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## HISTORY AND RHYMES OF THE LOST BATTALION

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"Buck Private" McCollum

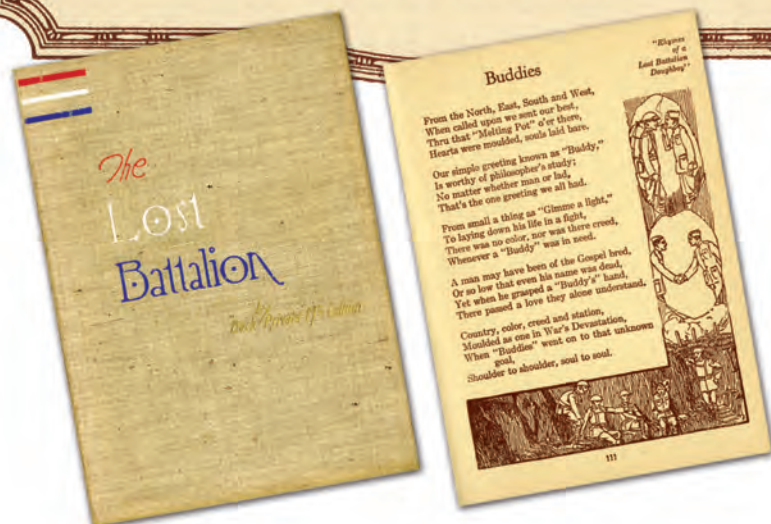
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### History and Rhymes of the Lost Battalion

McCollum, Lee Charles

Columbus, OH: L.C. McCollum Co., 1929

This illustrated volume combines war poetry and a regimental history of the 308th Infantry during World War I. It comes from the Pritzker family collection and is now in the holdings of the Pritzker Military Library.



#### Buddies

From the North, East, South and West,  
When called upon we sent our best,  
Thru that "Mating Pot" o'er there,  
Heroes were moulded, souls laid bare.

Our simple greeting known as "Buddy,"  
Is worthy of philosopher's study;  
No matter whether man or lad,  
That's the one greeting we all had.

From small a thing as "Gimme a light,"  
To laying down his life in a fight,  
There was no color, nor was there creed,  
Whenever a "Buddy" was in need.

A man may have been of the Gospel breed,  
Or so low that even his name was dead,  
Yet when he grasped a "Buddy's" hand,  
There passed a love they alone understand.

Country, color, creed and station,  
Moulded as one in War's Devastation,  
When "Buddies" went on to that unknown  
land,  
Shoulder to shoulder, soul to soul.

"Rhymes  
of a  
Lost Battalion  
Illustrations"



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Welcome to the Pritzker Military Library's 10th Anniversary Liberty Gala! I'd like to begin by sincerely thanking each of you for your contributions to this evening's event – if you've given time, money, or even well-wishes—we are grateful for your support.

It's difficult to believe that ten years have passed since we first opened our doors, and whether you've been with us from the start or you joined the cause somewhere along the way, we are deeply heartened by your presence here tonight. And we've done everything in our power to ensure that you leave with a greater sense of the important work that's being done by our dedicated staff.

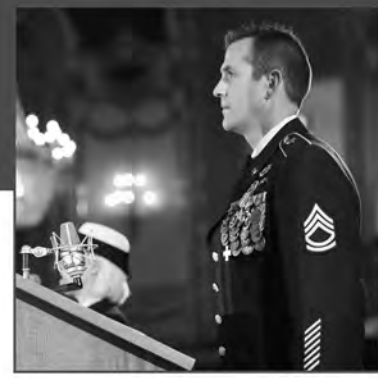
We've accomplished a great deal since first opening our doors in October 2003. From our humble beginnings in Streeterville to our beautiful new home in the recently renovated Monroe Building, we've collected tens of thousands of books, artifacts, and other materials related to military history. We've hosted more than 400 lectures, programs, and visits by some of today's preeminent military leaders, historians, and authors. We've also established a Veterans Information Center, making available important resources about healthcare, education, and employment, and we've equipped our Lecture Hall and Oral History Room with state-of-the-art technology for recording.

Through it all, we have remained committed to serving as an educational institution and a forum for meaningful conversations about the past, present, and future of the military. With that in mind, I am truly proud of this year's Gala lineup.

First, we'll honor the work of one of America's most distinguished authors; Vietnam veteran Tim O'Brien has earned the Library's 2013 Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing. Tonight also marks the pre-release of the Library's new publication, *On War: The Best Military Histories*, an anthology that features the writings of Tim and each of the previous recipients of the literary award. And finally, we'll have an opportunity to share in the legacy of the Citizen Soldier, as our special guests recount their personal memories of service to this great nation and to those of us who enjoy the freedoms that they protect and preserve.

