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CIVIL WAR SATURDAY FEATURING NOTED AUTHORS ED LONGACRE AND TOM WHEELER

*Longacre To Discuss "Worthy Opponents" and
Wheeler To Discuss "Mr. Lincoln's T-Mails"*

Chicago, IL, (October 31, 2006) – While the family shops the weekend away, stop into the Pritzker Military Library on Saturday, November 4, 2006 for our "Civil War Saturday" hosted in collaboration with the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop. The event showcases authors Ed Longacre and Tom Wheeler, and takes place at the Pritzker Military Library, 610 N. Fairbanks Ct., 2nd Fl. November 4, 2006. The first session, with Ed Longacre discussing his book *"Worthy Opponents"* begins at 9:30 a.m., following a complementary continental breakfast in our Gallery. The second presentation by Tom Wheeler begins promptly at 11:00 a.m.; and both are immediately followed by a virtual book signing. The entire program will be live webcast at pritzkermilitarylibrary.org and through virtualbooksign.net, webcast viewers will be able to order copies of *Lincoln's T-Mails* or *Worthy Opponents* and see it signed during the webcast.

About Worthy Opponents

William T. Sherman's burning of Atlanta helped reelect Abraham Lincoln. In contrast, if Confederate President Jefferson Davis had left Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, one of its most effective generals, in command of Atlanta's defenses, the city might have been preserved. Edward Longacre offers a new perspective on Sherman's and Johnston's military histories, including their clashes at Vicksburg, Kennesaw Mountain, and Bentonville, where they negotiated surrender terms. After the War they became friends, to such an extent that Johnston was a pallbearer at Sherman's 1891 funeral.

Ed Longacre has written more than 20 books and 100 journal and magazine articles on the Civil War. *The Cavalry at Gettysburg* won the Fletcher Pratt Award as the best book of Civil War nonfiction. *Pickett, Leader of the Charge* was a finalist for the Douglas Southall Freeman Award. *Lee's Cavalrymen* was a main selection of the History Book Club. He was a historical advisor to the 1993 motion picture *Gettysburg*. Ed Longacre lives in Newport News, Virginia, where he is a civilian historian for the United States Air Force.

About Mr. Lincoln's T-Mails

The Civil War was the first "modern war." Because of the rapid changes in American society, Abraham Lincoln became president of a divided United States during a period of technological and social revolution. Among the many modern marvels that gave the North an advantage was the telegraph, which Lincoln used to stay connected to the forces in the field in almost real time.

No leader in history had ever possessed such a powerful tool to gain control over a fractious situation. An eager student of technology, Lincoln (the only president to hold a patent) had to learn to use the power of electronic messages. Without precedent to guide him, Lincoln began by reading the telegraph traffic among his generals. Then he used the telegraph to supplement his preferred form of communication—meetings and letters. He did not replace those face-to-face interactions. Through this experience, Lincoln crafted the best way to guide, reprimand, praise, reward, and encourage his commanders in the field.

Mr. Lincoln's T-Mails tells a big story within a small compass. By paying close attention to Lincoln's "lightning messages," we see a great leader adapt to a new medium. No reader of this work of history will be able to miss the contemporary parallels. Watching Lincoln carefully word his messages—and follow up on those words with the right actions—offers a striking example for those who spend their days tapping out notes on computers and PDAs.

Tom Wheeler

Tom Wheeler has been CEO of multiple high-tech companies, as well as CEO of the National Cable Television Association and the Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association. Presently, he is a managing director with Core Capital Partners and a member of the boards of directors of numerous technology companies. He is the author of *Take Command!: Leadership Lessons from the Civil War*, named one of the Top Ten Historical Leadership Books, and his op-ed commentaries on the historical analogues to current events have been published in the *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Newsday*, and other leading publications. Wheeler was appointed a trustee of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts by both President Clinton and President Bush. He is chairman and president of the Foundation for the National Archives, the nonprofit organization dedicated to telling the American story through its documents, and a director of the Public Broadcasting Service.

Admission is free, but space is limited. Advance reservations required. Call: 312.587.0234 or click here to email us. For more information on the event: <http://www.pritzkermilitarylibrary.org/events/2006-11-04-civilwarsaturday.jsp>

About the Pritzker Military Library

Pritzker Military Library was founded in 2003 by Colonel (IL) James N. Pritzker, IL ARNG (Ret.) with a mission to acquire and maintain a collection of materials and develop appropriate programs to create a better understanding of the role of the Citizen Soldier in society. The Library has amassed a collection of more than 18,000 books and an extensive collection of audiovisuals, prints and antique military posters, in addition to a growing collection of personal papers. Author events, interviews with Medal of Honor recipients, and panel discussions on military topics highlight the Library's weekly schedule of free program offerings. Archived web casts and pod casts of over 100 public programs are available on the library website and through the online catalogue. Re-broadcasts of Library programs appear on WYCC Channel 20. Check local listings for schedule. Visit: www.pritzkermilitarylibrary.org for more information.

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