AWARD-WINNING HISTORIAN RICK ATKINSON TO DELIVER NEW LECTURE
“THE U.S. ARMY IN WORLD WAR II: TEN THINGS TO KNOW”

CHICAGO—Rick Atkinson will appear at the Pritzker Military Library on Thursday, April 28th to deliver a new lecture entitled “The U.S. Army in World War II: Ten Things to Know”. Admission is free for Pritzker Military Library members, and $25 for non-members. The lecture and live webcast will begin at 6:00 p.m., preceded by a reception with open bar at 5:00 p.m. It will also be recorded for later broadcast on WYCC-TV/Channel 20.

Atkinson is the recipient of the 2010 Pritzker Military Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing. He is currently at work on the third volume of his trilogy about the American role in the liberation of Europe in World War II. The first, An Army at Dawn, won acclaim for its brilliantly researched, deeply felt narrative of the Allied campaign in North Africa. It was followed by The Day of Battle, which interwove portraits of Eisenhower, Patton, Roosevelt, and Churchill with unforgettable images of soldiers confronted with the transformative effect of fear and violence. He is also the author of In the Company of Soldiers, which followed the 101st Airborne Division and Gen. David Petraeus in Iraq; Crusade, a narrative history of the Persian Gulf War; and The Long Gray Line, a narrative account of West Point’s class of 1966.

Born in Munich, in the Federal Republic of Germany, Rick Atkinson is the son of a U.S. Army officer and grew up on military posts. A graduate of the University of Chicago, he worked as a reporter, foreign correspondent, and editor at The Washington Post for a quarter century, holding tenures as the assistant managing editor for investigations, the deputy national editor supervising national security coverage, and the Berlin bureau chief, at which he covered not only Germany and NATO but also Somalia and Bosnia.

Atkinson’s other awards include the 1982 Pulitzer Prize for national reporting; the 1999 Pulitzer Prize for public service, awarded to the Post for a series of articles he directed and edited on shootings by the District of Columbia police department; the 2003 Pulitzer Prize for history; the 1989 George Polk Award for national reporting; and the 2007 Gerald R. Ford Award for Distinguished Reporting on National Defense.

Please note: Seating for this event is limited, so advance reservations are strongly recommended. Call 312.374.9333 or email events@pritzkermilitarylibrary.net. While we will attempt to seat all who wish to attend, we can only guarantee a place for attendees with a reservation.
Education professionals in Illinois may earn 1.5 Continuing Professional Development Units (CPDUs) for attending this event.

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**About the Pritzker Military Library**

The Pritzker Military Library is a non-partisan, non-profit research institution located at 104 S. Michigan Ave., in Chicago's historic Monroe Building. Admission is open to the public.

Since opening in October 2003, the Pritzker Military Library has produced over 300 programs including events with award-winning authors, interviews with Medal of Honor recipients, and Emmy-nominated panel discussions on military issues. All programs are presented in front of a live audience, webcast live on the Internet, and recorded for later broadcast on WYCC-TV/Channel 20, a PBS affiliate. Programs are also available for download as audio podcasts.

Winner of the 2009 National Medal for Museum and Library Service, the Pritzker Military Library features a collection of books and films on subjects covering the full spectrum of American military history, along with military-themed posters, photographs, medals, uniforms, and other artifacts from private donors and the collection of the Library's founder, Colonel (IL) J.N. Pritzker, IL ARNG (Retired).

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