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IN MEMORIAM

Caroline Foster Wyeth Todd of Northfield, Vermont, and Duxbury, Massachusetts, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2015, at the age of 87. She was the beloved wife of U.S. Army retired Major General and Norwich President Emeritus W. Russell Todd '50. As the First Lady of Norwich for ten years, she was committed to volunteerism, service, and to the university and Northfield community.

Mrs. Todd founded the Norwich University Center for Volunteer Management, and founded and managed the nation's first Peace Corps Preparatory Program. She served three successive governors of Vermont as their Chair of the Governor's Commission on Volunteers as well as Vermont's Commission on National Service. She has been recognized for her work as a member of the board of directors of the Vermont Historical Society and co-chair of the fundraising committee of the Northfield Public Library. She served on the Norwich University Friends of the Kreitzberg Library for many years and as chair of the Sullivan Museum & History Center Museum Associates. In 1993 she was awarded an honorary doctorate of public administration.

The concept of involving military writers, journalists and authors at Norwich University was given life by Major General Todd during his presidency. Though the Colby Symposium did not come to fruition until after his retirement, since its inception MG and Mrs. Todd have been dedicated regular supporters, attending many symposium events, suggesting authors and speakers, and providing support to sponsor student attendance. The Colby Symposium owes a great debt of gratitude to the Todds. We were lucky to have Mrs. Todd's continued influence and involvement even after her time as First Lady of Norwich, and the symposium is better for it.



WELCOME

This year we mark the 21st year since Norwich launched the only program of its kind at an American university, a celebration of military writing, authors and ideas.

Begun in 1996 to bring influential writers to campus, the symposium has evolved into one of the nation's most prestigious academic events.

The concept of involving military writers, journalists and authors at Norwich University was given life by Major General Todd during his presidency, and the genesis of the program took shape at the 175th anniversary Medal of Honor gala honoring Norwich alumnus Capt. James N. Burt. Endorsed by Norwich President Richard W. Schneider, the symposium became a reality under the outstanding leadership of its first executive director, Ed Tracy.

Held each April, "the Colby," as it is nationally known, is named in honor of the late former ambassador and CIA director William E. Colby, a selfless public servant willing to confront difficult challenges head-on. The symposium exposes Norwich students, faculty, alumni, and the public to the works and views of authors, historians, journalists, and national figures. Its purpose is to educate, enlighten, and inspire.

In 2015 we began two significant new relationships: an association with the Peace & War Center at Norwich University and with the new Friends of the Colby affinity group. Both relationships will help to enhance the symposium in the coming years.

The Colby is proud of its service to Norwich, and the 2016 program is but the latest example of our enduring commitment to making the symposium a relevant and meaningful experience.

Carlo D'Este '58

2016 PARTICIPANTS

Jon Coffin

Jon Coffin is a retired U.S. Army colonel with 49 years of military service. A Vietnam veteran, COL Coffin commanded the 3/172nd Infantry Battalion (Mountain) and spent most of the recent wars on active duty traveling to demobilization sites and meeting and debriefing soldiers and units returning from Theater of Operations.



Nisid Hajari

Nisid Hajari is the author of *Midnight's Furies: The Deadly Legacy of India's Partition* and the winner of the 2016 Colby Award. Hajari oversees Asia coverage for *Bloomberg View*, the editorial page of *Bloomberg News*, and writes and edits on Asian politics and economics.



Kirsten Holmstedt

Kirsten Holmstedt is a journalist and an expert on women in combat. She is the author of *The Girls Come Marching Home* and *Band of Sisters*. Her latest book, *Soul Survivors*, is slated for 2016 release and tells the stories of women veterans upon returning from combat.



Karl Marlantes

Karl Marlantes is a former U.S. Marine and the author of *Matterhorn: A Novel of the Vietnam War*, a New York Times Top 10 Bestseller based on his combat experience. His 2011 non-fiction *What it is Like To Go To War* explores the experience of modern veterans upon returning to civilian life. Marlantes is the 2011 Colby Award winner.



Benjamin Patton

Benjamin Patton is a documentary filmmaker and the executive director of the Patton Veterans Project and I WAS THERE Film workshops, a program that empowers veterans through the therapeutic act of storytelling with video. Patton is the author of *Growing Up Patton: Reflections on Heroes, History, and Family Wisdom*, a memoir about his family's legacy.



Jason Redman

Jason Redman is a retired U.S. Navy SEAL and founder and spokesperson of nonprofits Combat Wounded Coalition and Wounded Wear, organizations that seek to provide networking, direction, balance, and tranquility and to improve the confidence of combat-wounded veterans. Redman is the author of *The Trident: The Forging and Reforging of a Navy SEAL Leader*.



