



# Historic Insights



by Gene Pisasale

## Alexander Hamilton: Architect of the American Financial System



Alexander Hamilton (1757-1804) is one of the most important, yet least understood of the Founding Fathers. Orphaned as a young boy on the island of St. Croix, he later emigrated to the colonies and fought as a soldier in the American Revolution. He became a trusted aide-de-camp to General Washington, serving through most of the war and fighting at the final victory at Yorktown. Hamilton was an important contributor to the U.S. Constitution and the *Federalist Papers*, subsequently becoming the first Secretary of the Treasury, where he transformed a bankrupt nation into an efficient government able to pay its debts, issue currency and regulate trade. His accomplishments stand among the most critical in the founding of our nation. This lecture presentation is conducted by Gene Pisasale in full Continental Army officer's uniform, with Gene portraying Hamilton as a “**Living Biographer**”.

### Lecture Outline:

- The Formative Years- Young Life on Nevis and St. Croix
- Foundation of Financial Genius- Apprenticeship In A Trading Company
- Longing for America
- Joining the Struggle for Independence
- Washington's Trusted Advisor
- The Fight for the Constitution
- Building the Nation's Banking System
- The Framework for Sustained Economic Growth
- Squabbles With Associates and the Duel
- A Legacy Lasting More Than Two Centuries

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