



FRIENDS OF THE COLBY SYMPOSIUM NEWSLETTER

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CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

On a personal note, I am a strong advocate and supporter of the Colby Military Writers' Symposium, and have participated since 1996. This symposium has informed and broadened my perspective on challenging historical events as well as our present day world affairs. I have had the opportunity to associate with noted authors, historians, journalists, and national figures—all of whom have inspired me to think critically and more deeply on pertinent symposium topics. Additionally, I have had the opportunity to interact with students and faculty who consistently demonstrate their leadership and our cherished Norwich values.

In this issue of our newsletter I want to exemplify and illustrate the type of individual you can expect to become acquainted with when you attend this year's symposium. Jason Redman is an author and military hero—an individual who lives our Guiding Values every day. A retired U.S. Navy SEAL and the founder of two nonprofits—Combat Wounded Coalition and Wounded Wear—both organizations that aid combat-wounded veterans, Jason was a 2016 Colby Symposium participant. He is the author of *The Trident: The Forging and Reforging of a Navy SEAL Leader*, which was nominated for a Colby Award in 2016.

This October, Jason was nationally recognized as the 2017 recipient of the Welles Legacy Red Bandanna Award honoring everyday heroes. The award is given each year in memory of 9/11 hero Welles Remy Crowther, also known as "The Man in the Red Bandanna," who saved at least 18 lives at Ground Zero of the World Trade Center in 2001. Jason was honored for his service to others before self—which is also a Norwich Guiding Value.

I invite you to participate in our upcoming April Military Writers' Symposium, and I hope your participation will provide you the same inspiration and personal fulfillment that it has for me.

Thank you for all your support, and I look forward to seeing you in April.

Best regards,

RON LOTZ

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Colby Award Update

The Colby Award recognizes a first work of fiction or non-fiction that makes a major contribution to the understanding of military history, intelligence operations, or international affairs. A \$5,000 author honorarium is provided to the award winner in partnership with the Pritzker Military Museum & Library and through the generosity of the Pritzker Military Foundation.

The 2018 Colby Award will be announced during the symposium at the Meet the Authors Dinner on Thursday, April 12, 2018. This exciting change will allow us to incorporate Norwich's only literary award into the symposium festivities.

The winning author will be invited to an appearance at the Pritzker Military Museum & Library in Chicago, Ill. in Summer 2018, and then receive the award in a ceremony at Norwich University in Fall 2018. The author will spend time on campus with students and in classrooms, will participate in a book signing, and social events in their honor. Alumni and supporters, and members of the public are invited to attend. More information will be available Spring 2018.



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Thomas Carlson '18

In November, Thomas Carlson '18 travelled to Chicago to represent Norwich University at the Liberty Gala, hosted by the Pritzker Military Museum & Library. The Colby Symposium and Colby Award are generously supported by the Pritzker Military Foundation. He writes about his experience below.

At right: Thomas Carlson '18 chats with Colonel Duane Hayden, an Aircraft Maintenance Officer in the Illinois Air National Guard. Carlson will be attending Aircraft Maintenance Tech School following his commissioning as an Air Force Second Lieutenant this May.

Photo courtesy of the Pritzker Military Museum & Library.



“I HAD THE wonderful opportunity to travel with Travis Morris, Professor of Criminal Justice, Executive Director of the Colby Symposium, and Director of the Peace and War Center; and Jessica Jaggars '10 & M'17, Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations to the Windy City of Chicago, Illinois to attend the prestigious Pritzker Military Museum & Library's Liberty Gala. We woke up early Saturday morning and took the first flight out of Burlington International Airport headed to Chicago. We decided to try authentic Ramen cuisine, which was one of a few new experiences for me. We ate a delicious lunch and then walked to the Pritzker Military Museum & Library to explore the spectacular exhibits on display.

Once we finished exploring the museum we had a few hours before the start of the Liberty Gala's cocktail hour. Professor Morris and I were two of roughly 500 guests from all over the country and the world. There was an overwhelming number of United States Military retired, active duty, guard, and reserve personnel in attendance. There were also many civilians and spouses of those in the service. I was among a handful of aspiring ROTC and JROTC cadets, primarily from local Junior Military high schools in the greater Chicago area.

The Pritzker Military Museum & Library strives to bring public attention to the sacrifices made of United States service members and their families. The Pritzker Military Museum & Library focuses primarily on the ideals of the citizen soldier in America. The concept of the citizen soldier is deeply rooted in Norwich University's history. Norwich University's mission to create the next citizen soldiers of this country and the research of the nearly 250 years of citizen soldiers conducted by the Pritzker Military Museum & Library, work hand and hand.

The Liberty Gala is an opportunity to recognize authors and historians who have written about the Gala's annual theme, and to recognize authors for their lifetime achievements. The theme of 2017 was, “WWI Lest We Forget” where the museum recognized the centennial celebration of the United States entering into the Great War. The 2017 Pritzker Military Museum & Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing was presented to Peter Paret. Being able to listen to Mr. Paret speak about his success as well as being able to personally meet and speak with him at the event was an incredible opportunity I would not have been able to have anywhere else.