SPECIAL GUESTS

Carlo D'Este '58

Carlo D'Este is a retired U.S. Army lieutenant colonel and military historian. He is the author of *Decision in Normandy, Bitter Victory: The Battle for Sicily, 1943*, *World War II in the Mediterranean*, *Fatal Decision: Anzio and the Battle for Rome*, *Patton: A Genius for War*, *Eisenhower: A Soldier's Life 1890-1945* and most recently *Warlord: A Life of Winston Churchill at War, 1874-1945*. In 2011 he received the Pritzker Military Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing.



D'Este is the co-founder and executive director of the Colby Symposium.

Sarwar Kashmeri

Sarwar Kashmeri is an Adjunct Professor at Norwich University, a research fellow at the Peace & War Center at Norwich University, and a fellow with the Foreign Policy Association. An author and current affairs commentator, Kashmeri is recognized on both sides of the Atlantic as a specialist on United States-European relations. His most recent book is *NATO 2.0: Reboot or Delete?*

Kashmeri was born in Bombay, India to a Muslim family who decided to stay in India, and lived through the Partition and its aftermath.



Stephen Pomeroy

Col Stephen Pomeroy, USMC (Ret.) is the Associate Director and Lecturer, School of Business & Management at Norwich University. Pomeroy has also served as the Dean of the School of National Services and the Professor of Naval Science at Norwich University. As a Marine Corps leader, he was Commanding Officer of a carrier-based F/A-18 Fighter Squadron from 1997-1999, Commanding Officer of a Marine Aircraft Group from 2002 to 2004, and Commanding Officer of a NROTC Unit from 2006-2008. Pomeroy participated in exercises and combat operations across the globe and has extensive operational and combat experience.



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2016 COLBY AWARD WINNER

Nisid Hajari has won the 2016 William E. Colby Award for his book, *Midnight's Furies: The Deadly Legacy of India's Partition*.

The Colby prize is awarded annually to a first-time author in recognition of a work of fiction or non-fiction that has made a major contribution to the understanding of military history, intelligence operations, or international affairs. The 2016 Colby Award winner is Nisid Hajari.

"I am absolutely thrilled to be named the recipient of the 2016 Colby Award," Hajari said. "To join the company of such distinguished military and historical writers as Jon Meacham and Dexter Filkins is a tremendous honor, and it's particularly gratifying that the judges chose to highlight a subject that may be unfamiliar to many American readers."

Midnight's Furies covers the 1947 partition of India and the violence that surrounded that event.

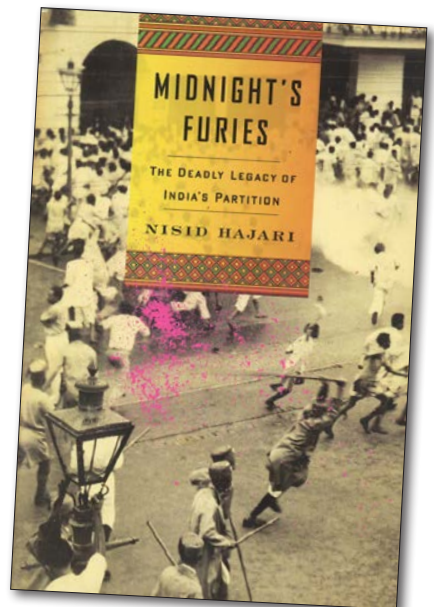
Carlo D'Este, the executive director of the Colby Symposium, describes *Midnight's Furies* as "noteworthy, superbly readable, and very timely."

D'Este says Hajari's book explores not only one of the "most historic events of the twentieth century but one that has powerful implications for the vital interests of the United States in one of the most unstable and dangerous regions of the world, where extremism and terrorism prevail."

Prior to working at Bloomberg, Hajari spent 10 years as a top editor at *Newsweek International* and *Newsweek* magazine in New York, during which the magazine won over 50 awards for its international coverage. From 1997 to 2001, Hajari helped to create *TIME's* first Asian edition in Hong Kong, winning two General Excellence Awards from the Society of Publishers in Asia. He has written for the *New York Times*, *Financial Times*, *Washington Post*, *Esquire*, *Slate*, *Foreign Policy*, *Businessweek*, and *Conde Nast Traveler*, among other publications. Hajari helped edit the best-selling essay collection, "Reimagining India: Unlocking the Potential of Asia's Next Superpower."

Hajari has appeared as a commentator on foreign affairs for CNN, BBC, and National Public Radio and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He currently lives in Singapore.

