

Perspectives in Military History

General of the Army Omar N. Bradley Memorial Lecture

The British Are Coming: The Revolution Trilogy, Part I

Mr. Rick Atkinson

Pulitzer Prize Winner and *New York Times* Bestselling Author

In mid-January 1777, Lord Cornwallis of the invincible British Army retreated from the New Jersey countryside after two years of epic struggle against up-start American rebels. From the bloodshed on Lexington Common to the defeats at Trenton and Princeton, the American Revolution raged throughout the new United States. On Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 7:15PM, the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center will welcome Historian and Pulitzer Prize Winner Mr. Rick Atkinson to present the General of the Army Omar Nelson Bradley Memorial Lecture. He will discuss the first book in his upcoming Revolution Trilogy, entitled *The British Are Coming*. Atkinson combines personal stories, with the savage narrative of the first twenty-one brutal months of the Revolutionary War to give a new perspective on the fight for independence.

In his new book, Atkinson describes the events and personal stories of the men and women fighting for control of the North American continent. He combines in-depth research on the politics of British sovereignty from the British Royal Archives, with the hard-scrabble personal accounts of American fighters, from the lowest private to the most powerful generals. This first installment of a new trilogy on the American Revolution covers the causes of the war from the initial fighting at Lexington and Concord, General George Washington's defeats near Boston and New York City, the triumph and tragedy of the campaigns in Canada, and concludes with Washington's victories at the Battles of Trenton and Princeton.

Mr. Rick Atkinson received his Masters of Arts degree in English Literature from the University of Chicago and worked as an editor and correspondent for the *Washington Post* for twenty-five years. Atkinson earned the Pulitzer Prize for History in 2003 for *An Army at Dawn*, his first book in The Liberation Trilogy. He followed with two *New York Times* Best Sellers, *The Day of Battle* and *The Guns at Last Light*. Atkinson received the Pulitzer Prize in 1982 for National Reporting, and has published numerous award-winning books spanning topics such as West Point and the war in Iraq.

DATE: Wednesday, September 18, 2019

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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