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**\$100,000 PRITZKER MILITARY LIBRARY LITERATURE AWARD
FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT TO BE ANNOUNCED JUNE 22**

Chicago, IL—The 2009 Pritzker Military Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing will be announced via live webcast on Monday, June 22 at 1 p.m. Central / 2 p.m. Eastern (time subject to change) at www.pritzkermilitarylibrary.org. The \$100,000 honorarium, citation and medallion, sponsored by the Chicago-based Tawani Foundation, will be presented at the Library's annual Liberty Gala on October 24, 2009 at Chicago's Palmer House Hilton.

The Pritzker Military Library Literature Award recognizes a living author for a body of work that has profoundly enriched the public understanding of American military history. The recipient's contributions may be academic, non-fiction, fiction, or a combination of any of the three, and his or her work should embody the values of the Pritzker Military Library.

A national panel of historians, writers and individuals related to the study of American history and heritage are currently reviewing nominations and definitive works submitted by publishers, agents, book sellers and other professional literary organizations.

The award was first presented in 2007 to James M. McPherson, author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era*; *Tried by War: Abraham Lincoln as Commander-in-Chief*; and *For Cause and Comrades: Why Men Fought in the Civil War*, among other books. In 2008, The Pritzker Military Library Literature Award was presented to Allan R. Millett, author of many books including *Semper Fidelis: The History of the United States Marine Corps*; *The Politics of Intervention: The Military Occupation of Cuba, 1906-1909*; *The General: Robert L. Bullard and Officership in the United States Army*; and *In Many a Strife: General Gerald C. Thomas and the U.S. Marine Corps*.

ABOUT THE PRITZKER MILITARY LIBRARY

The Pritzker Military Library is a non-profit, non-partisan library located at 610 North Fairbanks Court in the Streeterville neighborhood of Chicago, near the Magnificent Mile. 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 over 30,000 historical, reference, biographical and rare books on military subjects, 7,000 photographs, 1,100 original antique military posters and prints, and other military artifacts from private donors and the collection of COL (IL) James N. Pritzker, IL ARNG (Ret.). Since opening in October 2003, the Library has

produced over 200 programs including author events, interviews with Medal of Honor recipients, and Chicago's only monthly public affairs program on military issues, *Front & Center with John Callaway*. Evening programs in the Library's McHenry Atrium are presented free of charge in front of a live audience, broadcast live 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. A complimentary reception for Associate Members with wine and light refreshments precedes each evening program. Books are provided for purchase and signing at author events by The Book Stall at Chestnut Court. The Pritzker Military Library is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, charitable organization with no partisan, political or governmental affiliation.

To learn more, please visit www.pritzkermilitarylibrary.org.

ABOUT THE TAWANI FOUNDATION

A registered 501 (c) (3) grant-making organization, The Tawani Foundation promotes knowledge and understanding through the support of organizations dedicated to historical preservation, health and wellness, and environmental conservation. The Tawani Foundation awards grants to organizations according to the objectives of specified programs areas. The Foundation is committed to the four key Foundation initiatives of preservation of military heritage, conservation and preservation of historical sites, health and wellness and landmark gifts and grants.