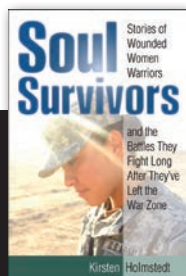
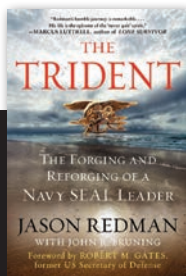
Winners of the Colby book award receive a \$5,000 author honorarium provided through a grant from the Chicago-based Tawani Foundation. The award and honorarium will be presented to Hajari at during the Meet the Authors reception and dinner on Thursday, April 7.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, April 6, 2016

- 8:00–8:50 a.m. **Presentation by Karl Marlantes,**
author of *Matterhorn: A Novel of the Vietnam War*
and *What it is Like To Go To War*.
Multipurpose Room, Kreitzberg Library
- 9:00–9:50 a.m. **Presentation by Jason Redman,**
author of *The Trident, the Forging and Reforging of a
Navy SEAL Leader*, founder and spokesperson of the
Combat Wounded Coalition and Wounded Wear.
Multipurpose Room, Kreitzberg Library
- 11:00–11:50 a.m. **Presentation by Kirsten Holmstedt,**
author of *Band of Sisters, The Girls Come Marching
Home* and *Soul Survivors*.
Multipurpose Room, Kreitzberg Library
- 1:00–2:00 p.m. **“Collaborative Filmmaking: A New Therapeutic
Intervention for Veterans Coping with
Post-traumatic Stress,” by Benjamin Patton,**
executive director of the Patton Veterans Project and
I WAS THERE Film workshops, author of *Growing Up
Patton: Reflections on Heroes, History, and Family Wisdom*.
Multipurpose Room, Kreitzberg Library



Thursday, April 7, 2016

- 8:00–9:15 a.m. **Presentation by Jon Coffin**,
retired U.S. Army colonel with 49 years of military service.
COL Coffin spent most of the recent wars on active duty traveling
to demobilization sites and meeting and debriefing soldiers and
units returning from Theater of Operations.
Conference Room, Sullivan Museum and History Center
- 9:25–10:40 a.m. **Presentation by Nisid Hajari with Sarwar Kashmeri**
Hajari is the 2016 Colby Award winner for *Midnight's Furies:
The Deadly Legacy of India's Partition*.
Multipurpose Room, Kreitzberg Library
- 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. **Friends of the Colby Symposium Spring Meeting**
All supporters are invited.
Multipurpose Room, Kreitzberg Library
- 1:00–3:00 p.m. **Panel Discussion: “Going to War: The Cost to Families,
Communities, and Nation.”**
Panelists: Karl Marlantes, Benjamin Patton, Jason Redman,
Kirsten Holmstedt, Jon Coffin.
Moderated by Col Stephen Pomeroy, USMC (Ret.)
Plumley Armory
- 3:15–4:30 p.m. **Book Signing**
featuring Karl Marlantes, Benjamin Patton, Jason Redman,
Kirsten Holmstedt, and Nisid Hajari
Milano Ballroom
- 6:00 p.m. **Meet the Authors Reception & Dinner**
Presentation of the 2016 Colby Award
Advanced registration and ticket required.
Plumley Armory



THE FRIENDS OF THE COLBY MILITARY WRITERS' SYMPOSIUM

is an affinity group whose members seek to enhance the symposium through recommendations of authors; foster and encourage an appreciation of the program by students, faculty and the public; and grow opportunities to attract new interest. Members of the Friends of the Colby give at all levels, and every gift sustains this one-of-a-kind program.

The Friends of the Colby Spring Meeting will take place on Thursday, April 7, 2016 from 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Kreitzberg Library at Norwich University.

Would you like to become more involved? Become a Friend of the Colby. Every gift is integral to this one-of-a-kind program.

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We apologize for any supporters that we have not included due to our printing schedule.



AMBASSADOR WILLIAM E. COLBY 1920-1996

Author and symposium namesake William “Bill” Colby, had a long and distinguished career in public service. The son of a career Army officer, Colby was a highly decorated veteran of World War II who parachuted into France and Norway to work with resistance forces for the Office of Strategic Services. His wartime service earned him Silver and Bronze Star service medals, the French Croix de Guerre, Norwegian St. Olaf’s Medal, and a British Mention in Dispatches.

From 1951 to 1962, he served in the American embassies in Stockholm, Rome and Saigon with the Central Intelligence Agency. He was ambassador and deputy to the commander of the US Military Assistance Command Vietnam from 1968 to 1971. He served as CIA director from 1973 to 1976, and later a consultant and lecturer on international and domestic political matters to corporations and governments. He also practiced international and American law in Washington, D.C.

For public service, he received the National Service Medal, the Distinguished Intelligence Medal and the State Department’s Distinguished Honor Award.

