Chairperson’s Message

In April 2015 we celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Colby Military Writers’ Symposium. As a strong supporter of the Colby for the past 20 years, I was pleased to be voted Chairperson of the Friends of the Colby Symposium under the newly approved bylaws. These bylaws allow for an affinity group whose members seek to enhance the symposium through recommendations of authors; who foster and encourage an appreciation of the program by students, faculty and the public; and who will grow opportunities to attract new interest. This group held their first meeting April 10th. My commitment to Norwich and the symposium is to help to establish the Colby as a flagship event—what better way to provide students and guests an intellectual and social opportunity to interact with authors, alumni, university staff and faculty and other participants?

Through this newsletter we will try to better inform you of the many year-round pieces that make up this unique program— the only one of its kind at an American university.

I invite you to join our next meeting on Thursday, October 1st, just before Homecoming weekend, and meet the supporters, staff and faculty who are so important to the Colby. We would be glad to hear from those who would be interested in serving on committees or supporting the program.

We look forward to seeing you in October.

Ron Lotz
Reinhard M. Lotz ’60

The Colby Award by the Numbers

More than
50 books nominated for the Colby Award

$5000 author prize

Colby Award winners since 1999

15 readers in Vermont & Virginia
Of which 5 are student readers.

6 members of the Selection Committee:
W.E.B. Griffin Karl Marlantes
Fred Chiaventone Jerry Morelock
John Glusman Carlo D’Este

2016 Colby Award winner announced in February
Bylaws of the Friends of the William E. Colby Military Writers’ Symposium at Norwich University

ARTICLE I NAME
The name of this association shall be FRIENDS OF THE NORWICH UNIVERSITY COLBY MILITARY WRITERS’ SYMPOSIUM (FCMWS)

ARTICLE II PURPOSE
Section 1.) Purpose: The Friends of the Norwich University Colby Military Writers’ Symposium is an association of persons interested in strengthening the symposium and in supporting the mission of Norwich University. The purpose of the Friends is to support and advise the symposium through recommendations of presentation, and selection of authors and programs of interest to support cultural activities relating to the symposium; to foster and encourage an appreciation of such programs by university students, faculty and outside participants; and to create opportunities that will attract new interest.

Section 2.) Norwich University Policies for Volunteer Organizations: The Friends will adhere to all guidelines and policies for Norwich University Supporting Organizations.

ARTICLE III MEMBERS
Section 1.) Membership Eligibility: Membership is open to any person wishing to further the objectives set forth in Article II. Members will participate based on a tiered dues structure outline in Appendix I.

Section 2.) Honorary Membership: Honorary Membership shall be granted at the discretion of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS
Section 1.) Officers and Duties: The officers of the Friends shall be Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and a Secretary. These officers shall be members of good standing and shall perform the duties prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Friends. Good standing is defined as being current with membership dues, having participated in at least one annual meeting, and having missed no more than two consecutive scheduled committee meetings.

Section 2.) Nomination Procedure, Time of Elections: As needed, the Executive Board shall appoint a Nominating Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to solicit and nominate candidates for the offices to be filled at the spring meeting which will be schedule in conjunction with the Colby Symposium.

Section 3.) Term of Office: The terms of officers shall be for two years beginning at the close of the spring meeting.

Section 4.) Continuity and Conclusion of Term of Office: At the conclusion of a term of office, departing officers shall transfer their CMWS documents to the newly elected officers. Officers’ duties shall be discussed when an eligible member accepts and officer nomination. Departing officers shall attend in an advisory capacity the first Executive Board meeting following elections.

Section 5.) Office-Holding Limitations: No members shall hold more than one office at a time; officers may be re-elected for additional terms.

ARTICLE V DUTIES OF OFFICERS
Section 1.) Chairman: The Chairman shall preside at all membership meetings and meetings of the Executive Board; oversee, and coordinate all activities of the FCMWS; and make pro tem appointments due to absence or inability to serve.