So, I'd like to extend a special thank you to this evening's sponsors, to the Gala Host Committee, to our Board of Directors, and to the staff of the Pritzker Military Library—this event would not have been possible without your hard work and devotion. And to each and every one of the veterans and active-duty servicemen and women in attendance tonight: it is because of the sacrifices made by you and your families that this unique organization even exists. So, truly, thank you for your service.

Colonel (IL) J.N. Pritzker, IL ARNG (Retired), Founder and Chair



## *10th Anniversary Liberty Gala*

Saturday, November 16, 2013 • Hilton Chicago

**Cocktail Reception** – Normandie Room • **Dinner and Program** – Grand Ballroom

**Presentation of Colors** • Color Guard provided by Loyola University ROTC

**National Anthem** • Anthony Clark Evans, Baritone  
The Patrick G. and Shirley W. Ryan Opera Center, Lyric Opera of Chicago

**Welcome** • Stacey Baca, Host, ABC 7

**Recognition of Evening's Special Guests**

The Men and Women of the United States Armed Forces, Representing all Branches of the Military

**The Library** • Kenneth Clarke, President & CEO, Pritzker Military Library

**On War: The Best Military Histories** • Rick Atkinson, 2010 Recipient, Pritzker Military Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing

**Junior ROTC Project** • Presentation, Cadet Brandon Wilson, Commander, Chicago Public Schools JROTC City Corps

**Blessing** • Lieutenant Matthew A. Harris, USN, Chaplain

**Dinner**

**Remarks** • Gala Chair, Frederick H. Waddell, Chairman & CEO, Northern Trust

**Pritzker Military Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing**  
Tim O'Brien, Recipient • Presented by Colonel (IL) J.N. Pritzker, IL ARNG (Retired)

**Remarks** • Tim O'Brien

**Stories of Service Oral History Project** • Introduction,  
Major General James H. Mukoyama, Jr., USA (Retired)

**Close of Program** • Stacey Baca

**Paddle Raise and Raffle Drawing** • Introduction, Vince and Gabriela Cordos  
Greg Dellinger, Paddle Raise • Stacey Baca, Raffle Drawing

**Jazz Lounge – Normandie Room** • Cocktails, Coffee Bar, Desserts  
Music by Jeff Stitely Ensemble



## *Gala Chair*

Frederick H. Waddell, Chairman & CEO • Northern Trust

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## *Dinner Menu*

### **To Begin...**

Bibb and Butter Lettuce in a Radicchio Cup with Lola Rosa, Arugula and Frisée  
 Wedge of Triple Cream Blue Cheese and Sliced Cabernet Sauvignon Poached Baby Pear  
 with Sun Dried Apricots and Cranberries, Creamy Rosemary Vinaigrette

### **The Main Course...**

Braised Boneless Beef Short Ribs with Red Wine Reduction Paired with  
 Citrus Roasted Alaskan Halibut on a Bed of Sautéed Zucchini Marinated  
 with Fresh Herbs and Topped with Citrus Segments Accompanied by  
 Bundle of Asparagus Spears, Trio of Heirloom Carrots and Root Vegetable Mash

### **Vegetarian Option...**

Garden Pave of Succulent Grilled Eggplant, Portobello Mushroom, Red Peppers and Zucchini  
 Layered with Herb Infused Goat Cheese in a Pool of Smoked Tomato Fondue

### **Something Sweet...**

Vanilla Crème Brûlée Paired with Pumpkin Cheesecake Bite  
 Garnished with Chocolate Marble Stick, Fresh Berries and Fruit Coulis

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Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Tea

### **Wine Service**

Votre Santé Chardonnay • 14 Hands Cabernet Sauvignon

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PAT QUINN  
GOVERNOR

November 16, 2013

Pritzker Military Library  
10<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala

Greetings!

As Governor of the State of Illinois, I am pleased to welcome everyone gathered for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala in honor of the Pritzker Military Library.

The Pritzker Military Library is filled with an extensive collection of books, artifacts and rotating exhibits covering many eras and branches of the military. I commend the work of the Pritzker Military library for its dedication to the people of Illinois by allowing them to get a glimpse inside the history of our ancestors.

To celebrate an anniversary such as this is a significant milestone for any organization. This is an excellent opportunity to reflect back on all that you have accomplished over your past years and to make plans for the future of the Pritzker Military Library that will build on your past success. I have no doubt that the Pritzker Military Library will continue to provide the same level of excellence to the people of Illinois that they have come to expect from you for many more years to come.

It is my honor once again to welcome everyone gathered for the 10th Annual Gala in honor of the Pritzker Military Library and congratulate the Library for 10 outstanding years. On behalf of the people of Illinois, I offer my best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable celebration, and for continued success.

Sincerely,  
*Pat Quinn*  
Pat Quinn  
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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
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RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR

November 16, 2013

Dear Friends:

As Mayor and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the Pritzker Military Library's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Liberty Gala.

