



SAVE THE DATE:

Friends of the Colby Symposium Fall Meeting

Friday, September 22
(Homecoming Weekend)

10–11 a.m. • Kreitzberg Library
Room 402, Norwich University

*Coffee, tea and light refreshments
will be provided.*

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CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE



We are looking forward to the 2018 Colby Symposium scheduled for April 11-12, 2018. This event will continue on the theme "Won The War, Lost the Peace" and will focus on the present conflict in Iraq. We extend an invitation to all to attend this program.

You may ask, "what does the Colby offer our students and attendees?" It offers an insight into happenings past and present so we are able to obtain a greater insight into tomorrow—and without this we cannot hope to face the future with understanding, courage and confidence.

The Spring 2017 symposium saw a number of changes. Colby co-founder Carlo D'Este '58 and Prof. Travis Morris, Director of the Peace and War Center, shared the role of executive director of the Colby Symposium. Beginning Summer 2017, Prof. Morris has taken on the full role of executive director, thereby providing an opportunity for increased faculty involvement and engagement in the Colby across disciplines and majors. By encouraging student involvement in Colby events and initiatives throughout the year, we enhance our goal of growing student participation.

Within the next several years we envision that the Friends of the Colby will see more significant participation by Norwich students and alumni devoted to advancing this unique program.

Upon graduation, two Norwich students offered the following thoughts on what the Colby Symposium meant to them. I share this with the Friends of the Colby to illustrate how valuable this experience is for Norwich students, and why it is vital that we strive to improve and expand this program.

"The Colby, for me, is an incredible opportunity to expand one's knowledge in matters that will be critical for all future junior officers to understand in some shape or way." - Steve Thomas '17

"The Colby Symposium bridges the gap between students and world-renowned authors, allowing students to be exposed to knowledge they could not find elsewhere." - Dave Yagy '17

If you have any questions or thoughts on the subjects discussed in our newsletter, please feel free to contact us. We always look forward to hearing from our alumni, students, and Friends of the Colby.

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Best regards,

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NU Students Attend a Live Taping of “Pritzker Military Presents” with 2017 Colby Award Winner

By Nicole Wenthe '18

Peter Kase '18, Colby Executive Director Prof. Travis Morris, and I flew to Chicago, Ill. as the William E. Colby Military Writers' Symposium delegation to visit the Pritzker Military Museum & Library. After we landed, we were able to have lunch with Dom Ruggerio '61 and Keith Gelinas '84 to learn about life in Chicago and their Norwich experiences. It is always an amazing opportunity to spend time with alumni and share each other's Norwich experience.

Following lunch, we had a short hike to the Pritzker Military Museum & Library (PMML). As a lover of military history, visiting the museum and library was amazing, given their location on Michigan Avenue, the breadth of their collection, and the stunning beauty of the PMML itself. As we toured the facility in downtown Chicago, we were able to see and handle some of the oldest books and military posters. A piece I found most interesting was a book of the Interior Guard written in 1819. As a former Military Police, it was fascinating to read some of the very same rules that are in place in our military today. We also received an inside look at the production area for the Museum and Library. During this behind the scenes tour, we spoke to a few members of the production team that record, edit, and produce the DVDs and television shows at the Pritzker.

One of the best parts of the tour was getting to walk through the museum. The current exhibit is titled, “Hunting Charlie: Finding the Enemy in the Vietnam War.” As an avid reader of military history literature, one of my favorite books is *We Were Soldiers Once...and*

Young. So it was much to my surprise that a section of the exhibit was an audio account from retired Lieutenant General Hal Moore speaking of his experience in Vietnam. The opportunity to hear his words shows why the Pritzker Military Museum & Library is so unique and extraordinary.

To end the night, we were able to watch a live taping of the “Pritzker Military Presents” featuring the 2017 Colby Award Winner David Barron. During the taping, Barron gave a detailed description of his book starting at the beginning of the Revolutionary War. The relationship between George Washington and the Continental Congress was explored and brought to light in respect to the current relationship of the Commander in Chief and today's Congress. At the end of the taping, we were able to speak with Judge Barron and I got a signed copy of his book *Waging War: The Clash Between Presidents and Congress, 1776 to ISIS*. This concluded our evening at the Pritzker Military Museum & Library. My only wish was to stay longer at the museum and library.

Peter and Nicole traveled to Chicago in June 2017. Their trip was generously funded by Mr. Robert L. Needham '58.

