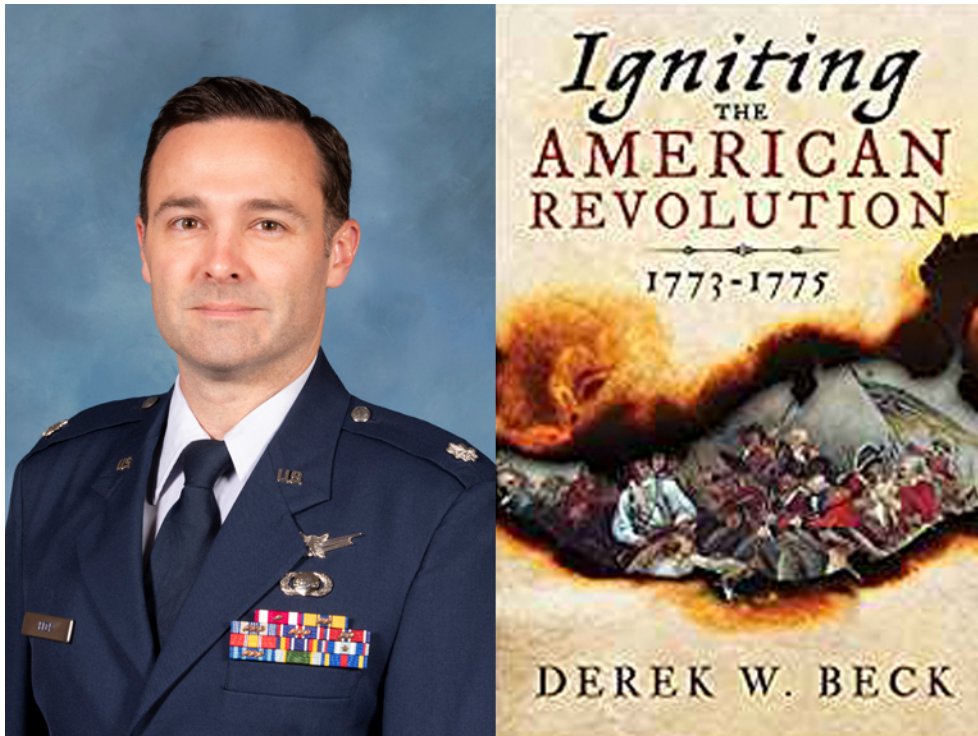


## AHEC Presents - War College student to speak from his book, 'Igniting the American Revolution'

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*Lt. Col. Derek Beck, Army War College student, will discuss strategic and organizational Issues of the early American Revolutionary War at the Kleber Lecture, scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 7 at 7:15 p.m. at the Army Heritage & Education Center.*

USAWC student, historian, filmmaker, and Air Force Reserve officer, Lt. Col. Derek Beck will speak about the strategic issues of the American Revolution's early years. All the issues of Defense Management challenged the young Continental Army's leadership.

You are invited to the next Dr. Brooks E. Kleber Memorial Lecture Series, "Strategic and Organizational Issues of the Early American Revolutionary War," with LTC Derek Beck on Thursday 7 February 2019 at 7:15pm.

The early days of the American Revolution were wrought with bloodshed and a confusing mixture of political doubt and military uncertainty. The powder keg of rebellion wreaked havoc on the ability of political and military leaders of the young revolution to concentrate on the strategic and

operational imperatives of creating a successful break from their mother country. LTC Beck will look at the first years of the American Revolution from a strategic perspective, with special emphasis on organizing and equipping the young Continental Army amidst the tribulations American political and military leaders faced.

Beck's first book, *Igniting the American Revolution: 1773-1775*, covers the period from the Boston Tea Party to the first running battle which began at Lexington and Concord in April 1775. His second book, which is a sequel to the first and entitled *The War Before Independence: 1775-1776*, resumes the story with the Battle of Bunker Hill through to Washington's battle to retake Boston.

Beck's recent assignments include serving as a senior operations officer at the Joint Space Operations Center, Vandenberg AFB, California, and most recently at the Air Force Central Command Headquarters, Shaw AFB, South Carolina, where he supported operations in the Middle East. Derek's two books are on the American Revolution: *Igniting the American Revolution: 1773-1775* (Sourcebooks, 2015) and its sequel *The War Before Independence: 1775-1776* (Sourcebooks, 2016). LTC Beck holds a master's degree in engineering and management from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.