Pritzker Military Library was opened in 2003 to be a resource of military history for the American public. With an aim to amass and acquire materials to educate patrons on the role of the citizen soldier in the preservation of democracy, the Pritzker Military Library serves a great purpose in Chicagoland. Its presence in this city allows Chicagoans and visitors alike unique access to significant parts of our nation's history and context for modern society.

Tonight's event honors the families and the courageous members of America's Armed Forces who protect us every day, here at home and around the world and celebrates the library's continued commitment to house and share these stories. In Chicago, we have the largest JROTC program of any school system in the nation and the only city with every branch of the military represented in our high schools. And in the Pritzker Military Library, we have a unique institution that is dedicated to preserving our soldiers' stories and fostering dialogue about the challenges they face. This state-of-the-art library has quickly become one of Chicago's cultural treasures. I congratulate Mr. Tim O'Brien on being awarded the 2013 Pritzker Military Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing. I would also like to commend all of those gathered tonight for their support of this worthy cause.

On behalf of the people of Chicago, I would like to thank the men and women in the Armed Forces. Your service and commitment to our country is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Rahm Emanuel*  
Mayor



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**United States Senate**  
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November 16, 2013

Dear Friends:

Greetings! It gives me great pleasure to welcome all of you to the Pritzker Military Library's Tenth Anniversary Liberty Gala. As you gather this evening, you have an opportunity to reflect upon all you have done over the last decade to educate Chicagoans about our country's proud military history.

For the last ten years, the Pritzker Military Library has curated books, artifacts, and rotating exhibits spanning every branch and era of the military. The Library has become a center for the Chicago community to come learn about the importance of the Armed Forces today and throughout history.

I would like to extend my warmest wishes to tonight's attendees for your dedication to the Library. Congratulations on all your work and achievements, and I wish you best of luck in your future endeavors.

Very truly yours,

Richard J. Durbin  
United States Senator

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July 17, 2013

Pritzker Military Library  
c/o Nancy Houghton  
104 S. Michigan Ave, Suite 400  
Chicago, IL 60603

Dear Friends of the Pritzker Military Library,

I am delighted to send you best wishes as you celebrate the Pritzker Military Library's 10th anniversary.

I congratulate the Pritzker Military Library on its longstanding commitment to bringing citizens and Citizen Soldiers together to learn from one another about military history and the role of the Armed Forces in today's society.

I would like to thank the Pritzker Military Library and all those involved in the planning of tonight's event for their hard work. It is my hope that the 10th Anniversary Liberty Gala will be enjoyable and memorable.

I commend the Pritzker Military Library on its achievement in collecting, preserving, and sharing the stories of our Citizen Soldiers and wish you all the best for continued success in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Mark Steven Kirk  
United States Senator

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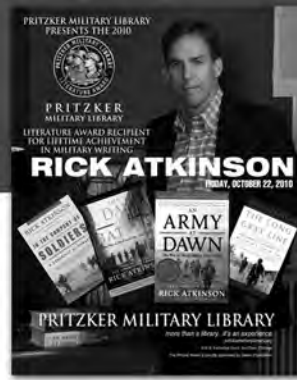


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## *The Pritzker Military Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing*

The Lifetime Literature Award was established in 2007 by the Tawani Foundation to honor a living author for a body of work that has enriched the understanding of American military history. The recipient's contributions may be academic, non-fiction, fiction or a combination of the three. Their work should embody the values of the Pritzker Military Library, which focuses on the Citizen Soldier in the preservation of democracy. In selecting the recipient, a national panel of historians, writers, and other individuals related to the study of American history and heritage reviewed nominations submitted by publishers, agents, booksellers, and other professional literary organizations.

The Pritzker Military Library thanks all those who assisted and guided this process.

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Rick Atkinson, 2010 Recipient • Lt. Col. Carlo D'Este, USA (Retired), 2011 Recipient  
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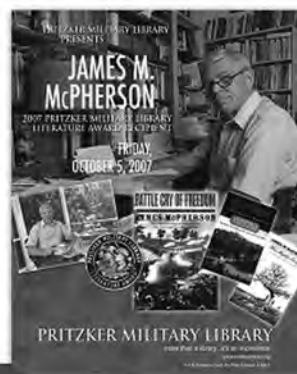
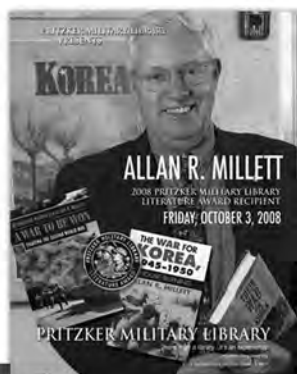
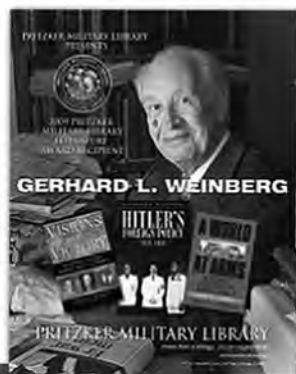
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*Tim O'Brien, 2013 Recipient*

**The Pritzker Military Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing**

Tim O'Brien is an internationally-acclaimed author of military fiction. O'Brien was drafted in 1968 and sent to Vietnam where he was assigned to 3rd Platoon, A Company, 5th Battalion, 46th Infantry as an infantry foot soldier. His tour of duty from 1969-70 has informed and influenced his writing.

