The 20th Annual Lincoln Forum Symposium • 2015 Schedule

“1865: Triumph and Tragedy”

Final Year of a Six-Year Focus on The Civil War Sesquicentennial

The Wyndham Hotel - November 16-18, 2015

Monday, November 16th

1:00 p.m.  Registration begins in the foyer of the Wyndham Hotel
1:00 p.m.  Bookstore and Exhibitors in the Exhibit Rooms of the Wyndham Hotel
5:00 p.m.  Cash bar in Wyndham Presidential Ballroom Foyer
6:00 p.m.  Dinner in the Wyndham Presidential Ballroom
7:15 p.m.  Welcome to the Forum: Frank J. Williams, Chairman
7:20 p.m.  Valley Forge Color Guard
7:30 p.m.  William C. Davis—“Grant and Lee: The Generals Nobody Knows”

Tuesday, November 17th

6:30 a.m.  Breakfast buffet in Wyndham Presidential Ballroom Foyer (until 8:30 a.m.)
8:30 a.m.  Book display and exhibitor sales continue all day in the Exhibit Rooms
9:00 a.m.  Richard Wightman Fox—“Lincoln Visits Richmond”
10:00 a.m.  Elizabeth R. Varon—“Legacies of Appomattox: Lee's Surrender in History and Memory.”
11:00 a.m.  Edna Greene Medford—“Emancipation After Appomattox”
           Noon  Buffet lunch – Wyndham Presidential Buffet Foyer
2:00 p.m.  Michael Vorenberg—“The Last Surrender: Looking for the End of the Civil War”
3:00 p.m.  Panel: “‘A King’s Cure’ in Film and Fact: Lincoln, Spielberg and the 13th Amendment”
           with Edna Greene Medford, Richard Wightman Fox, Michael Vorenberg, & Harold Holzer, moderator
4:30 p.m.  All-Author book signing in the Wyndham Forum Registration Foyer
5:30 p.m.  Cash bar outside the Wyndham Presidential Ballroom Foyer
6:30 p.m.  Dinner in the Wyndham Presidential Ballroom
7:30 p.m.  Wendy Allen Award – Presented by Frank J. Williams
7:35 p.m.  George Buss—Selections from Lincoln’s Last Speech, April 11, 1865
7:45 p.m. James L. Swanson—"The Lincoln and Kennedy Assassinations Compared"

Wednesday, November 18th

6:30 a.m. Breakfast buffet – Wyndham Presidential Ballroom foyer (until 8:30 a.m.)
7:30 a.m. Annual Board of Advisors breakfast meeting
8:00 a.m. Bookstores and exhibitors open
9:00 a.m. Frank J. Williams – Annual State of the Forum report and election of officers for 2015-2016
9:15 a.m. Don McCue – Announcement: Winner of 2014 Platt Family Essay Contest
9:30 a.m. James B. Conroy—“Lincoln and the Search for Peace at Hampton Roads”
10:30 a.m. Terry Alford—“John Wilkes Booth: A Biographer’s 25 Years on the Trail.”
11:30 a.m. Panel: “Why was Lincoln Murdered?” with Terry Alford, John McKee Barr, Joan Chaconas, Martha Hodes, Edward Steers, Jr., & Frank J. Williams, moderator
1:00 p.m. Buffet Lunch in the Wyndham Banquet Room
2:00 p.m. Choice: Tour of the George Spangler Farm (11th Corps Field Hospital), Gettysburg Battlefield
Choice: Cooking with the Chief and the Chef (first 40 enrollees-open to all)
Choice: Civil War-era dancing with the Victorian Dance Ensemble (first 20 enrollees)
Choice: Small Breakout Sessions with the Historians
  Harold Holzer & Martha Hodes
  Terry Alford, John Barr, & Edward Steers, Jr.
  Edna Greene Medford & Richard Wightman Fox
  Dan Weinberg & Stuart Schneider
5:30 p.m. Cash bar outside the Wyndham Banquet Room
6:30 p.m. Dinner in the Wyndham Banquet Room
7:30 p.m. James Getty—Lincoln’s Second Inaugural Address
7:35 p.m. Presentation of the Richard Nelson Current Award of Achievement by Harold Holzer
7:45 p.m. Forum Anniversary Reflections: Frank J. Williams and Harold Holzer
8:15 p.m. The U. S. Army Chorus: Music of War, Peace, and Mourning