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Pritzker Military Museum & Library Announces 2016 Literature Award Recipient

Hew Strachan wins \$100,000 prize for lifetime achievement in military writing

CHICAGO, June 20, 2016—Award winning historian, author and military strategist Hew Strachan is the 10th recipient of the **Pritzker Military Museum & Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing**.

The Pritzker Literature Award—which includes a medallion, citation, and \$100,000 honorarium—recognizes and honors the contributions of a living author for a body of work dedicated to enriching the understanding of military history and affairs. Museum & Library Founder & Chair Jennifer N. Pritzker, a retired colonel in the Illinois National Guard, will formally present Strachan with the award at the organization's annual Liberty Gala on November 5 at the Hilton Chicago, where he will be joined by past recipients.

“Winning the Pritzker Literature Award means a great deal to me,” said Strachan, “I have given my lifetime to the study of military history, and the Pritzker award is a recognition of a lifetime achievement. So, for me, this is a form of validation of something to which I have dedicated many, many years of time and effort.”

Strachan is the author of 14 major publications including the first installment of his groundbreaking three-volume work on the Great War, *The First World War (To Arms)*. His research interests center on the military history and strategic studies, with particular interest in the First World War and the history of the British Army. He has been significantly involved in the preparations for the centenary of the First World War, serving on the UK and Scotland national advisory committees and on the Comité Scientifique of the Mission du Centenaire in France. Strachan served as chair of Imperial War Museum's academic advisory committee for its new First World War galleries and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's 2014-18 committee.

“As we are now in the midst of the centennial of World War One – 1914-1918 – I could think of no one more appropriate than Hew Strachan to provide a global view of a war of 100 years ago that still deeply affects the lives of all of us,” reflected Pritzker.

Now in its tenth year, the Pritzker Literature award was first presented to historian James McPherson in 2007. Past recipients – several of whom served as members of the award's 2016 screening committee – are Allan Millett, Gerhard Weinberg, Rick Atkinson, Carlo D'Este, Sir Max Hastings, Tim O'Brien, Antony Beevor, and David Hackett Fischer.



A graduate of Cambridge University, Strachan is Professor of International Relations at the University of St. Andrews, a Life Fellow of Corpus Christi College of Cambridge, and Emeritus Fellow of All Souls College of Oxford University.

Renowned for his expertise in military history, Strachan is also a respected advisor on contemporary military affairs in the United Kingdom. He is a member of the Chief of Defense Staff's Strategic Advisory Panel, the Defense Academy Advisory Board, and was a specialist advisor to the Joint Parliamentary Committee on the National Security Strategy. His services to the Ministry of Defense earned him a knighthood in 2013.

Sir Hew is a fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh and the Royal Historical Society. He is married to Pamela Symes and has three children and two stepchildren.

The Pritzker Literature Award is sponsored by the Tawani Foundation. To learn more about the award or the selection process, or to watch the 2015 Literature Award recipient, David Hackett Fischer, announce Hew Strachan as this year's winner, visit www.pritzkermilitary.org.

ABOUT THE PRITZKER MILITARY MUSEUM & LIBRARY

The Pritzker Military Museum & Library is open to the public and features an extensive collection of books, artifacts, and rotating exhibits covering many eras and branches of the military. From its founding in 2003, it is a center where citizens and citizen soldiers come together to learn about military history and the role of the military in a democracy. The Museum & Library is a non-partisan, non-government information center supported by its members and sponsors.

ABOUT THE TAWANI FOUNDATION Founded by Colonel (IL) Jennifer N. Pritzker, IL ARNG (Retired), Tawani Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) grant-making organization whose mission is to enhance the awareness and understanding of the importance of the Citizen Soldier; to preserve unique sites of significance to American and military history; to foster health and wellness projects for improved quality of life; and to honor the service of military personnel – past, present, and future – through an awards program that includes the JROTC/ROTC Award for Military Excellence and the Pritzker Military Museum & Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing.

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