

Perspectives in Military History

Washington's Immortals

The Untold Story of an Elite Regiment Who Changed the Course of the Revolution

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In late August 1776, General George Washington commanded a panicked, trapped army of green Continental Soldiers on Long Island. Outflanked, Washington was desperate to save his men before the British could wipe out the hope of an American nation, just a short month after declaring independence. The nascent rebellion was saved, however, by just 400 Soldiers from Maryland. The "Immortal 400" guarded Washington's rear, so the majority of his army could retreat to defenses on Brooklyn Heights, and eventually to Manhattan, ready to fight another day. On Wednesday, May 16, 2018, at 7:15 PM, the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center in Carlisle, Pennsylvania will host Mr. Patrick O'Donnell as he gives a lecture based on his book, *Washington's Immortals: The Untold Story of an Elite Regiment Who Changed the Course of the Revolution*. Mr. O'Donnell will tell the tale of the 400 Marylanders, a band of brothers, who not only fell in New York, but also at Trenton, Princeton, Cowpens, Camden, and Yorktown.

Using pension letters, diaries, and countless original sources, Patrick O'Donnell spent years researching the extraordinary men of "Washington's Immortals." His book, and lecture, explore their tactics, the shortages and hardships they faced, and their struggles with British Soldiers and their own loyalist neighbors. Through the story of the Immortal 400, O'Donnell tells the wider story of the Soldier's view of the American Revolution.

Mr. Patrick O'Donnell is the author of eleven critically acclaimed books that cover Soldier's stories from the American Revolution to the Global War on Terror. O'Donnell provided expert advice on the award-winning miniseries, *Band of Brothers*, and multiple military video games. He works closely with the Federal Government, using his expertise in historical weapons and tactics to assist in research and development. In May 2018, he will be publishing *The Unknowns*, chronicling the individual heroes who Pershing assigned as the Body Bearers during the ceremony to lay the Unknown Soldier to rest after World War I.

DATE: Wednesday, May 16, 2018

TIME: Doors open at 6:30 PM and the talk begins at 7:15 PM

PLACE: USAHEC, Visitor and Education Center, Multipurpose Room

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