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PRITZKER MILITARY LIBRARY EARNS "OFFICIAL HONOREE" DISTINCTION IN THE 11TH ANNUAL WEBBY AWARDS

2006 Event Calendar Recognized by Top International Honor for the Web

Chicago, IL (April 11, 2007) -- The Pritzker Military Library's 2006 *Event Calendar* has been named an Official Honoree of The 11th Annual Webby Awards, a distinction which recognizes work exhibiting remarkable achievement in online programming.

Hailed as the "**Oscars of the Internet**" by the *New York Times*, the Webby Awards is the leading international award honoring excellence on the Internet in four categories: Websites, Interactive Advertising, Online Film & Video, and Mobile Websites. The Webby Awards are judged by the International Academy of Digital Arts & Sciences, a global organization that includes David Bowie, Harvey Weinstein, Arianna Huffington, Matt Groening, Jamie Oliver, Internet inventor Vinton Cerf, and RealNetworks CEO Rob Glaser.

"The Webby Awards honors the outstanding work that is setting the standards for the Internet," said David-Michel Davies, Executive Director of The Webby Awards. "The Pritzker Military Library's 2006 Event Calendar selection as an Official Honoree is a testament to the skill, ingenuity, and vision of its program team."

The live webcast program schedule of the Pritzker Military Library has become a hallmark of its success. The PML's 2006 Event Calendar includes over 50 programs that the Library produced for a live audience on a variety of military and history related topics. Every program is available via a live webcast and archived podcast, an achievement that has made all of the Pritzker Military Library events easy to access by people anywhere in the world.

"This is truly a great honor for the Library," stated Edward Tracy, Executive Producer of Programs at the Pritzker Military Library. "This extraordinary recognition by the Webby Award committee is shared by every member of our superb production team and library staff, our board of directors, season and program sponsors and all of our associate members who are committed to creating a better understanding of the contributions of our Citizen Soldiers to a new and expanding audience."

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Since its founding in 2003, the Pritzker Military Library has produced over 150 programs with many of the top military writers, biographers, historians and journalists of our time. Each month, the Library hosts *Front & Center with John Callaway*, Chicago's only panel discussion on military affairs and the *Medal of Honor Series with Ed Tracy*, a one-on-one interview with recipients of the nation's highest military award. In addition, the library hosts author lectures, special luncheons and other events, all webcast live and archived as video and audio podcasts at the library's website: www.pritzkermilitarylibrary.org.

The 11th Annual Webby Awards received a record 8,000 entries from over 60 countries and all 50 states. Out of more than 8,000 entries submitted, fewer than 15% received this honor and were deemed Official Honorees. In the category of Events and Live Broadcasts, the Pritzker Military Library was joined by seven other organizations: AOL Music Live (two honors), CBS SportsLine.com's 2006 March Madness on Demand, ESPN GamPlan, the United States Tennis Association (two honors), slp3D, Inc. and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

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About The Webby Awards

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About the International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences (IADAS):

The International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences is dedicated to the creative, technical, and professional progress of the Internet and interactive media. The Academy is an intellectually diverse organization that includes over 500 members consisting of leading experts in a diverse range of fields, such as musician David Bowie, Virgin Group founder Richard Branson, business guru and author Tom Peters, The Body Shop president Anita Roddick, fashion designer Max Azria, "Simpsons" creator Matt Groening and Real Networks CEO Rob Glaser. The Webby Awards and The International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences are registered trademarks of International Data Group. For more information, visit: www.iadas.net.

About the Pritzker Military Library

The Pritzker Military Library, a major library and cultural venue for military history and the representations of the Citizen Soldier in a democratic society, is located on Fairbanks Court at Ohio, and can be reached via the CTA's Red Line (Grand stop). Public parking is conveniently located at the corner of Fairbanks Court and Ohio. The library and gallery are open to the public Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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 20,000 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 webcasts and podcasts of over 150 public programs are available on the library website and through the online catalogue. Broadcasts of Library programs appear on WYCC

Channel 20 weekly on Sunday evenings; check local listings for schedule. The Gallery opened in October 2005 and features military themed art, poster and print exhibits and multi-media presentations throughout the year.

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