Section 2.) Vice Chairman: The Vice Chairman shall act as assistant to the Chairman and assume the duties of the latter in her/his absence and be a member, ex officio, of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

Section 3.) Secretary: The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all membership meetings and meetings of the Executive Board and retain the report of Officers and Committee Chairs.

ARTICLE VI MEETING
Section 1.) Regular Meetings: The regular meetings of the FCMWS shall be held at least once a year; in the spring and at the call of the Chairman or Executive Director of the CMWS. The Executive Director of the CMWS continues to head the program.

Section 2.) Annual Meeting: The regular meeting in the spring shall be known as the annual meeting and shall be for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports of officers and committees, and conducting other business. Other meetings may be scheduled as required by the Chairman or Executive Director of the CMWS.

Section 3.) Quorum: Seven members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII EXECUTIVE BOARD
Section 1.) Board Composition: The Executive Board will be comprised of the current Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary of the Friends, immediate past Chairman, the heads of committees, and the CMWS Executive Director.

Section 2.) Board’s Duties and Powers: The Executive Board shall have supervision of the affairs of the FCMWS between its business meetings, fix the hour and place of meetings and perform other duties. The Executive Board will set the agenda for the annual meeting.

Section 3.) Board Meetings: The Board shall hold at least one regular meeting during any twelve-month period. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Chairman, Executive Director of the CMWS, or be called upon the written (including emailed) request of three members of the Board.

ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES
Committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by the Chairman as deemed necessary to carry out the work of the FCMWS. The Vice-Chair shall be ex officio a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

ARTICLE IX PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY
The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Friends in all cases to which they applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the FCMWS may adopt.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS
These bylaws may be amended at the annual meeting of the FCMWS by a two-thirds vote of members in attendance, provided that the amendment was emailed (mailed upon request) to all members at least four weeks prior to the meeting.

To be approved by vote of the membership at the annual meeting.

Full text of the bylaws available at colby.norwich.edu
2016 Colby Symposium, April 6-7

*What It Is Like to Go To War: The Cost to Families, Communities, and Nation*


Documentary filmmaker Benjamin Patton is 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. Through the workshops, veterans connect with one another, make sense of traumatic experiences, and can reduce symptoms of post-traumatic stress. Patton is the author of *Growing Up Patton: Reflections on Heroes, History, and Family Wisdom*, a memoir about his family’s legacy and his experience as the grandson of General George S. Patton, Jr.

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

Retired U.S. Army Colonel Jon Coffin served as the Vermont National Guard staff psychologist for 19 years, where he adapted an approach to formally debrief returning soldiers at the platoon/unit level. COL Coffin and his Crisis Incident Team debriefed nearly every Vermont solider returning from overseas during his tenure.

More info at colby.norwich.edu

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2015 Symposium at a Glance

- **53 Corps and civilian** student leaders met and dined with authors and visiting alumni at the Meet the Authors dinner.
- Authors signed more than **350 books** for students and guests.
- 2015 was the **20th anniversary** of the Colby Symposium
- **94 undergraduate students** participated in informal in-class sessions with panelists.
- Undergraduate research and initiatives were highlighted for the **2nd time**.
- Over **1300 students, faculty, staff, guests and members of the public** attend the moderated panel discussion.

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FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP FORM

Members of the Friends of the Colby Symposium give at all levels—every gift supports this one-of-a-kind program.

Name: ___________________________________________________________
Address: _________________________________________________________
Phone: ___________________________________________________________
Email: ___________________________________________________________
Class Year: _______________________________________________________

___ I will attend the Friends of the Colby Fall Meeting.

___ I will attend the 2016 William E. Colby Military Writers’ Symposium, April 6-7, 2016.

Make checks payable to “Norwich University Colby Symposium”
Contact colby@norwich.edu or 802-485-2811

SAVE THE DATE:
Friends of the Colby Symposium
Fall Meeting

Thursday, October 1, 2015
12:00-1:00 p.m.

Sullivan Museum Conference Room
Norwich University