

**RETIREED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
invites you to attend its meeting, on Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2013.
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Pl., Greenwich.**

DR. MATTHEW WARSHAUER

**CONNECTICUT IN THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR: SLAVERY,
SACRIFICE AND SURVIVAL**



Although most may not immediately think of Connecticut when considering the Civil War, the State was extensively involved in the conflict. Connecticut sent more than thirty regiments to the War front, contributed an extensive industrial capacity, and had an active home front. Connecticut is also home to more than 130 Civil War monuments.

Dr. Matthew Warshauer's most recent book, *Connecticut in the American Civil War*, offers readers a remarkable window into the State's involvement in a conflict that challenged and defined the unity of a nation. It is a narrative of the State's often turbulent Civil War history, how Connecticut struggled through the War period, and the important and lasting legacies of the War.

The arc of the War will be traced through the many facets and stories of battlefield, home front, and factory, revealing the varied attitudes toward slavery and race before, during, and after the War; Connecticut's reaction to the firing on Fort Sumter; the dissent in the State over whether or not the sword and musket should be lifted against the South; the raising of troops; the sacrifice of those who fought in the War and at home; and the need for closure after the War.

Dr. Warshauer is a Professor of History at Central Connecticut State University, focusing on 19th century political and constitutional history, and has been the Editor of *Connecticut History*. He serves as Co-Chair of the Connecticut Civil War Commemoration Commission created by the State; and Chair and Project Coordinator of its Commemoration Committee, a collaborative endeavor of many historical societies planning events for the War's 150th anniversary. His scholarship and work as a public historian has been recognized by the New England History Teacher's Association 2012 Kidger Award and the Association for the Study of Connecticut History's 2012 Bruce Fraser Award. He received his B.A. from Central Connecticut State University, and his M.A. and Ph.D. from St. Louis University.

RMA meetings are free and open to the public; no reservations are required. Please plan to arrive around 10:30 for our social break (coffee and cake), followed by our speaker at 10:45. Meetings are held at the First Presbyterian Church in Greenwich. For additional information, call Bernard Schneider, 203-698-2558; bgsesq@gmail.com.