The 22nd Annual Lincoln Forum Symposium
November 16 – 18, 2017

“LINCOLN AND HIS CONTEMPORARIES:
FRIENDS, ENEMIES, AND SUCCESSORS”

Thursday, 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
4:00 p.m.  First-Timers Reception – Salon F
5:00 p.m.  Cash bar in Wyndham Presidential Ballroom Foyer
6:00 p.m.  Dinner in the Wyndham Presidential Ballroom

Valley Forge Color Guard

7:15 p.m.  Welcome to the Forum – Frank J. Williams, Chairman
7:20 p.m.  Presentation of Scholarship Winners – Thomas Horrocks, Ruth Squillace
7:30 p.m.  James B. Conroy – “Lincoln’s White House: An Open Door to an Empathetic Mind”

Friday, November 17th
6:30 a.m.  Breakfast buffet in Wyndham Presidential Ballroom Foyer (until 8:30 a.m.)
8:30 a.m.  Book display & exhibitor sales continue all day in the Exhibit Rooms
9:00 a.m.  Moderators – Session 1 – John F. Marszalek and Craig L. Symonds
9:00 a.m.  Charles B. Strozier – “Lincoln and his Father”
10:00 a.m. Stephen D. Engle – “The Duty of the Governors to Save the Country’s Cause”
11:00 a.m. Caroline E. Janney – “Going Home: Lee’s Army in the Wake of Surrender”
Noon  Buffet lunch – Wyndham Presidential Ballroom Foyer
2:00 p.m.  Moderator – Session 2 – Harold Holzer
2:00 p.m.  Jonathan W. White – “Dreams of War and Peace: The Remarkable Night Life of Civil War Americans”
3:00 p.m.  Panel – “Lincoln’s Friends” – Stephen D. Engle, Guy C. Fraker, Edna Greene Medford, Charles B. Strozier, and Harold Holzer, Moderator
4:30 p.m.  All-Author book signing in the Wyndham Forum Registration Foyer
5:30 p.m.  Cash bar in the Wyndham Presidential Ballroom Foyer
6:30 p.m.  Dinner in the Wyndham Presidential Ballroom
7:30 p.m.  Presentation of the Wendy Allen Award for Institutional Excellence by Frank J. Williams
7:35 p.m.  Words from Lincoln – George Buss – “Lincoln’s Letter to Grant, 1863”
7:40 p.m.  Walter Stahr – “Stanton and Lincoln: A Second Look”
8:40 p.m.  Musical Performance by The United States Army Chorus
Saturday, 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
9:15 a.m.  Don McCue – Announcement – Winner of 2017 Platt Family Essay Contest
9:30 a.m.  Moderator – Session 3 – Edna Greene Medford
9:30 a.m.  Melanie Kirkpatrick – “Lincoln and Thanksgiving”
10:30 a.m.  Annette Gordon-Reed – “Andrew Johnson: The Presidency of Lost Opportunities”
11:30 a.m.  Panel – “Lincoln’s Enemies” – Catherine Clinton, Stephen D. Engle, Walter Stahr, Jonathan W. White, and Frank J. Williams, Moderator
1:00 p.m.  Buffet Lunch in the Wyndham Presidential Ballroom Foyer

2:00 p.m.  Afternoon Breakout Sessions:
- Cooking with the Chief and the Chef – Frank J. Williams and Andrew Ernst
- Back by Popular Demand – Craig L. Symonds and John F. Marszalek
- The “old” and the “new” – Harold Holzer and Jonathan W. White
- “President Lincoln Speaks at Ford’s Theatre” – Mel Maurer
- “Grant’s Doodles and Lincoln in Color: The Civil War Online at the Library of Congress” – Michelle Krowl

5:00 p.m.  Cash bar in the Wyndham Banquet Room
6:00 p.m.  Dinner in the Wyndham Banquet Room
7:15 p.m.  Words from Lincoln – George Buss: “Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address”
7:30 p.m.  Presentation of the Richard Nelson Current Award of Achievement – Harold Holzer
7:40 p.m.  Ron Chernow – “Ulysses S. Grant: Worthy Successor to Abraham Lincoln”