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Military and Presidential Historian Edward G. Lengel named Colonial Williamsburg Revolutionary in Residence

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“Colonial Williamsburg: The Official Guide” and speak at the Hennage Auditorium July 12.*



WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (March 8, 2018) – Military and presidential historian Edward G. Lengel is Colonial Williamsburg’s newest Revolutionary in Residence. During his residency this year, Lengel will author the historical text of a new edition of “Colonial Williamsburg: The Official Guide.”

Lengel is the former chief historian of the White House Historical Association and former professor and director of the Washington Papers at the University of Virginia. He has authored or edited texts including “General George Washington: A Military Life,” “Inventing George Washington: America’s Founder in Myth and Memory,” and “Thunder and Flames: Americans in the Crucible of Combat, 1917-1918.”

As part of his residency Lengel will present “Living History: A Revolutionary in Residence Conversation” at 5:30 p.m. July 12 in the Hennage Auditorium at the Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg. Lengel and Colonial Williamsburg Nation Builder Ron Carnegie, who portrays George Washington, will discuss bringing history alive in the present day. Tickets for the event are \$10 plus Colonial Williamsburg or Art Museums admission. A book signing will follow the program.

“Through the Revolutionaries in Residence program, Colonial Williamsburg partners with provocative thinkers who engage audiences with the spirit and relevance of the Revolutionary era,” said Ghislain d’Humieres, Colonial Williamsburg executive director, senior vice president of core operations. “In his extensive research and writing, Edward illuminates not only our shared history but how we perceive it. We are thrilled to share his insight and fresh perspective with our guests and enthusiasts and we welcome him to his residency.”

“It’s an honor for me to contribute to Colonial Williamsburg’s faithful, living and lively representation of our history,” said Lengel. “I look forward to utilizing Colonial Williamsburg’s superb historical resources, and to interacting with staff in a shared endeavor to understand the past so that it can become real and immediate to 21st-century Americans.”

Lengel, an independent historian, is also a special advisor to the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library Foundation and a member of the advisory board of the United States World War One Centennial Commission. He holds a bachelor’s degree from George Mason University, a master’s degree in history and a doctoral degree in modern European history from the University of Virginia. His honors include the National Humanities Medal, received in conjunction with the Washington Papers Project, the Norman B. Tomlinson, Jr. book prize, and the Rawlings Prize, as well as recognition by the Army Historical Foundation and the U.S. Military History Group.

The new, two-volume edition of “Colonial Williamsburg: The Official Guide” is scheduled for release in 2019.

The Revolutionaries in Residence program is generously sponsored by The Grainger Foundation of Lake Forest, Illinois.

Additional information is available online at www.colonialwilliamsburg.com/edwardlengel by calling 855-296-6627 toll-free, by downloading the free Colonial Williamsburg Explorer app via the Apple App Store and Google Play, and by following Colonial Williamsburg on [Facebook](#) and @colonialwmsburg on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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