

## David Hamon—Bio

Spending his youth in Colorado, David lived for several years in the historic gold mining town of Cripple Creek where in addition to forming a life-long fascination of the American West, his mother's weekly visits to the public library fueled a passion for civil war history, reading everything he could find on the subject.

After moving to Longmont and completing secondary school, he attended Colorado State University and was commissioned into the U.S. Army as a logistician. Serving during the Cold War period, he was fortunate to live in Germany and Italy and traveled throughout Europe and the Middle East.

Always interested in geopolitics, David received a master's degree in International Affairs from Northeastern University in Boston and finished his military service as a loan officer in the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations where he served as Chief, Current Logistics Operations.

After leaving the military and moving to Fredericksburg Virginia area, David served in the Pentagon in the office of Africa Policy and at the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (--DTRA--in an in-house Research and Studies Office) as a Special Government Employee, then as a Defense Contractor for the Air Force and back in DTRA where he currently works on the North Korean weapons proliferation problem.

In between stints working for the Defense Department, David served with the U.S. World War One Centennial Commission during the centennial directing veterans and military service activities while raising funds from small donors for the National WW1 Memorial in Washington DC. He consulted on a number of international security projects including stopping illicit tobacco smuggling, trade-based money laundering, prototyping a predictive security related events platform (for the intelligence services), and became a Strategic Foresight specialist and certified professional futurist.

David is an Adjunct Instructor at the University of Mary Washington, teaching undergraduate Political Science & International Affairs courses and continues to pursue his love of history.

A Board Member (Membership Chair and Program Committee member) of the Civil War Roundtable Fredericksburg and member of the Irish Brigade Camp of the SUVCW, he also enjoys collecting art, cooking, travel, hiking, and outdoors activities.

Married to the former Mabel Rosa Emerson from Zaragoza Spain, the couple has three daughters and three grandchildren.