Above: (L-R) Colby Executive Director Travis Morris, Peter Kase '18, 2017 Colby Award winner David Barron, Pritzker Military Museum & Library President & CEO Ken Clarke, Nicole Wenthe '18. Photo courtesy Pritzker Military Museum & Library.

The Colby Experience

The Colby Symposium is more than a single event; it opens up a variety of experiences to Norwich students all relating to its unique mission. In addition to travel and internships—a snapshot of which is evidenced by the article above—students are invited to tie the Colby Symposium into their scholarship and research at Norwich. Generous support of academic fellowships and awards by supporters makes these opportunities a meaningful piece of students' academic careers.

The Richard S. Schultz '60 Colby Symposium Fellowship

The Richard S. Schultz '60 Colby Symposium Fellowship was established in 2017 in honor of Richard S. Schultz '60 by his wife of fifty years, Myrna L. Schultz, their children Marni and Alan, and his classmates and friends. The Richard S. Schultz '60 Colby Symposium Fellowship provides opportunities for Norwich students from any academic discipline to pursue student creativity and experiences associated with the Colby Symposium. The student recipient will then present their work during the Colby Symposium program each year. This fellowship is a competitive selection process, and students may apply for support from the fellowship to fund their endeavors. The annual fellowship will be granted to a single undergraduate student by the Peace and War Center at Norwich University. The first fellowship recipient will be notified October 2017.

The Carlo D'Este '58 Military History Award

The Carlo D'Este '58 Military History Award is a \$1,000 award presented to an outstanding undergraduate senior pursuing a history or military history major. The student will be selected by Norwich University history faculty and the director of the Peace and War Center. The award is generously funded by COL Jerry Morelock, USA (Ret.), and will be presented in honor of Carlo D'Este '58, co-founder of the Colby Symposium, in recognition of his legacy to Norwich, the Colby, and his incredible contribution to the field of military history.

Timeline to the 25th Anniversary of the Colby

As Norwich nears its 200th birthday, the Colby counts down to its own milestone—its 25th Anniversary event. The 2018 and 2019 symposia will look a little different from past years. In order to align better with the rhythms of the academic year, set the stage for multiple Colby experiences for students, and host authors and guests during one of the most breathtaking seasons in Vermont, the 25th anniversary symposium will be hosted in the fall.

To make this transition smoother for our supporters, alumni, and guests, the next two years will involve multiple Colby events. The timeline for the Colby Award and the symposium leading up to its big anniversary celebration and Norwich's bicentennial is below:



A New Chapter for the Colby

This year marks another transition—after years of dedicated service as executive director of the Colby Symposium, Carlo D'Este '58, is stepping into a new role. Co-founder of the Colby, Carlo has been a key part of the Colby for more than two decades. After serving first as co-director for the 2017 symposium, Travis Morris, director of the Peace and War Center at Norwich University, assumes the role of Colby executive director beginning this year. The Colby Symposium is now a signature event of the Peace and War Center.

"With this reorganization the Colby will also work in partnership with the Pritzker Military Museum & Library. This includes bringing the Colby Award winner to both Norwich University and Chicago, Ill., which will result in far greater publicity for both the symposium and the award. My new role is as a consultant while also continuing to administer the Colby Award," says D'Este.

Norwich University and the Colby Symposium are grateful for the years of service of both Carlo and his wife Shirley, their incredible legacy to the Colby, and to an untold number of students whose time at Norwich has been enhanced by their vision, contributions and dedication.

Above: (L-R) Ken Clarke, President & CEO, Pritzker Military Museum & Library, and Colby symposium co-founder Carlo D'Este '58 view a gift highlighting the 22 "Colbys" that Mr. D'Este has been involved with.

At right: (L-R) Norwich President Richard Schneider, Ken Clarke, President & CEO, Pritzker Military Museum and Library, Shirley D'Este, and Carlo D'Este '58 pose with a token honoring Mrs. D'Este's commitment and contribution to Norwich and the Colby.





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The 2018 William E. Colby Military Writers' Symposium

April 11–12, 2018

Norwich University, Northfield, Vermont

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The Friends of the Colby 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.



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A financial gift as a Friend of the Colby will support and enhance the student experience around this unique program—the only one of its kind at an American university. Your support sponsors students to attend the Meet the Authors dinner, funds student trips and academic projects to enhance their understanding of the Colby theme, and allows Norwich to host nationally-known authors and experts for two days on campus and in the classrooms.

Our fledgling organization, the Friends of the Colby, allows us to have a concrete impact on students' experiences while at Norwich. Your support of this powerful program is appreciated.

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