O'Brien received the National Book Award in Fiction in 1979 for his novel *Going After Cacciato*. *In the Lake of the Woods*, published in 1994, was chosen by Time magazine as the best novel of that year. The book also received the James Fenimore Cooper Prize from the Society of American Historians and was selected as one of the ten best books of the year by The New York Times. O'Brien's book, *The Things They Carried*, was published in 1990. In 2005, it was named by the New York Times as one of the twenty-two best books of the last quarter century. It received the Chicago Tribune Heartland Award in fiction, was a finalist for both the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award, and a recipient of one of France's highest literary awards, the Prix du Meilleur Livre Etranger.

In 2010, O'Brien received the Katherine Anne Porter Award, presented by the American Academy of Arts and Letters, for a distinguished lifetime body of work. In November 2012, he received the Richard C. Holbrooke Distinguished Achievement Award from the Dayton Literary Peace Prize Foundation. O'Brien's short fiction has appeared in numerous magazines and editions of The O. Henry Prize Stories and The Best American Short Stories. His novels have sold more than three million copies and have been translated into more than 20 languages. Tim O'Brien is now a visiting professor and endowed chair at Southwest Texas State University where he teaches in the Creative Writing Program.



Guests

## *Special Guests*

### **Stacey Baca, Host**

Stacey Baca is a triple threat on the ABC 7 News Team. She is a journalist who anchors, reports, and stays connected through Twitter and Facebook. She joined ABC 7 Chicago in June 2002.

On the anchor desk, Baca delivers the Number One rated weekend morning newscasts — ABC 7 News Saturday and Sunday mornings. She is a versatile reporter who covers a wide range of stories — breaking news, crime, education, politics and feature stories, among others. She contributes to the afternoon newscasts and often reports on ABC 7 News at 10. Baca is passionate about covering military news throughout the Chicago area. This is a personal mission because she is married to a retired Naval Aviator and has been involved in military life for more than 20 years. Because of her husband’s military career, Baca has worked coast-to-coast.

Prior to joining ABC 7 News, she anchored and reported at KNSD in San Diego (1999-2002). In California, she covered everything from the military, politics, crime and courts, to international border issues between the U.S. and Mexico. She also traveled overseas to cover the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia. Before California, she worked in Norfolk, Virginia — home of the country’s largest Navy base — reporting and anchoring the Saturday and Sunday morning newscasts at WTKR-TV (1996-1998).

Baca’s journalism career did not begin on television; it started with newspapers. In her hometown of Brighton, Colorado, Baca worked for the Brighton Standard Blade while she was attending the University of Colorado at Boulder. After graduating, The Denver Post hired Baca as a staff writer (1992-1996). She uncovered information about the local militia movements and detailed how HIV/AIDS was affecting the Latino community. Throughout her career, Stacey has received numerous awards and recognitions from the Associated Press and the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS). She is also a member of NATAS and the National Association of Hispanic Journalists.

### **The Men and Women of the United States Armed Services**

We honor tonight as our special guests active duty members from every branch of the U.S. Armed Forces. It is a privilege for our attendees to share a table with them, hear their stories, and recognize their service to our country. The participation of our military guests is made possible through the generous support of Northern Trust, the Pritzker Family, and J. B. and M.K. Pritzker.



## *Special Thanks*

The Pritzker Military Library gratefully acknowledges the support of all those in attendance tonight and others whose efforts have contributed to the success of the 2013 Liberty Gala.

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Join a group of 104 people who will prepare the way for the next decade of excellence. The Name-A-Seat Campaign is a unique opportunity to make a tax deductible donation to the Pritzker Military Library and visibly express your commitment to the preservation and sharing of military history.

To Name-A-Seat, we are requesting a donation of \$3,000, payable in three annual installments. Your name will be engraved on a permanent brass plaque and affixed to the back of the seat of your choice. Your inscription may be “in honor of” or “in memory of” someone special, with you designated as the donor. You will also have the option to receive a three-year membership to the Library and a 10th Anniversary commemorative silver coin. Donors will be acknowledged on a plaque in the Library. For more information, call the Library’s Director of Development at 312-374-9333.

