



“Road to Liberty Through Their Eyes” is Coming in May!

Produced by **EagleVision Productions, Inc. (EVP)**, ***Road to Liberty Through Their Eyes*** is a one-hour documentary to commemorate America's 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 2026.

EVP has signed a presenting station agreement with Buffalo Toronto Public Media (BTPM PBS) and the documentary will be distributed by the National Educational Telecommunications Association (NETA) to public television stations nationwide at the end of June 2026 with one exception.

NJ PBS will broadcast the documentary in May!

We plan to announce the NJ PBS broadcast date and time in our May Newsletter!

Road to Liberty Through Their Eyes is a truly remarkable story of perseverance, survival, and triumph, which captures the formative years of the American Revolution. It's a story that needs to be re-told for a 21st century audience. Never again would the battle for American Independence be so vulnerable and so close to defeat as it was in those months leading up to Christmas 1776 and the Battles of Trenton and Princeton.

Narrated by Ian Kahn, who portrayed General George Washington in the acclaimed AMC television series, ***Turn: Washington's Spies***, the story will unfold through quotes from contemporary journals and letters read by off-screen actors, as well as interviews

with historians and experts on various topics and little-known stories that enable the audience to relive the formative years of the American Revolution; along with illustrations, paintings, maps, artifacts, military reenactors, and location footage that will provide a visual background as the Patriots struggle against the mightiest nation in the world to defend its fledgling country – the United States of America.

Historians and Experts Interviewed for the Documentary include:

Todd Braisted, History Consultant for EVP and expert on Loyalists' perspectives, as well as his extensive knowledge of the New York/New Jersey Campaign of 1776-1777.

Barnet Schecter – Historian and Author, “The Battle for New York: The City at the Heart of the American Revolution”.

Holly A. Mayer, PhD, – Historian shares her knowledge on the roles of women and of camp followers in the American Revolution.

William “Larry” Kidder – Historian and Author, “Ten Crucial Days: Washington's Vision for Victory Unfolds.”

Roger Williams – Public Historian and Co-Founder of tencrucialdays.org, State Historian for the NJ Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, member of the Society of Military History, and member of the Company of Military Historians.

Clay Craighead, Resource Interpretive Specialist, Visitor Center Museum, State of New Jersey Washington Crossing State Park.

William “Will” Krakower, Resource Interpretive Specialist and Site Manager, State of New Jersey Princeton Battlefield State Park and the Clarke House State Historic Site.

Algernon Ward, Jr. – African American Patriot Reenactor who imparted his knowledge about the role of African Americans in the American Revolution. (Note: Algernon Ward, Jr. passed away in March 2025. EVP used Ward's final on-camera interview recorded on Christmas Day 2024, and Hargrave has dedicated the documentary in his memory.)

EagleVision Productions, Inc.'s Creative Team

Jill A. Hargrave, Executive Producer and Producer/Director/Writer, is Founder and President of EagleVision Productions, Inc. As an Emmy-nominated and award-winning independent producer, Hargrave produced a number of award-winning documentaries over the years for NJN Public Television, including *Myths of Aging*, *The Candidates*, *Cutting Edge NJ*, and *Teaching Over Time*. Hargrave also served as the NJN Foundation's Director of Grants Development and successfully raised funds for many NJN productions.

Janice Selinger, Executive Producer and Production Consultant, is a 14-time Emmy-award winning producer of documentaries and specials who served as the Acting Executive Director of NJN Public Television and Radio and Deputy Executive Director for Programming and Production. Selinger also served as the former Executive Director for Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area.

Steve Stone, Lead 4K Digital Camera Operator, Lighting/Audio Specialist, and Editor.

Charlie Starkey, Graphics Designer for all the maps and two animated paintings.

Steve Oleszek, Graphics Designer created the Open/Title, Lists, and Casualty Stats.

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Coming Soon!

EVP Educational Project with Teacher's Guide

EagleVision Productions, Inc. is currently working on the Ten Educational Webisodes and a Teacher's Guide through the generous funding support of the New Jersey Historic Trust and the New Jersey Education Association. With the help of Hank Bitten, Executive Director of the New Jersey Council for the Social Studies (NJCSS), and some NJCSS members, EVP conducted two focus groups in the fall 2025 to review and approve the topics that will be presented in the ten educational webisodes and suggest activities that should be included in the companion Teacher's Guide. EVP is in the process of upgrading its website to accommodate streaming the ten educational webisodes and downloading the Teacher's Guide, which will be available online when the upgraded website is launched in June 2026.

Jill A. Hargrave, Producer/Writer, is in the process of writing the ten webisode scripts and will produce the webisodes at Apex Productions' studio facility in West Palm Beach, FL.

Hargrave has contracted with **Joseph "Joe" Refinski** to serve as EVPs Curriculum Writer. Now retired, Joe served as a history teacher for 48 years. During his tenure, Joe won numerous teaching awards, recognitions and Fellowships, as well as several Teachers the Year Awards, including the 2023 Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, and he was named the 2025 NJ Council for the Social Studies Lifetime Educator Award for contributions to the study of history, civics and professional development. Joe has participated in several Teaching American History Grants. He is

a Case Method Instructor (Harvard Business School) and is listed in the *Who's Who In Education*.