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BEST-SELLING AUTHOR JAMES BRADY AND STORIES OF "WHY MARINES FIGHT" AT THE PRITZKER MILITARY LIBRARY

CHICAGO, IL – They have always answered the call of duty without question. They march without hesitation into the harshest places in the world, through the line of fire, and have for more than two hundred years. In his new book, author James Brady asks a simple question, and receives answers drawn from memories draped in sweat, frost, and smoke: why do Marines fight?

The Pritzker Military Library is proud to welcome author James Brady to discuss his new book, *Why Marines Fight*, in a special interview with Chicago broadcast legend John Callaway on Thursday, November 15, 2007. This program is free and open to the public. The presentation and live webcast will begin at 6:00 p.m., preceded by a reception for Library members at 5:00 p.m. This event will be recorded for broadcast on WYCC Channel 20.

The stories in *Why Marines Fight* are told by fifty men and women who have taken remarkably different paths in life: James Webb was elected to the Senate in 2006, Gerald Coleman played in a World Series with the Yankees, and Jack Rowe battles rattlesnakes over a prized patch of avocados; some, like Captain Lauren Edwards, are still in the service in Iraq and Afghanistan. *Why Marines Fight* is not a book of blood and guts and generalities. "I wanted to explore if it was fear, discipline, love of country, hatred of the enemy or a desire to prove oneself," said Brady. Many of the men and women in this book wrestle with their replies; Brady records battle cries and moments of doubt in equal measure, with chapters that peer out through the eyes of teenagers and the old men they survived to become. Speaking with an authoritative 'we' to mark the experiences he shared with many of his subjects, Brady answers the simple question of his title with a complex, absorbing tribute to the U.S. Marine Corps.

James Brady commanded a Marine rifle platoon during the Korean War and was awarded the Bronze Star for valor. He captured these experiences in his most recent book, *The Marine*, in the best-selling novels *Warning of War* and *The Marines of Autumn*, and in his highly praised memoir *The Coldest War*. He writes weekly columns for Forbes.com and Parade magazine.

Seating for this event is limited, so reservations are recommended. Call 312.587.0234 or email events@pritzkermilitarylibrary.net.

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About the Pritzker Military Library

The Pritzker Military Library is a state-of-the-art private research 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 25,000 historical, reference, biographical and rare books on military subjects, over 800 original antique military posters and prints, and other military artifacts from private donors and the collection of COL (IL) James N. Pritzker, ARNG (Ret.). Since opening in October 2003, the Library has produced over 170 programs including author events, one-on-one 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 taped for broadcast on WYCC Channel 20, a PBS affiliate. Programs are also available in podcast format at *iTunes* and *Yahoo!*, and archived as part of the Library's collection. A complimentary wine and cheese reception for Associate Members precedes each evening program. Books are provided for purchase and signing by The Book Stall at Chestnut Court.

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

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