### *Why Name-a-Seat?*

The Library is a beautiful and inspiring public space that houses the memories and stories of those who have served or are serving our country. When you Name-A-Seat, you are helping to ensure that the history of our Citizen Soldiers is preserved and available to the public now and for generations to come – whether patrons choose to visit in-person or join us via the Internet or public television.

### *Your Gift is Transformational...*

#### **The Library**

Materials: Books – Magazines – Journals

Become: Veterans Information Center – Oral Histories – Original Research

#### **The Museum**

Objects: Posters – Prints – Photographs – Medals – Archival Papers – Artifacts

Become: Rotating and Permanent Exhibits in Four Gallery Spaces

#### **The Programs**

Speakers: Authors – Military Historians – Veterans – National Security Experts – Military Personnel

Become: Author Talks – Panel Presentations – Commissioning Ceremonies – Military Celebrations



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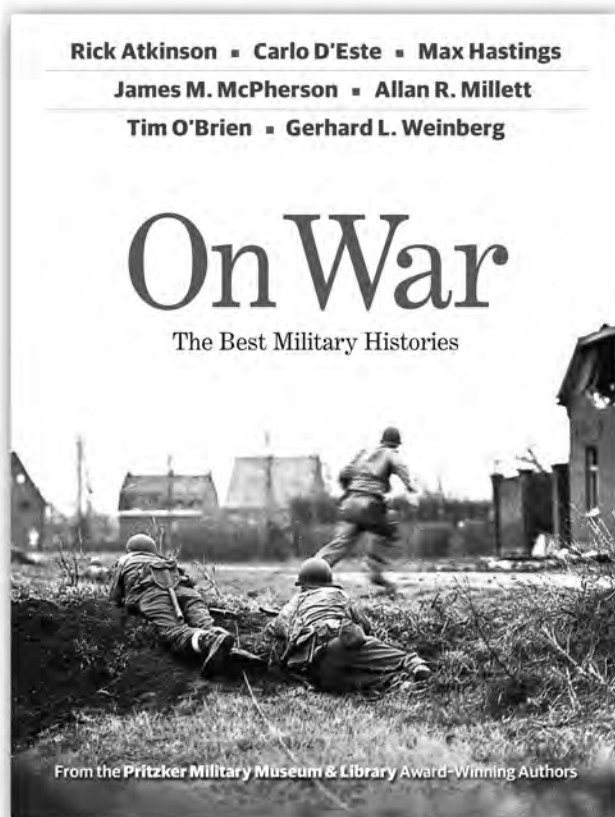
### Commemorative Coins

Celebrate the Pritzker Military Library's 10th Anniversary with silver and gold commemorative coins! These limited edition coins feature the Library's Citizen Soldier seal on one side, with a striking depiction of the Monroe Building on the opposite side. Available at the Library or online at [www.pritzkermilitary.org](http://www.pritzkermilitary.org).

### On War Anthology

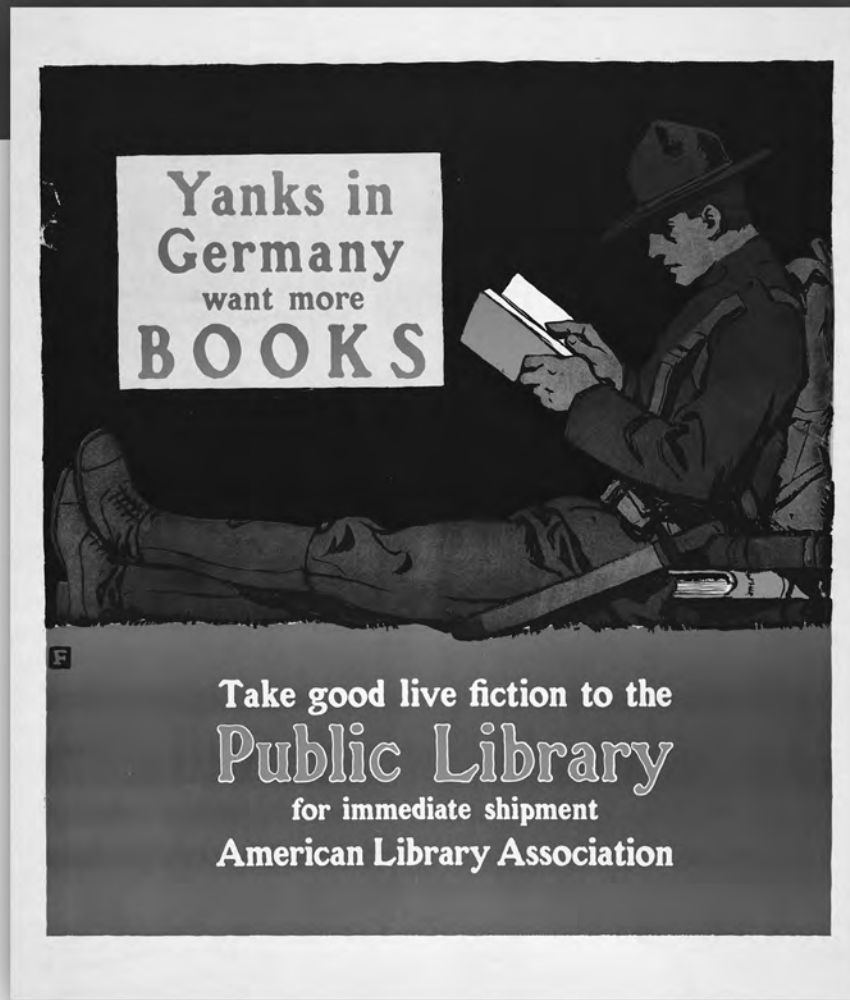
History enthusiasts will love the Library's newest publication: *On War: The Best Military Histories* from the Pritzker Military Library's award-winning authors. Produced in partnership with Weider History Group, this anthology features works by Rick Atkinson, Carlo D'Este, Max Hastings, James McPherson, Allan Millett, Tim O'Brien, and Gerhard Weinberg.

