To the Reynolds Courtyard and the Lincoln Statue

Upper Lobby

Mezzanine

Southern Ambitions

John L. Nau III Collections Center

Richmonders at War

Greenback America

Exit Only

Tickets & Information

Lobby

Museum Entrance

Robins Theater

A People's Contest

1861

1862

1863

1864

1865

No food, drinks or flash photography in exhibits

Robins Theater Film: A People’s Contest: America’s Civil War & Emancipation

The stakes were high in the Civil War: the fate of the democratic republic and the future of four million people held in slavery. 13-minute film experience.

Exhibit: A People’s Contest: Struggles for Nation & Freedom in Civil War America

At the heart of the Civil War, a diverse set of Americans shaped the tragic course and unexpected outcomes while creating a new nation.

FIRST FLOOR

Exhibits & Robins Theater

SECOND FLOOR

EXHIBIT: Southern Ambitions
How did the Confederacy aspire to be a major player among the world’s most powerful nations? What happened when those nations did not accept them?

EXHIBIT: Greenback America
How did the way in which the United States decided to pay for the Civil War transform the relationship between government, the economy, banks, and citizens?

EXHIBIT: Richmonders at War
When Richmond, VA became the capital of the Confederate States in 1861, capturing the city became the primary objective of United States armies. What happens when wars come home?