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The National Museum of Health and Medicine was established during the Civil War to serve as a center for the collection of specimens for research in military medicine and surgery. Now in its 150th year, the museum includes 25 million artifacts that highlight the impact of war and battlefield medicine. Among the museum’s most famous artifacts is the bullet that killed President Abraham Lincoln. While commemorating its sesquicentennial in 2012, the museum moved from the old Walter Reed Army Medical Center campus to a new modern building in Silver Spring, Maryland, just outside of Washington D.C.