

## **HISTORIAN McPHERSON TO INAUGURATE PULLIAM LECTURE SERIES**

The Delano Auditorium at the Maine Maritime Academy will be the site of the first Deborah Pulliam Memorial Lecture at 7:30 on Monday, August 10. Sponsored by the Castine Historical Society, the lecture honors the memory of Ms. Pulliam, a longtime Castine resident and public benefactor, who died in 2007.

The speaker will be Dr. James M. McPherson, Pulitzer-Prize-winning historian.

Dr. McPherson, George Henry Davis Professor Emeritus at Princeton University, is the author of several books on the Civil War Era, including *The Battle Cry of Freedom*, which won the Pulitzer Prize for History in 1988. His most recent books include *Tried by War: Abraham Lincoln as Commander-in-Chief* (2008), and a short biography of Lincoln, published earlier this year.

The topic of McPherson's lecture will be "'We Cannot Escape History' Abraham Lincoln as Wartime Leader." The lecture is also the inaugural event of Castine's observance of the Lincoln Bicentennial celebration. A national touring exhibit of Lincoln material, obtained and coordinated by the Wilson Museum, will be on display in Castine this November at the Castine Historical Society's Abbott School. The McPherson lecture is free and open to the public.