100 numbered limited edition leather-bound copies are displayed in a custom clam-shell case with an inset silver commemorative coin and feature original signatures by all seven contributing authors. \$1,000 at the Library or at [www.pritzkermilitary.org](http://www.pritzkermilitary.org).



“This anthology represents the best of military writing as it is today and will be for a long time to come.”

Karl Marlantes  
Author of *Matterhorn*



*Yanks in Germany Want More Books*

Falls, Charles B. (1874-1960) • American Library Association

In 1917, as the United States mobilized for war, the American Library Association (ALA) identified a need for libraries on training bases. The ALA established the Library War Service program to provide reading materials to American soldiers. By the beginning of 1918, the Library War Service had raised enough money to construct 32 camp libraries. To fill these libraries, the ALA held three book drives; one in September 1917, one in March 1918, and one in January 1919. National press coverage for the Library War Service's efforts was extensive. Several images were created specifically for ALA posters and book plates.

As the U.S. sent more soldiers overseas, the Library War Service went with them. The ALA established central library offices in Europe through which they provided troops with reading materials. The Library War Service established the American Library in Paris and the basis for loaning materials through the mail. Libraries established by the Library War Service also offered classes and reading lists.

When U.S. soldiers crossed into Germany for the post war occupation in December 1918, the Library War Service went too. Hoping to recreate their success with the American Library in Paris, the ALA set up a central distribution library in Koblenz, Germany. Although the American Library in Paris still exists today, as U.S. soldiers left Germany the Koblenz library closed.

## *Red Tails Escorting the B17s*

Smith, Kay (b.1923) • Watercolor • 2013

The 99th Pursuit Squadron of the U.S. Army Air Corps was activated on March 19, 1941. After training at Tuskegee Army Airfield, the first

African-American military pilots left the United States for action in World War II (1939-1945) in 1943. As more African-American pilots completed training three other squadrons were formed and joined the 99th to create the 332nd Fighter Group. With their fighter planes' tails painted red to aid in identification, the African-American airmen flew more than 1,500 missions escorting bombers over enemy territory.

Kay Smith, named Artist Laureate of Illinois in 1994, painted this watercolor in honor of the contributions of all the first African-American military pilots. Dedicated to creating an accurate depiction, she immersed herself in the history of the Tuskegee Airmen and the Red Tails. Smith conducted oral history interviews with Tuskegee Airmen Hon. John Rogers, Sr., Quentin Smith, and Julius Echols. She worked with the staff of the Pritzker Military Library to research the details of the P-51D Mustang planes portrayed in the piece.

*Red Tails Escorting the B17s* was commissioned by Colette Holt for the Library's Oral History Room which is dedicated to her late father, Tuskegee Airman Coleman T. Holt, through the generous support of Karen Pritzker and Michael Vlock.



## *The Crossing: The 132nd Infantry Regiment at Guadalcanal*

Dietz, James (b.1946) • Oil on Canvas • 2013

The 132nd Infantry Regiment traces its history to the first Illinois unit to mobilize for service to the Union Army in 1861. The regiment served in the Civil War (1861-1865), the Spanish-American War (1898), The Mexican Border Campaign (1916-1917), and World War I (1914-1918) before being federalized as part of the Americal Division in World War II (1939-1945). The Americal Division served in the Pacific Theatre of Operations. In December 1942, the Americal Division along with the 25th Infantry Division and the Second Marine Division began landing on the island of Guadalcanal. On Guadalcanal, the 132nd Infantry Regiment lost 112 men killed in action, had 268 wounded and three reported missing. Following World War II, the regiment was re-assigned back to the 33rd Infantry Division of the Illinois National Guard. In 1954 it was consolidated into the 131st Infantry Regiment as part the 33rd Infantry Division. *The Crossing* was commissioned by Colonel (IL) J.N. Pritzker, ARNG IL (Retired) in 2010 to

document the role of the Illinois National Guard in the pivotal Battle of Guadalcanal. The Pritzker Military Library worked closely with the artist, James Dietz, to create as realistic a portrayal as possible.

