

## CRAIG SHIRLEY – BIO

Craig is founder, chairman and CEO of Shirley & Banister Public Affairs, the public relations, marketing, and government affairs firm he originally founded in 1984. He is also the author of three bestsellers on former U.S. president Ronald Reagan – *Rendezvous with Destiny: Ronald Reagan and the Campaign that Changed America* (2009), *Reagan's Revolution: The Untold Story of the Campaign That Started It All* (2005), and *Last Act: The Final Years and emerging Legacy of Ronald Reagan* (2015). His book *December 1941: 31 Days that Changed America and Saved the World* appeared multiple times on the *New York Times* bestselling list in December 2011 and January 2012, while *Last Act*, was named best narrative in the non-fiction category by USA Book News for 2015.

Craig was chosen in 2005 by Springfield College as their Outstanding Alumnus, and has been named the First Reagan Scholar at Eureka College, Ronald Reagan's *alma mater*, where he taught a course titled "Reagan 101." His books have been hailed as the definitive works on the Gipper's campaigns of 1976 and 1980. He is a member of the Board of Governors of the Reagan Ranch, Eureka College Board of Trustees and has lectured at the Reagan Library, the FDR Library in Hyde Park, Friends Of Ronald Reagan society in Los Angeles and the Dole Institute in Kansas. *The London Telegraph* called Shirley as "the best of the Reagan biographers."

Shirley, a widely sought after speaker and commentator, appears regularly on many network and cable shows including NewsMaxTV, FOX News, MSNBC, CNN, ABC, CBS, CNBC, C-SPAN and others. He has also written extensively for the *Washington Post*, *NewsMax*, the *Washington Examiner*, the *Washington Times*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *Town Hall*, the *Weekly Standard*, *Politico*, Reuters, *Lifefzette* and many other publications.

He successfully predicted the results of the 2006, 2008, 2010 and 2012 elections. Craig also edited the book *Coaching Youth Lacrosse* for the Lacrosse Foundation. He was also the founder of the Ft. Hunt Youth Lacrosse League and coached there for 14 years with an overall record of 119 wins, 21 losses and 4 ties. Craig has completed two new books, *Citizen Newt* and *Becoming Reagan* about, respectively, the revolutionary life and times of Newt Gingrich and

the period between 1976 and 1980 when Reagan's political outlook and philosophy underwent an enormous and significant change.

His future plans include work on three more books on Reagan including a detailed look at his 1968 run for the presidency. He is also writing a book about Dr. Howard Snyder, personal physician to President Dwight Eisenhower, as well as a book about George Washington's family. Craig Shirley is also a member of the Reagan Alumni Association, Friends of Friendship Fire House, the Lyn Nofziger Society, Philadelphia Society, the Fusionist Society and a former board member of the American Conservative Union. He was a decorated contract agent for the Central Intelligence Agency.