Being a senior at Norwich University in the Corps of Cadets has inspired me to commission into the United States Air Force in May 2018. I want to spread the wealth of knowledge I have gained, both at Norwich University and by attending the Pritzker Military Museum's Liberty Gala, to my peers and to the civilian population about the importance of being a citizen first and a soldier second. My understanding of the citizen soldier and the vital role they play in our country would not have happened without attending Norwich University and without having the distinct honor of attending the Liberty Gala. Continuing to spread this knowledge to future generations is the Pritzker Military Museum & Library's goal, Norwich University's goal, and mine as well.” ■

Thomas Carlson is a senior, Studies in War and Peace major, and Criminal Justice minor from Hebron, Connecticut. He is the 2018 Colby Symposium intern. His trip to Chicago was generously funded by a gift from Robert L. Needham '58.

2018 Colby Symposium • April 11-12

Won the War, Lost the Peace: The U.S. Legacy in Iraq

• **Andrew Bacevich** is Professor Emeritus of International Relations and History at Boston University. A graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, he received his PhD in American Diplomatic History from Princeton University. Before joining the faculty of Boston University, he taught at West Point and Johns Hopkins University.

Bacevich is the author of *Breach of Trust: How Americans Failed Their Soldiers and Their Country* (2013); *Washington Rules: America's Path to Permanent War* (2010); *The Limits of Power: The End of American Exceptionalism* (2008); *The Long War: A New History of U.S. National Security Policy Since World War II* (2007) (editor); *The New American Militarism: How Americans Are Seduced by War* (2005); and *American Empire: The Realities and Consequences of U.S. Diplomacy* (2002).

• **Emma Sky** is director of Yale's Maurice R. Greenberg World Fellows Program and a Senior Fellow at the Jackson Institute, where she teaches Middle East politics. She is the author of *The Unraveling: High Hopes and Missed Opportunities in Iraq*. Sky served as advisor to the Commanding General of U.S. Forces in Iraq (2007-2010); as advisor to the Commander of NATO's International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan (2006); advisor to the U.S. Security Co-ordinator for the Middle East Peace Process (2005); and as Governorate Co-ordinator of Kirkuk for the Coalition Provisional Authority (2003-2004).

She has provided technical assistance on poverty elimination, human rights, justice public administration reform, security sector reform, and conflict resolution in the Middle East, South Asia and Africa.

• **Saifaldin D. Abdul-Rahman** is Vice President of IWG, a U.S.-Iraqi firm providing consulting, logistics, and construction work in Iraq. He is also a partner in the Taj Al-Khairat Group for Investment. He has held senior posts in the Iraqi government, including as Advisor to the Vice President of Iraq (2009), Chief of Staff to the Speaker of Parliament (2005), and Chief of Staff to the Minister of Industry & Minerals (2004). Abdul-Rahman is a guest contributor with the Middle East Institute in Washington, D.C.

• **R. Alan King** is a retired U.S. Army colonel and former leader of the Army's 3rd Infantry Division. Under his command, the unit became the most decorated civil affairs battalion in the history of the U.S. Army. King was the top civil-military adviser in Baghdad when the Iraqi regime fell in 2003. He is credited with leading the coalition's tribal affairs and Sunni outreach programs and served as a senior member of the April 2004 ceasefire talks in Fallujah. During his 16-month tour of duty, King met with approximately 3,500 sheiks, clerics and other local Iraqi leaders and was made a sheik himself.

King is the author of *Twice Armed: An American Soldier's Battle for Hearts and Minds*, winner of the 2008 Colby Award.

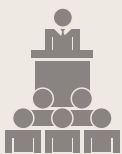
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2017 Symposium By The Numbers

More than
125
undergraduate students participated in classroom sessions with visiting authors.



70 students met and dined with authors at the Meet the Authors reception and dinner.



Students, faculty and alumni attended
5 EXPERT PRESENTATIONS



Authors signed more than
350
books for students and guests.



Norwich became the Vermont **official partner** of the national **World War One Centennial Commission**.



THE WILLIAM E. COLBY MILITARY WRITERS' SYMPOSIUM

WON THE WAR, LOST THE PEACE: THE U.S. LEGACY IN IRAQ APRIL 11-12, 2018

Featuring guest speakers Andrew Bacevich, Emma Sky, Saifaldin D. Abdul-Rahman, and R. Alan King for two days of author presentations, a book signing, the Meet the Authors reception and dinner, the moderated panel discussion, and social and informal events.

The 2018 symposium schedule details will be announced in January 2018 on colby.norwich.edu and in the Spring edition of the Friends of the Colby Symposium newsletter.

Veterans of the Iraq conflicts: We invite you to campus as our special guests to engage with current students and share the symposium experience as we discuss the U.S. legacy in Iraq. Contact colby@norwich.edu for more information.

- I will attend all symposium events (including the Meet the Authors dinner).

Names of attendees:

- I am a veteran of the conflicts in Iraq.
- I will attend the public panel discussion on Thursday, April 12 only.

- I will attend the Meet the Authors dinner only (\$50/ticket):
_____ people for a total of \$_____.

- I am sponsoring the following students to attend the Meet the Authors reception and dinner.
Names of students:

- My check is enclosed.

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