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PRITZKER MILITARY LIBRARY ANNOUNCES FALL 2008 SEASON

CHICAGO, IL – The Pritzker Military Library's sixth season of free, public programming begins on **Thursday, September 4th** with a new presentation of *Front & Center with John Callaway*, and continues with weekly events featuring award-winning authors, interviews with Medal of Honor recipients, and panel discussions on military issues throughout the fall.

"We are excited about the coming season," said Ryan Yantis, Executive Director for the Library. "Our guests represent an astonishing breadth and richness in the fields of military writing, current events and of course, the amazing Medal of Honor series. We believe there is something of interest and value to all of our members, friends and guests."

To open the season, John Callaway welcomes Lt. Gen. Robert Van Antwerp, Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. *Front & Center with John Callaway* will also examine topics such as story of the Tuskegee Airmen (October 2nd), the legendary African-American aviators who fought Hitler abroad and Jim Crow at home, and the U.S. Presidential Election (November 6th, two days after Election Day).

A major highlight arrives on Wednesday, September 17th, when Joseph L. Galloway and Lt. Gen. Harold G. Moore (Ret.) will return to the Library to discuss *We Are Soldiers Still: A Journey Back to the Battlefields of Vietnam*, the brand-new follow-up to their acclaimed Vietnam War memoir *We Were Soldiers Once...and Young*.

The fall season also includes acclaimed authors such as Noah Andre Trudeau (*Gettysburg*), Andrei Cherny (co-editor, *Democracy: A Journal of Ideas*) and Steve Coll (*Ghost Wars*), whose October 23rd appearance will mark the fifth anniversary of the Pritzker Military Library. Allan R. Millett (*The War for Korea*), recipient of the 2008 Pritzker Military Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement, will be honored during a special retrospective interview on October 3rd.

Medal of Honor with Ed Tracy will present three new interviews with recipients of America's highest award for valor in combat, starting on October 16th with NBC/MSNBC analyst and Medal recipient Jack H. Jacobs (U.S. Army, Vietnam). Renowned photographer Nick Del Calzo will showcase his work for the Medal of Honor Foundation with an exhibition in the Library's gallery, featuring large-scale portraits of Medal recipients – including Illinois natives Sammy Davis, Hal Fritz, and Allen

Lynch. The exhibit opens October 9th, and will continue through the end of the year, making a compelling and unique tie with stories about Veterans Day in November.

Pritzker Military Library staff are available for interviews about the Library, its upcoming programs, and its facilities, including John Callaway, host of *Front & Center*; Ed Tracy, Executive Producer of Programs and host of the *Medal of Honor* series; and Lt. Col. Ryan Yantis, USA (Ret.), Executive Director of the Pritzker Military Library.

A list of programs currently scheduled for the fall season follows:

- SEPT 4 *Front & Center with John Callaway* – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: At Home and Abroad, featuring Lt. Gen. Robert Van Antwerp, Commanding General and Chief of Engineers
- SEPT 11 Noah Andre Trudeau discusses / signs *Southern Storm: Sherman's March to the Sea*
- SEPT 17 Joseph L. Galloway and Harold G. Moore discuss / sign *We Are Soldiers Still: A Journey Back to the Battlefields of Vietnam*
- SEPT 25 Andrei Cherny discusses / signs *The Candy Bombers: The Untold Story of the Berlin Airlift and America's Finest Hour*
- OCT 2 *Front & Center with John Callaway* – The Tuskegee Airmen
- OCT 3 Pritzker Military Library Literature Award Luncheon (12:30 p.m.): Allan R. Millett
- OCT 9 Lewis Sorley discusses / signs *Honor Bright: The History and Origins of the West Point Honor Code and System*
- OCT 16 *Medal of Honor with Ed Tracy* – Jack H. Jacobs, Vietnam
- OCT 23 Fifth Anniversary Program – Steve Coll discusses / signs *The Bin Ladens: An Arabian Family in the American Century*
- NOV 6 *Front & Center with John Callaway* – Congratulations, You've Won...What Now? (U.S. Presidential Election Special)
- NOV 13 Carlo D'Este discusses / signs *Warlord: Churchill at War, 1874 – 1945*

All programs are free and open to the public. Unless otherwise noted, all programs begin at 6 p.m., and are preceded by a reception for Library members with wine and other light refreshments. Books are available for purchase and signing at author events courtesy of the Book Stall at Chestnut Court.

Programs are webcast live on the Internet, available for download as audio podcasts, and recorded for later broadcast on the Emmy-nominated *Pritzker Military Library Presents*, which airs Friday afternoons at 4 p.m. on WYCC-TV/Channel 20, a PBS affiliate. The online event schedule at pritzkermilitarylibrary.org has been twice named an Official Honoree of the Webby Awards.

For more information, please visit pritzkermilitarylibrary.org/events.

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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.

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