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ANNOUNCING THE 2008 PRITZKER MILITARY LIBRARY LITERATURE AWARD INTERVIEW WITH ALLAN R. MILLETT

CHICAGO, IL – Allan R. Millett, winner of the 2008 Pritzker Military Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing, will discuss his life and career in an interview with Ed Tracy on Friday, October 3, 2008. This event is free and open to the public. The presentation and live webcast will begin at 12:30 p.m., and will be recorded for later broadcast on WYCC-TV/Channel 20.

In their recommendation, the award committee – led by last year's recipient, James M. McPherson – described Millett as "the dean of active U.S. military historians." He is a specialist in the history of America's military policy, twentieth century wars, and military institutions. In the past decade, Millett has earned an international stature on the history of the Korean War. Among his many articles, books, and essays on the subject, *The War in Korea, 1945-1950, I: A House Burning* received the Outstanding Academic Book designation of the College and Research Library Association. He is also the co-author of *A War to Be Won: Fighting the Second World War*, which has been hailed as "the most compelling single-volume history of the Second World War ever written."

Millett taught military history at Ohio State University for 37 years. He currently serves as the Director of the Eisenhower Center for American Studies and Ambrose Professor of History at the University of New Orleans, and he is the senior military adviser to the president of the National World War II Museum.

This event is sponsored by the Tawani Foundation. Seating is limited, so reservations are recommended. Call 312.587.0234 or email events@pritzkermilitarylibrary.net.

Millett will receive the Pritzker Military Library Literature Award on Saturday, October 4, 2008 during the Library's annual Liberty Gala at Chicago's historic Drake Hotel. The Founder's Award of the Pritzker Military Library will be presented to the McCormick Foundation as well, recognizing their exceptional philanthropic work. The evening will also include an original dramatic presentation by the Steppenwolf Theatre Company, and a tribute to members of the U.S. Armed Forces. For more information on the Liberty Gala, please visit: www.pmlgala.org.

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About the Pritzker Military Library

The Pritzker Military Library is a non-partisan, non-profit research institution located at 610 North Fairbanks Court in the Streeterville neighborhood of Chicago, near the Magnificent Mile. Admission is free and open to the public, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and also for scheduled evening events.

The mission of the Pritzker Military Library is to acquire and maintain an accessible collection of materials and develop appropriate programs focusing on the Citizen Soldier in the preservation of democracy. The 5,000 sq. ft. facility features a collection of books and films on subjects covering the full spectrum of American military history, along with vintage posters, photographs, medals, uniforms, and other artifacts from private donors and the collection of the Library's founder, COL (IL) James N. Pritzker, ARNG (Ret.).

Since opening in October 2003, the Pritzker Military Library has produced over 200 programs including events with award-winning authors, interviews with Medal of Honor recipients, and panel discussions on military issues hosted by broadcast veteran John Callaway. All programs are presented free of charge in front of a live audience, webcast live and archived on the Internet, and recorded for later broadcast on WYCC-TV/Channel 20, a PBS affiliate. Programs are also available as audio podcasts on the Library website and at iTunes.

To learn more, please visit pritzkermilitarylibrary.org.

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