



JEFF EVANS

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Jeff Evans has loved history and nature from early childhood, when he would climb into his grandfather's lap to explore books about the nation's past. By high school, the eastern Ohio native was active in several local history organizations and spent his summers uncovering the past with a local university's archaeology department.

Jeff graduated with distinction from Bethany College in the Northern Panhandle of West Virginia. As a student, Jeff served as a seasonal ranger at both Fort Necessity and Petersburg National Battlefields, and also spent a semester working at Colonial Williamsburg before deciding that knee breeches were more comfortable in concept than in application. After college, Jeff spent nearly a decade as an interpretive ranger at Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site, winning an Incentive Award for helping develop interpretive programming. He currently serves as the Middle School History and Environmental Education teacher at Saint Stephen's Episcopal School in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He specializes in making important national stories approachable through the lens of local, relatable places and stories brought vividly to life.

A longtime senior staff writer for the Battlefield Journal and previous guest editor of the Jefferson County Ohio Genealogical Newspaper, Jeff is a frequent contributor to several publications. He is a sought after lecturer and has developed programs for a variety of organizations.

Jeff is married to fellow Gettysburg National Military Park Alumni, Lynn, who displays a remarkable degree of tolerance for his many eccentricities. Together they have three children who share their father's passion for history and the outdoors—especially Harpers Ferry. His two girls can often be found biking the C&O Canal with their dad, while his preschool son believes Lower Town to be his own personal magic kingdom of make-believe.