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Publications and Public Speaking

- Author of articles on law, history, and current affairs, including:
 - “Overlooked Textbooks Jettison Some Durable Military Law Legends” - 113 *Military Law Review* 163 (Summer 1986). A study of original 16th and 17th century works that dispelled the long-held view that Swedish king Gustavus Adolphus had been a revolutionary force in military law, and thus gave credit for many reforms to forgotten writers of the Renaissance. Recipient of the Alumni Association of The Judge Advocate General’s School Professional Writing Award for 1986.
 - “The Rush Cases and the [USMA] Class of 1887” - 45 *Assembly* 23 (December 1986), Reprinted in *The Army Lawyer* (May 1987). The story of a little-known, but spectacular case of cadet indiscipline at West Point that resulted in courts-martial, with renowned counsel representing both sides.
 - “The Officer Corps: Unduly Distant from Military Justice?” - 71 *Military Review* 51 (April 1991). An article about the unforeseen impact of the Military Justice Act of 1968 on military criminal law; nominated by the Army’s Chief Judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces (then U.S. Court of Military Appeals)-sponsored first annual Hon. Robinson O. Everett Award for Excellence in Legal Writing.
 - “The Judge Advocate in Desert/Desert Storm” - 2 *The Military Advocate* 3 (Spring 1991). Reflections on legal challenges in the build-up for war, combat, and post-combat periods of the first Gulf War.
 - “U.S. Army Judge Advocate General’s Corps Desert Storm Assessment Team Report” (1991). Member of select panel to review all Army legal services and recommend reforms, examined into lessons-learned during Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Provide Comfort, and the reconstruction of Kuwait. Author of final report’s executive summary, introduction, and chapters on operational law, international law, contract law, and reserve components.
 - “On Coups, Courage, and Current Events” - 2 *Journal of European Studies* 461 (London, Autumn 1993). An essay on the parallels between the potential for military counter-revolution in the former Soviet Union and that in the United States after our War for Independence.

- “The Judge Advocate General’s Corps, U.S. Army” - 6 *Military Advocate* 1 (Spring 1995) Part 1 of an essay on the history of the uniformed lawyer in the U.S. Army from July 1775. Based upon remarks presented to the Military law Committee of the ABA General Practice Section, at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, 30 October 1993.
- “The Judge Advocate General’s Corps, U.S. Army” - 7 *Military Advocate* 1 (Winter 1996), part 2 of an essay on the history of the uniformed lawyer in the U.S. Army from July 1775. Based upon remarks presented to the Military law Committee of the ABA General Practice Section, at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, 30 October 1993.
- Editor/author of Chapter 20 (Legal Aspects of Command) of the U.S. Army War College publication, “How the Army Runs: A Senior Leader Reference Handbook, 1999-2000.”
- “General Sherman’s Reprise” - 1 *Journal of Military and Veterans Law* 1, July 1999 (first number of that on-line and print journal of the College of William & Mary Law School), an introductory essay to a series of letters from Gen. William T. Sherman, originally published in the *Journal of the Military Service Institution of the United States* in 1879 and 1880.
- Author of introduction to W.S. Hein’s 2000 reprint of Col. William Winthrop’s 1886 classic, “Military Law and Precedents.” “Col. Hagan's introduction provides valuable insight into the development of military law, from the adoption (almost verbatim) of the British articles of war ... in 1775. through the most dramatic revision of military law ... the new Uniform Code of Military Justice (1950).”
- Public presentations on law and history, including:
 - The Judge Advocate General’s Legal Center and School Charlottesville, Virginia. Various presentations since 1986 on history and law to staff, faculty, students, and guests.
 - Royal Canadian Military Institute, in conjunction with the ABA Annual Convention, Toronto, Canada, 1998. Remarks on the cordial and effective professional connections between the legal personnel of the U.S. Army and their counterparts in the Canadian Armed Forces.
 - First Annual Walter T. Cox III Military Legal History Symposium, Washington, D.C., 1999. An address about infamous Gen. “Howling Jake” Smith and Samar during the Philippine-American War.

- Numerous addresses to Judge Advocate General's On-Site Conferences for Reserve-Component judge advocates and legal specialists on, e.g., the history of the JAG Corps; military-legal operations in the Spanish-American War & Philippine-American War; and on Army lawyers and legal specialists in the AEF during WWI, 2000 - 2013.
- Braddock Road Preservation Association Annual Seminar, 2014 - "The Floggings Will Continue Until Morale Improves: Military Justice in the British Army in North America, 1755-1783." A detailed comparison of the contemporary articles of war in the British practice during the French & Indian War and the American Revolution with that of the American Continental Army in our War for Independence.

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