

“Presidential Lessons of Leadership” with George Washington



### **Dean Malissa (George Washington) – First Person Interpretive Actor/Historian**

A life-long resident of Philadelphia, Dean Malissa has been a performer since childhood. After graduating with a degree in Communications, he entered the business world. He happily and voluntarily left corporate America in 1999 and in “Act II” of his adult life – pursued acting as a profession.

Dean became the most frequently sought-after portrayer of George Washington in the country. He has portrayed General Washington for The Discovery Channel, NBC, National Geographic Channel, Armed Force Network and Showtime Network. He appeared on CNN and most recently the IMAX film “We the People” and the internet documentary “Now Debate This.” A PBS documentary: *Faith and the Founders of America*, will air nationally in September 2010.

He appeared at a State Dinner at The White House, the Smithsonian, the National Archives, National Portrait Gallery, Independence National Historical Park, Valley Forge National Historical Park, the National Constitution Center, the Betsy Ross House, Liberty Hall, the New York Historical Society, the Chicago Historical Society, Mount Rushmore National Monument and many historical venues. Malissa performed at sea onboard the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USN George Washington.

He portrayed Washington in Beijing, China. His portrayal of Washington takes him from classrooms to arenas... from film sets to appearances in front of millions. When not “crossing the Delaware” Dean has pursued a wide range of avocations in his life including 22 years as a volunteer firefighter (working his way up to Deputy Fire Chief).