*Signed and numbered prints of both paintings are available through the Library's gift shop.*





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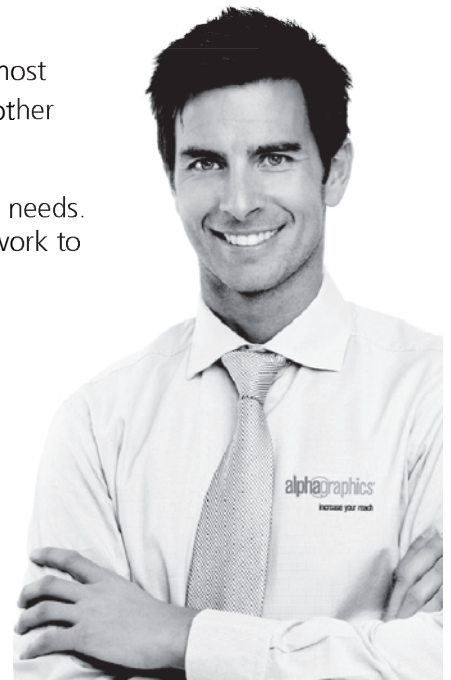
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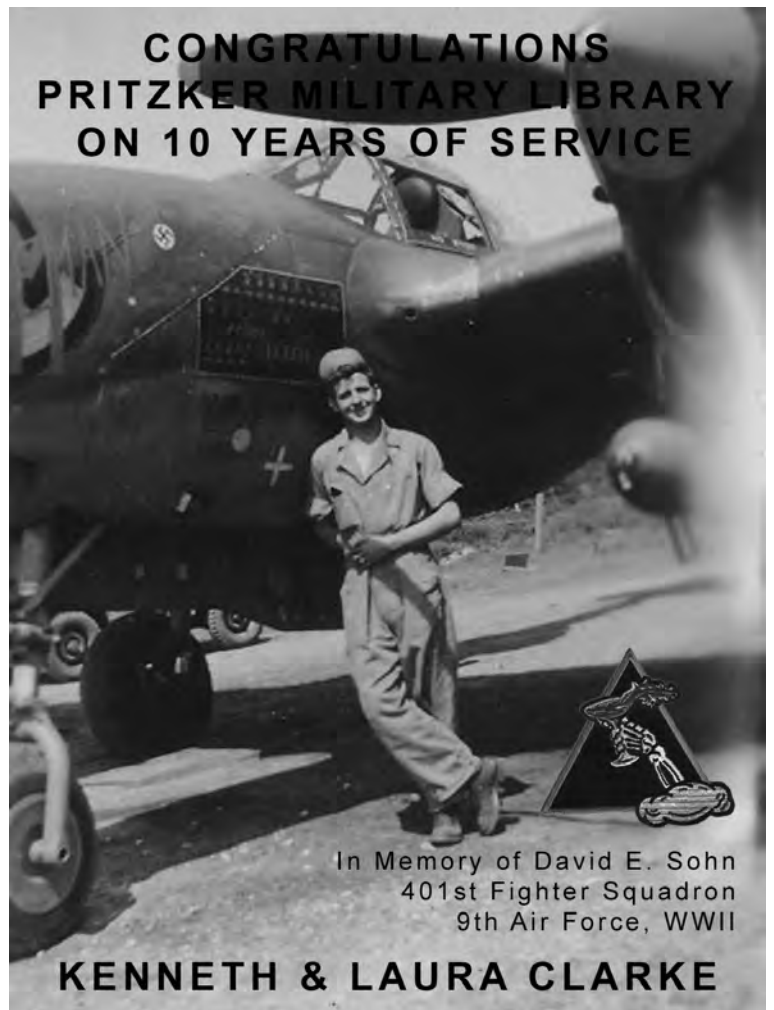
