

# LECTURE Series

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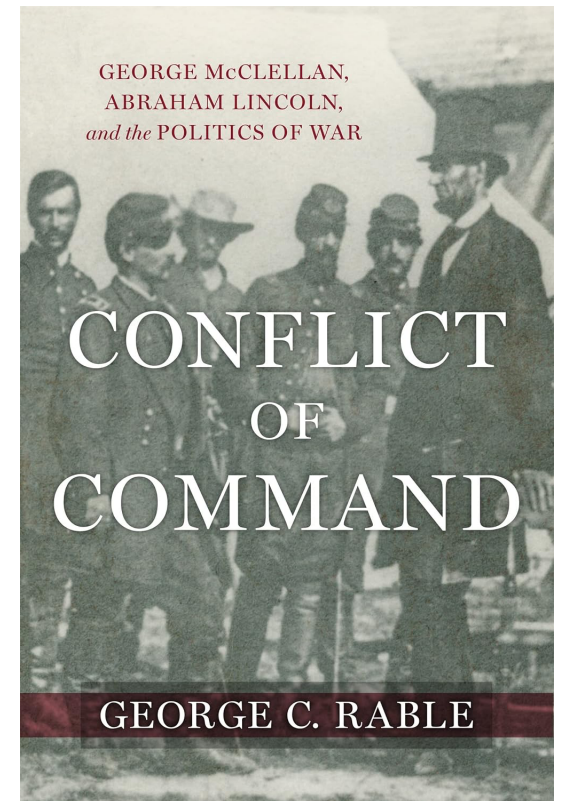
## With GEORGE C. RABLE

### CONFLICT OF COMMAND:

George McCellan, Abraham Lincoln  
& the Politics of War

The fraught relationship between Abraham Lincoln and George McClellan is well known. Rable rethinks the common narrative, providing a new understanding of the interaction between the president and his leading wartime general by reinterpreting the political aspects of their partnership.

Rable pays considerable attention to Lincoln's cabinet, Congress, and newspaper editorials, revealing the role each played in shaping the dealings between the two men. While he surveys McClellan's military campaigns as commander of the Army of the Potomac, Rable focuses on the political fallout of the fighting rather than the tactical details. This broadly conceived approach highlights the army officers and enlisted men who emerged as citizen-soldiers and political actors.



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