BRITISH ROYAL ARMOURIES DIRECTOR JONATHON RILEY TO DISCUSS “DEFINITIVE BATTLES” AT THE PRITZKER MILITARY LIBRARY

CHICAGO—On Thursday, May 12th, Jonathon Riley will appear at the Pritzker Military Library to discuss his new book, Decisive Battles: From Yorktown to Operation Desert Storm. Admission is free for Library members and $10 for non-members. The program and live webcast will begin at 6:00 p.m. It will also be recorded for later broadcast on WYCC-TV/Channel 20.

In Decisive Battles, Riley draws on his personal experience as a soldier and historian to explore the definitive battles of the modern era, including Waterloo in 1815 – which concluded more than twenty years of war with Revolutionary and Napoleonic France, and instituted alliances that dominated Europe until 1860 – and the Ardennes in 1944, when Hitler threw away his last army that could have stalled the Allied advance into Germany.

Riley is the author of several military histories, including Napoleon as a General: Command from the Battlefield to Grand Strategy; Soldiers of the Queen: The History of the Queen’s Regiment 1966-1992; and That Astonishing Infantry: The History of the Royal Welch Fusiliers 1689-2006.

Riley joined the British Army in 1973 and served peacetime tours of duty in the US, Germany, Kenya, and Cyprus. He went on to hold command positions in Iraq and Afghanistan, retiring in 2009 as a Lieutenant General. He received the Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in 2001, and was made a Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath in the New Year’s Honours 2008. He currently serves as Director General and Master of the Royal Armouries, which is Britain’s oldest museum and home to the national collection of arms and armor.

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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