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## **Pritzker Military Museum & Library Announces 2017 Literature Award Recipient**

*Peter Paret wins \$100,000 prize for lifetime achievement in military writing*

CHICAGO, June 20, 2017— Military historian and author Peter Paret is the 11<sup>th</sup> recipient of the **Pritzker Military Museum & Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing**.

The Pritzker Literature Award—which includes a gold medallion, citation, and \$100,000 honorarium—recognizes and honors the contributions of a living author for a body of work dedicated to enriching the understanding of military history and affairs. Museum & Library Founder & Chair Jennifer N. Pritzker, a retired colonel in the Illinois National Guard, will formally present Paret with the award at the organization's annual Liberty Gala on November 4 at the Hilton Chicago, where he will be joined by past recipients.

"I am very happy to receive this award and most grateful to the distinguished panel of historians of war for choosing me as the recipient of the 2017 Pritzker Literature Award," said Paret.

Author of 14 major publications, including *Clausewitz and the State*, *Imagined Battles: Reflections of War in European Art*, and *An Artist Against the Third Reich*, Paret has gained recognition for his research that brings together intellectual history and cultural history in order to better understand the relationship between the military and society more broadly.

"Peter Paret is required reading for anyone interested in history, from amateur historians and active duty military officers seeking advanced degrees, or required for professional military education, to accomplished award winning authors," reflected Museum & Library Founder and Chair Colonel (IL) Jennifer N. Pritzker, IL ARNG (Retired). "Paret's life of military service, scholarship, teaching and writing are rivaled by very few and that is why I chose him, with the help of the screening committee, to be the 2017 Pritzker Literature Award recipient."

Now in its eleventh year, the Pritzker Literature award was first presented to historian James McPherson in 2007. Past recipients – several of whom served as members of the award's 2017 screening committee – are Allan Millett, Gerhard Weinberg, Rick Atkinson, Carlo D'Este, Sir Max Hastings, Tim O'Brien, Antony Beevor, David Hackett Fischer and Hew Strachan.

A graduate of London University, Peter Paret is Professor Emeritus in the School of Historical Studies at the Institute for Advanced Study, a member of the American Philosophical Society, a Fellow of the



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American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and a Fellow of the Leo Baeck Institute for German-Jewish History.

A recipient of the Thomas Jefferson Medal of the American Philosophical Society and the Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit from the Federal Republic of Germany, Paret is a distinguished scholar across subjects, disciplines, and international boundaries. Paret is also a WWII veteran having served in the U.S. Army in the Pacific Theater.

The Pritzker Literature Award is sponsored by the Pritzker Military Foundation. To learn more about the award or the selection process, or to watch the 2016 Literature Award recipient, Hew Strachan, announce Hew Strachan as this year's winner, visit [www.pritzkermilitary.org](http://www.pritzkermilitary.org).

## **ABOUT THE PRITZKER MILITARY MUSEUM & LIBRARY**

The Pritzker Military Museum & Library is open to the public and features an extensive collection of books, artifacts, and rotating exhibits covering many eras and branches of the military. From its founding in 2003, it is a center where citizens and soldiers come together to learn about military history and the role of the military in a democracy. The Museum & Library is a non-partisan, non-government information center supported by its members and sponsors.

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