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## Local Author and American Revolution Expert John Rees to Appear at ALA Midwinter 2020 Opening Night

January 16, 2020 – Casemate Publishers, the premier publisher and book distributor in the Philadelphia region, is pleased to announce that **John Rees**, author of ***‘THEY WERE GOOD SOLDIERS’: African-Americans Serving in the Continental Army, 1775-1783***, will be appearing at ALA Midwinter 2020. Mr. Rees will meet with guests and signing copies of his book for attending librarians during the opening reception on **Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:00 PM**. He will be appearing for one night only so be sure to stop by booth #1267.

***‘THEY WERE GOOD SOLDIERS’*** details the role of African Americans in the during the American Revolution. It examines the role of these heroic soldiers state by state with a chapter devoted to each of the thirteen colonies. It makes use of black pension narratives to give readers a window into their lives before, during and after the war.

These stories of African American soldiers would make a fantastic addition to school or public library collections and expand the narrative far beyond the Founding Fathers. Mr. Rees is an experienced speaker and is available for book signings and presentations with advance scheduling.

### About the Author

A lifelong resident of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, John U. Rees has been writing about common soldiers' experiences in the War for American Independence for over 30 years, on subjects ranging from battle studies, army food and the soldier's burden, to army wagons and watercraft, campaign shelters, Continental Army conscription, and women with the army. His work has appeared in the *ALHFAM Bulletin*, *American Revolution*, *Journal of the American Revolution*, *Military Collector & Historian*, *Minerva: Quarterly Report on Women and the Military*, *Muzzleloader Magazine*, and *Gastronomica: The Journal of Food and Culture* and wrote four entries for the *Oxford Encyclopedia of American Food and Drink*, and thirteen entries for the revised Thomson Gale edition of *Boatner's Encyclopedia of the American Revolutions*.

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