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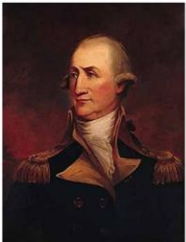
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TWO UNITED STATES GENERALS AND AN ENDURING LEGACY



REV. MAJ. GEN. PETER MUHLENBERG (Oct. 1, 1746 to Oct. 1, 1807) of Beckford Parish in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley is the iconic symbol of Black Robe Regiment of American Founding history. Ordained in both the Lutheran and Anglican traditions, Muhlenberg closed his famous final sermon at Emmanuel Church in Woodstock, VA

on January 21, 1776 with the bold proclamation, *"There is a time to preach and a time to fight. This is a time to fight."* After enlisting 162 men from his own church in the Continental Army that day, Muhlenberg increased the ranks of what was to become the Eighth Virginia Regiment to more than 300 by the end of the next day. At the end of the war, he was brevetted to the rank of major general and after the war, elected to three consecutive terms as member of the US House of Representatives and one as a US Senator.



REV. LT. GENERAL (RETIRED) WILLIAM G. "JERRY" BOYKIN is a decorated US military veteran and a patriotic clergyman who embodies the faith and fighting spirit of Rev. Peter Muhlenberg and the original Black Robe Regiment. He is a founding member of Delta Force (Army) which he later led in combat operations. He also commanded the Green Berets and the

Army's Special Warfare Center and School. From 2003-2007, Gen. Boykin served as US Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence. He has played a role in almost every recent major American military operation in the last four decades. Today, Gen. Boykin is Executive Vice President for the Family Research Council where he oversees policy, church ministries, finance, development, HR, and communications. Today his passion is spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ and encouraging Christians to be warriors in God's Kingdom.

THE MISSION OF THE BLACK ROBE REGIMENT OF VIRGINIA

The Black Robe Regiment of Virginia is a fellowship of Virginia clergy and laymen who identify with the faith, patriotism and fighting spirit of Reverend John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg and the "Black Robe Regiment" of the Founding Era, the preachers who inspired, led, fought in, and recruited soldiers from their own congregations to fight in the American War for Independence. We stand together with other patriotic ministers and ministries across Virginia and America, the vanguard of a national clergy-led movement to restore America's godly heritage and Constitutional Government of, by, and for the American people.

THIS IS "A TIME TO FIGHT"

In 1630, Rev. John Winthrop, Governor of Massachusetts Bay Colony penned these prophetic words:



For we must consider that we shall be a city upon a hill. The eyes of all people are upon us. If we shall deal falsely with our God ... If our hearts shall turn away so that we will not obey, but shall be seduced and worship other Gods or pleasures, and profits, and serve them ... we shall surely perish out of the good Land whither we pass over this vast Sea to possess it.

It was God, working through the Church and its ministers that made America Rev. John Winthrop's "shining city upon a hill." Yet today, with our nation approaching, not "a fork in the road," but at a lethal precipice, Church leaders as a whole, have yet to match the fervor of their Founding Era predecessors who through courageous proclamation, ardor, and blood, showed us how to secure and sustain liberty.

Jesus told His followers they were the salt of the earth and light of the world. The Church is the primary curator of society and preserver of the American idea. Believers dare not stand on the sideline while America spirals toward catastrophe or God will hold us accountable for abandoning our cure. If our nation succumbs to tyranny, pulpits, indeed the Church in America, will be forever haunted by the question, *Did I do everything I could to prevent it?*

One hundred and seventy years after Peter Muhlenberg made his stand in Woodstock, Virginia, another German Lutheran minister drew a line in the sand against implacable evil in his own country against the Third Reich.

Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act.

—DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

Will pastors and Church leaders in America rise to the challenge and take up the mantle bequeathed to us by men like Muhlenberg and Bonhoeffer before it is too late? On **September 19 at 7:00 PM, The Black Robe Regiment of Virginia** will take up its God-given mantle and join a national clergy-led movement to restore America's godly heritage and government of, by and for the American people. Please join us.

HONORED GUESTS



BISHOP E W JACKSON
President, S.T.A.N.D. (Staying True to America's National Destiny)



MICHAEL FARRIS, ESQ.
Founder & Chancellor, Patrick Henry College Founder & Chairman, Home School Legal Defense Association



DON BLAKE
Chairman & President
Virginia Christian Alliance



LEA CARAWAN
Executive Director
Congressional Prayer Caucus
Foundation



REV. DEAN NELSON
A Founder & Vice Chairman
Frederick Douglass Foundation



JOHN GUANDOLO
Executive Director of Operations
Operation Restored Warrior



CHRIS FREUND
VP of Policy and Communications
The Family Foundation



DEAN WELTY
Founder & Director
Valley Family Forum

REV. PETER MUHLENBERG REENACTMENT BY REV. TRAVIS WITT



On **January 21, 1776**, Rev. Peter Muhlenberg stood confidently in the pulpit of Emmanuel Church in Woodstock, Virginia. He had crafted that morning's sermon around the text found in the third chapter of Ecclesiastes, which begins with the well-known phrase, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven." He preached through the passage with great care, verse by verse. After finishing his thoughts on verse seven, he paused, and then thoughtfully continued with verse eight, "a time of war, and a time of peace." With those words, Muhlenberg removed his minister's robe. He now stood before his congregation in a full military uniform. "*There is a time to pray and a time to fight. This is a time to fight!*" he declared. Within half an hour, 162 men had joined him. By the end of the next day, Rev. Muhlenberg had recruited more than 300 men. Together, they formed the nucleus of the Eighth Virginia Regiment. Muhlenberg and his men served under Gen. George Washington throughout the war.

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