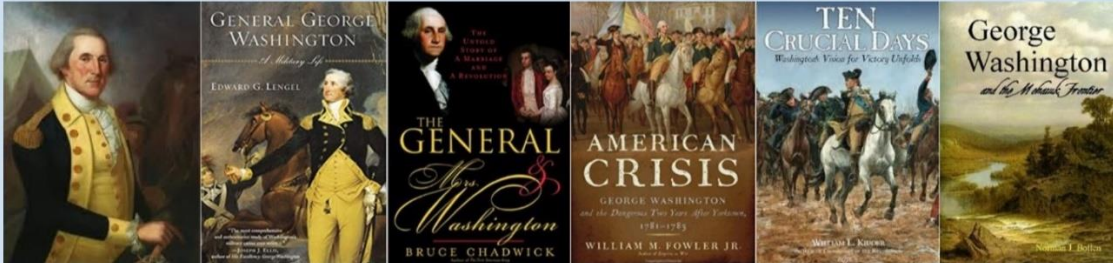
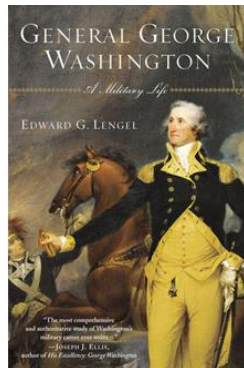
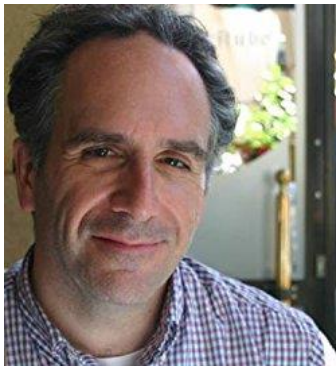


The Fort Plain Museum presents
George Washington's Birthday Symposium
Saturday, February 16, 2019



Edward G. Lengel

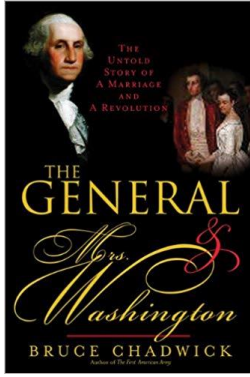
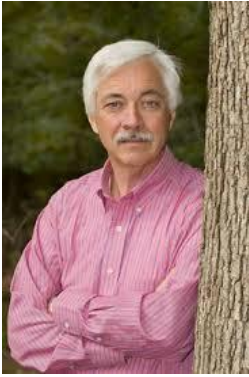


Edward G. Lengel is a storyteller, a world traveler and an adventure enthusiast. Ed has published several books on military history on the Revolutionary War and World War I, including *First Entrepreneur: How George Washington Built His--and the Nation's—Prosperity*, *General George Washington: A Military Life*, *To Conquer Hell: The Meuse-Argonne, 1918* and his newly released book, *Never in Finer Company: The Men of the Great War's Lost Battalion*. He has contributed articles for *Military History*, *Military*

History Quarterly, *American Heritage*, *American History*, and others. He has made numerous appearances on TV and radio, including the History Channel and NPR. Ed is currently head-of-faculty for both of America's History LLC's Conference on the American Revolution and their 1st annual Conference on WWII (held November 8-10, 2019 in Gettysburg). He was formerly the Chief Historian of the White House Historical Association and Director of the Washington Papers. He was also a 2018 Revolutionary In Residence at Colonial Williamsburg.

Ed's talk is titled, *Setting the Example: George Washington's Military Leadership*.

Bruce Chadwick

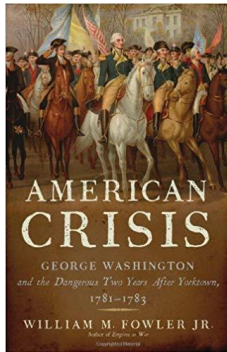
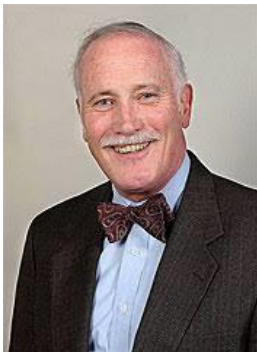


Few authors and speakers have as varied a background as historian Dr. Bruce Chadwick, who is at home in front of large crowds discussing everything from George Washington's spy networks to Abraham Lincoln's preparation for the Gettysburg Address to forensics in America, Asia and Europe. Chadwick spent 23 years as a journalist and then began a second career in higher education in 1994, earning a doctorate late in life and embarking on an entirely new, and rewarding, career as a professor, historian, lecturer and author of 30 books, including a lengthy series on

baseball history, ten works on American history and a work on murder and forensics. His latest book, *Law and Disorder*, about the New York City Police Department, came out in May 2018. Chadwick has published several books about the George Washington including, *George Washington's War*, *The First American Army*, and *George and Martha Washington*. Chadwick also attended and graduated from a university close to home to us here in the Mohawk Valley, Syracuse University's Newhouse School of Communications, earning a bachelor's degree in a joint journalism/political science program.