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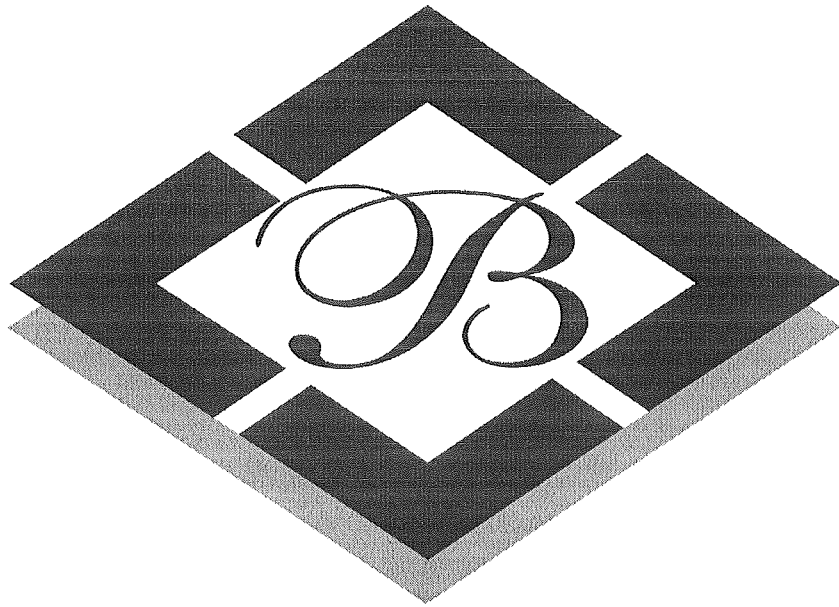
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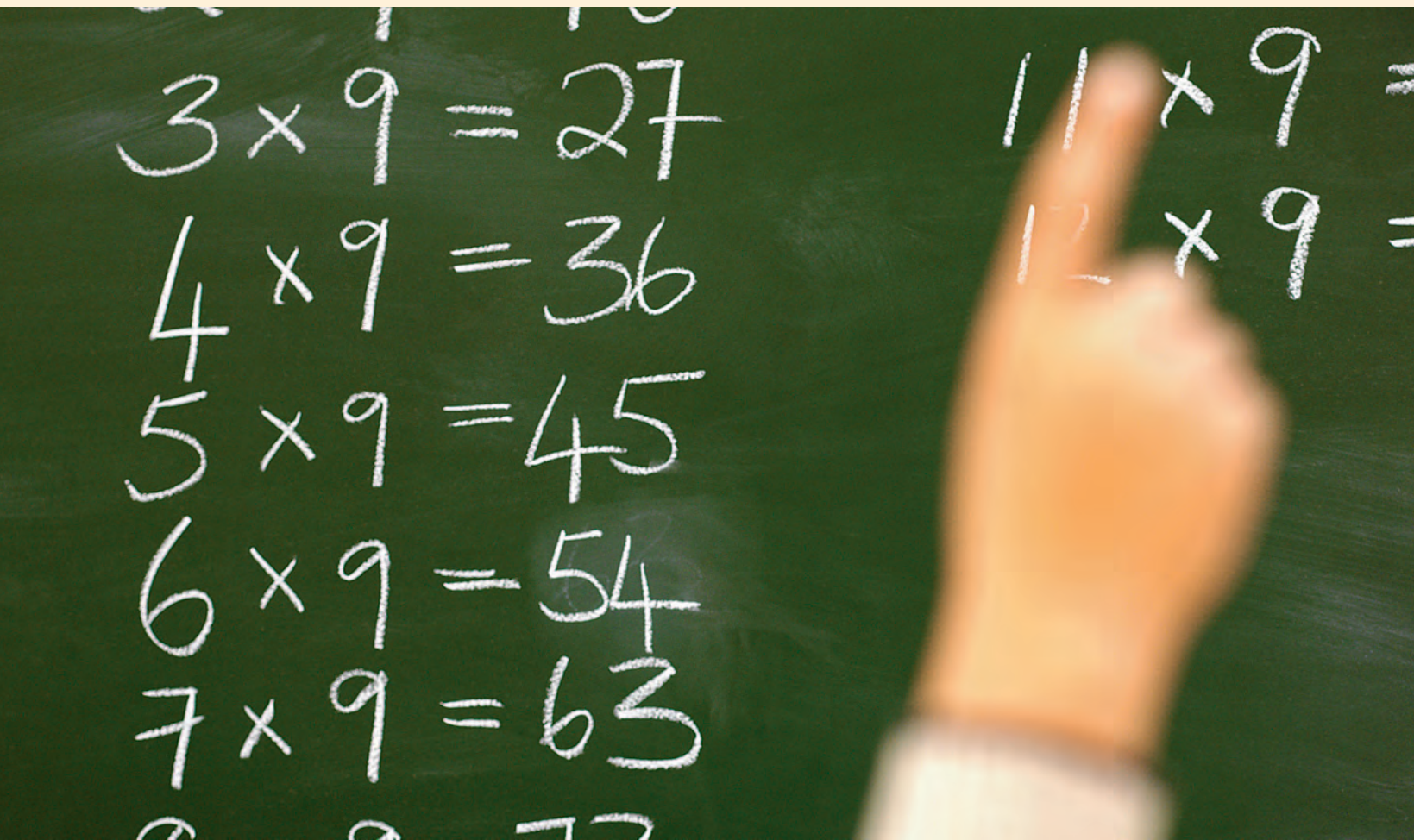


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