

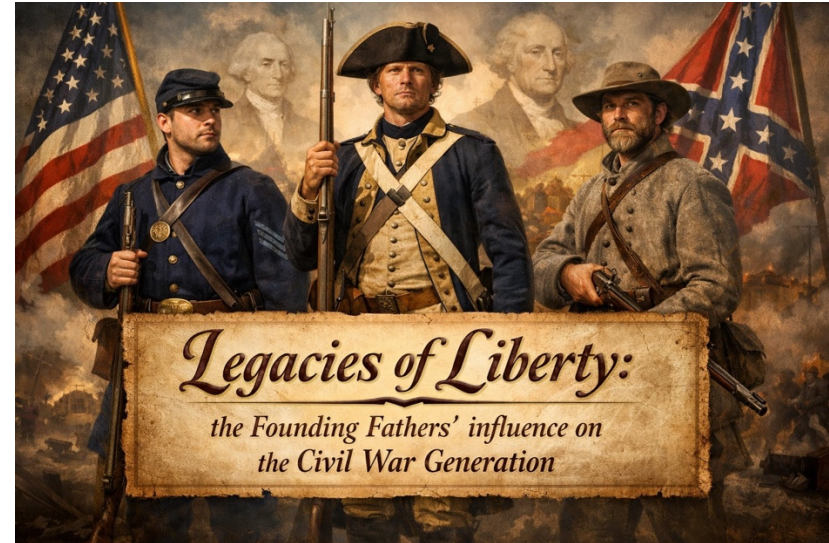
LECTURE Series

Friday, December 18, 2026
7 pm Eastern / 4 pm Pacific

with **JASON BRUENING**

LEGACIES OF LIBERTY: *The Founding Fathers' Influence on the Civil War Generation*

Discover how the ideals of 1776 echoed across the battlefields of the 1860s in this relevant presentation in honor of our nation's 250th birthday. Explore how figures like Washington, Jefferson, and Madison shaped the thinking of leaders and soldiers on both sides of the conflict. Through historical analysis and vivid storytelling, the program reveals how the Founders' words were invoked to justify union, secession, and the meaning of freedom itself. We will examine how Americans of the mid-19th century idolized the historical figures of the late-18th century and how those opinions were formed. We will compare how both North and South justified that their actions, and theirs alone, were done in the true spirit of the patriots of the Revolution. Examining the enduring power of the nation's founding ideas, this talk connects two defining eras in a fresh and engaging way.



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