## RICHARD CROKER BIOGRAPHY:

Two of Richard's great grandfathers fought for the Confederacy in the American Civil War. Samuel Freer Croker was wounded twice; once at Second Manassas (Brawner's Farm) and later at Petersburg.

After a stint in the army Richard returned to school (Georgia State University) to finish his bachelor's degree and then went to work for Ted Turner's fledgling "superstation." He remained at Turner Broadcasting for 18 years, the bulk of which was spent writing, producing and directing for the sports division. He worked on Atlanta Braves Baseball, NBA Basketball, NFL Football, four PGA Championships, two Olympics and one Goodwill Games.

He left Turner to become an independent documentary filmmaker and his credits have appeared on Superstation TBS, TLC and The Discovery Digital Networks.

Richard lives in Marietta, Georgia with Terry, his wife of more years than she will allow him to tell. Their daughter, Amanda, is a media consultant in Atlanta.

## **ABOUT HIS BOOKS:**

"To Make Men Free" and "No Greater Courage" are what Richard calls "UN-fiction." With apologies to Rhett and Scarlett, there are no fictional characters or events. His books are literary reenactments of the battles of Antietam and Fredericksburg, depicting actual Americans doing nothing more or less than they really did.

But both are about more than only the fighting. The History Channel included not Gettysburg, but Antietam in their series, "Ten Days that Unexpectedly Changed America," (a program on which Richard appeared) not only because Antietam remains to this day the bloodiest single day in all American history, but because it was Antietam that gave President Lincoln the strategic and political wherewithal to announce The Emancipation Proclamation only five days later which set America on a final path to realizing its claim to be "the land of the free."

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