Ambassador Colby authored two important books, *Lost Victory: A Firsthand Account of America’s Involvement in Vietnam* and *Honorable Men - My Life in the CIA*. He was a long-time friend of Norwich University, which awarded him an honorary Doctorate in Public Service in 1992.

In honor of his commitment to Norwich and as a guest panelist of the first Norwich Military Writers’ Symposium, the program was renamed the William E. Colby Military Writers’ Symposium in 1997.

PEACE & WAR CENTER

AT NORWICH UNIVERSITY

The Peace & War Center (PAWC) was established in June 2015 to create a space for supporting interdisciplinary student- and faculty-based work on the many facets of peace and war. PAWC builds on the previous Center for the Study of War and Peace. The new PAWC hopes to build on that foundation by encouraging research, workshops, simulations, and other multidisciplinary programming. Travis Morris, assistant professor of criminal justice, is the first director of PAWC, and will oversee the center's work in conjunction with an advisory board.

The 2017 William E. Colby Military Writers' Symposium will fall under the purview of PAWC. This partnership increases opportunities to involve faculty from across Norwich's five academic colleges and allows for expansion and innovation in the Colby's programs.

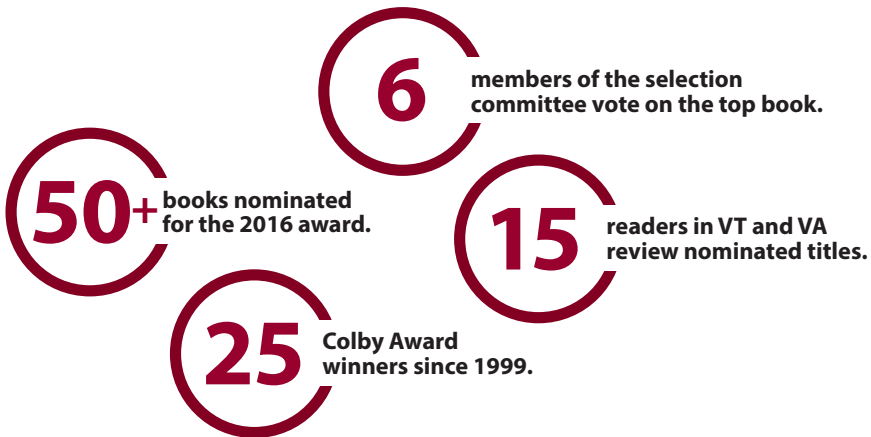
In academic year 2015/2016, PAWC has:

- Launched "Leadership in the 21st Century," a series of podcast interviews hosted by Sarwar Kashmeri, adjunct professor of political science at Norwich and fellow, Foreign Policy Association.
- Hosted David Last, PhD, Fulbright scholar from Canada for the spring 2016 semester.
- Created initiatives to help connect students with internship opportunities; such as the White House Internship Program.
- Organized and directed a NATO Advanced Training Course, coordinated with General Mihailo Apostolski Military Academy in Macedonia in December 2015. This NATO ATC, "Countering the South-East European (SEE) Terrorist Threat," featured speakers from NATO and partner countries who shared their research and practices with SEE scholars and governmental officials.
- Sent two students to the Foreign Policy Association's World Leadership Forum in New York, N.Y. in September 2015.
- Sent two students to an international Policing and Security Conference at Rabdan Academy in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE) in November 2015.
- In conjunction with the Olmsted Foundation, will lead a Field Study in Peace and Conflict for commission-track students in Israel during summer 2016.



THE COLBY AWARD: PRESENTED TO AN OUTSTANDING FIRST BOOK

Awarded annually for 17 years, the Colby Award is presented to a book that has made a significant contribution to the understanding of intelligence operations, military history, or current affairs. Presented to a first-time author, the award includes a \$5,000 prize, made possible through a generous grant from the Tawani Foundation.



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A snapshot of programs include:

- 1996 Fact and Fiction in 20th Century Military History
- 1997 Military Fiction in America: The Craft and its Influence
- 1999 Info Wars: The Next Battlefield
- 2001 Ethics, Issues and Policy
- 2002 The Military and the Media
- 2003 Journalists at War
- 2004 Writing for War in the 21st Century
- 2007 Civilians in the Path of War
- 2010 America at the Crossroads
- 2013 Coming Home: The Hopes, Fears, and Challenges of Veterans Returning from War
- 2014 After the Wars: What Have We Learned from Iraq and Afghanistan and What is the Future Role of the U.S. and Our Military?
- 2015 Cyber Warfare and Privacy: How Do We Keep the Balance Between the Rights of Citizens and the Security of the Nation?

For a list of all 30 programs and access to archival information, visit colby.norwich.edu



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