Bruce's talk is titled, *George and Martha*.

William M. Fowler, Jr.

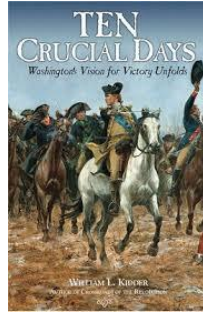


William M. Fowler, Jr. the former director of the Massachusetts Historical Society is Distinguished Professor of History, Emeritus Northeastern University. Professor Fowler received his undergraduate degree from Northeastern University and his Ph.D. from the University of Notre Dame. He is the former editor of *The New England Quarterly* and the author of a number of books relating to American history including: *William Ellery A Rhode Island Politico and Lord of Admiralty*; *Rebels Under Sail: The Navy in the Revolution*; *The Baron of Beacon Hill: A Biography of John Hancock*;

Jack Tars and Commodores: The American Navy 1783-1815; *Silas Talbot : Captain of Old Ironsides* ; *Under Two Flags: The American Navy in the Civil War*; *Samuel Adams: Puritan Radical*; *Empires at War: The French and Indian War and the Struggle For North America, 1754-1763*; *American Crisis: George Washington and the Dangerous Two Years After Yorktown, 1781-1783*, and most recently *Steam Titans: Cunard, Collins and The Epic Struggle for Commerce on the North Atlantic*. At Northeastern Professor Fowler taught courses in American History including American Colonial and Revolutionary History and has also taught at George Washington's Mount Vernon. In 2018 Boston's Mayor Marty Walsh declared January 25 William Fowler Day in Boston.

Bill's talk is titled, *George Washington and Newburgh Conspiracy*.

William L. (Larry) Kidder

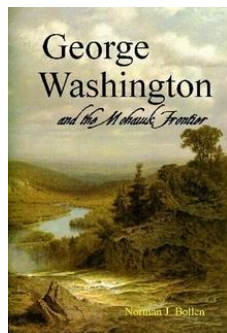


William L. Kidder, universally known as Larry, was born in California and raised in California, Indiana, New York, and New Jersey. Larry received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Allegheny College in Meadville, Pennsylvania and is a retired high school history teacher who taught for forty years in both public and private schools, including 32 years at the Hun School of Princeton. He served four years of active duty in the US Navy and was assigned to the US Navy Research

and Development Unit, Vietnam and then the destroyer USS Brownson (DD868) home ported in Newport, Rhode Island. In the 1980s he was the lead researcher and writer for the creation of the Admiral Arleigh Burke National Destroyermen's Museum aboard the destroyer museum ship USS Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. (DD850) at Battleship Cove in Fall River, Massachusetts. For about thirty years, Larry has been a volunteer at the Howell Living History Farm, part of the Mercer County Park System, in Hopewell, New Jersey. He has written several books, *The Pleasant Valley School Story: A Story of Education and Community in Rural New Jersey*, *A People Harassed and Exhausted: The Story of a New Jersey Militia Regiment in the American Revolution*, *Farming Pleasant Valley: 250 Years of Life in Rural Hopewell Township, New Jersey*, *Crossroads of the Revolution: Trenton 1774-1783*, and his new released *Ten Crucial Days: Washington's Vision for Victory Unfolds*. He has also written a number of articles, most recently "Audacity! George Washington and the Crucial Days that Saved the American Revolution" in the Fall 2018 edition of *Hallowed Ground*, the magazine of the American Battlefield Trust and has articles published for the *Journal of the American Revolution*.

Larry's talk is titled, *George Washington's Ten Crucial Days: Trenton and Princeton*.

Norman J. Bollen



Norm Bollen is Chairman of the Board of the Fort Plain Museum and Historical Park. He is the former President of the Mohawk Valley Museums Consortium and a member of the Mohawk Valley "Path Through History" taskforce. Bollen is President and founder of the Mohawk Country Association which promotes heritage based tourism in the Mohawk Valley. Bollen grew up in Fort Plain, NY during the 1960's when the Fort Plain Museum began operation just up the street from his home. He and his family were deeply involved with the

museum from the beginning participating in research, fundraising, visitor tours and archaeological digs. Mr. Bollen is a retired restaurateur with a degree in Tourism & Hospitality Management and began his "second career" with the museum in 2006. He has been a resident of Amsterdam, NY for over 30 years. Norm newly released book entitled *George Washington and the Mohawk Frontier*, examines the American Revolution in the Mohawk Valley through the correspondence between the Commander-in-Chief and key players in the battle for the Mohawk.

Norm's talk is titled, *George Washington and the Mohawk Frontier*