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Books

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Speeches & Interviews

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- “Pittsburgh and the 8th Virginia Regiment.” Fort Pitt Museum, Pittsburgh, Pa., scheduled for July 11, 2026.
- “Shenandoah County in the Revolution, Part Three: The 8th Virginia Regiment.” *Shenandoah County Celebrates 1776!* Shenandoah County Historical Society, scheduled for June 20, 2026
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- “The Maryland 400: Prisoners of War.” *Maryland 400 Symposium*, Maryland Veterans Museum, May 23, 2026.
- “The Virginia Line at Germantown.” American Revolution Roundtable of Philadelphia, April 27, 2026
- “Robert Higgins and the 8th Virginia Regiment.” *History Speaks*, Moorefield, Va., April 12, 2026.
- “Strasburg at War for Liberty.” The Strasburg Museum, Strasburg Va., April 10, 2026.
- “The Soldiers of 1776: Virginia’s Second Force Authorization.” George Washington American Revolution Round Table of the District of Columbia, Mount Vernon, Va., April 7, 2026.
- “Shenandoah County in the Revolution, Part One: The Committee and the Powder Alarm.” Shenandoah County Historical Society, March 17, 2026.
- “Winchester in the Revolutionary War.” Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society, January 10, 2026.
- “Andrew Lewis & the 8th Virginia.” *The Shenandoah Valley Radio Program* (podcast), January 8, 2026.
- “Glorious Soldiers: The 8th Virginia Regiment.” *Prime and Load*, November 28, 2025.
- “The 8th Virginia & Kentucky.” *The Kentucky History Channel*, November 23, 2025.
- “Before Kentucky: Croghan and the Clarks in the Revolution.” Historic Locust Grove, Louisville, Ky., November 11, 2025.
- “Pennsylvania Germans in the Virginia Continental Line.” Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum, Allentown, Pa., October 11, 2025.
- “The Hite and Bowman Families in the Virginia Continental Line.” Belle Grove Plantation, Middletown, Va., September 14, 2025.
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- “James Knox & the 8th Virginia.” *The Kentucky History Channel*, April 23, 2023.
- “Col. Abraham Bowman of Strasburg.” Strasburg Museum Annual Dinner, April 14, 2023.
- “William Darke: 18th Century Warrior of Four Conflicts.” Shepherd’s Center of Richmond, March 23, 2023.
- “The Amazing Life of Abraham Bowman.” Strasburg Heritage Association, June 5, 2022.
- “Virginia’s Own Revolution.” *Revolution Road with the Journal of the American Revolution* (Sirius-XM Radio), June 3, 2022.
- “Capt. William Croghan’s Detachment and the Ten Crucial Days.” George Washington Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, Alexandria, Va., April 10, 2021.
- “Peter Muhlenberg and Religious Freedom.” Plano, Texas Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, March 2, 2021.
- “Gen. Peter Muhlenberg in Painting and Sculpture.” Eleanor Wilson Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Washington, D.C., February 20, 2021.
- “The Grim Days of 1791: Col. William Darke at Cincinnati.” Cincinnati Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, September 16, 2020.

- “From Minutemen to Mountaineers: Culpeper Soldiers in the Revolution.” Culpeper Minutemen Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. Culpeper, Va., September 14, 2020.
- “The Revolution in the West.” *Rev War Revelry*. Emerging Revolutionary War Era. Online panel discussion, August 23, 2020.
- “An Evening with General Muhlenberg.” *Rev War Revelry*. Emerging Revolutionary War Era. Online panel discussion, August 2, 2020.
- “Maj. Peter Helphenstine and the 8th Virginia.” James Wood II Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. Winchester, Va., June 27, 2020.
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- “Germanna and the 8th Virginia Regiment.” Hitt Archeology Center. Germanna Foundation. Locust Grove, Va., September 12, 2019.
- “Maxwell’s Light Infantry and the Battle of Cooch’s Bridge.” Cooch’s Bridge Chapter, Daughters of the America Revolution. Wilmington Del., November 17, 2018.
- “The 8th Virginia Regiment and the Great Wagon Road.” Public Hearing on use of Courthouse Square. Woodstock Va., September 29, 2018.
- “Jonathan Grant and the Battle of Cooch’s Bridge.” Pencader Heritage Museum. Newark Del., September 9, 2017.
- “The Tragedy of Henry Laurens.” Faith and Law. Washington D.C., May 16, 2014.
- “Peter Muhlenberg and Christian Leadership.” Lancaster County Action. Lancaster Pa., July 13, 2013.

Service, Consulting & Media

- Randy Walker, “A Time to Pray and a Time to Fight.” *Cardinal News*, December 12, 2023.
- Journal of the American Revolution* Book Award Committee. 2021-Present.
- Hardy County, W.V. Convention and Visitors Bureau. On utilization of the Capt. Robert Higgins log house as a regional museum space. Beginning 2020. (West Virginia Humanities Council grant awarded 2021).
- Town of Woodstock, Va. On use of Court Square to memorialize the 8th Virginia Regiment. 2018-2020.

Other Biographical

- Senior Advisor, Covington & Burling LLP, 2015-Present.
- Board of Directors, United States Capitol Historical Society, 2026-Present.
- Board of Directors, Faith & Law, Washington, D.C., 2015-Present.
- Congressional Staffer, 1997-2015.
- Campaign Consultant, 1994-1997.
- Pennsylvania General Assembly Staffer, 1992-1994.
- Editor, *The Zephyr*, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, 1990-1991.
- Editor-in-Chief, *The College Reporter*, Franklin & Marshall College, 1989-1990.
- Collegiate Correspondent, *The New York Times*, 1989-1990.

Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., BA in Government, 1990.
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