among those who gathered on the lawn to listen was John Wilkes Booth.
- Amidst the cheerful attitude of most soldiers and civilians in Washington, President Lincoln states his intentions to reunite the Union by being lenient to the Southern states and proposes allowing some blacks to vote.