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**PRITZKER MILITARY LIBRARY TO RECOGNIZE OUTSTANDING
PHILANTHROPIC WORK OF THE MCCORMICK FOUNDATION**

Founder's Award to be Presented at Liberty Gala on October 4, 2008

CHICAGO, IL (Sept. 4, 2008) – The **McCormick Foundation**, whose philanthropic efforts have supported cultural and artistic endeavors throughout Chicago for more than 50 years, has been selected to receive the **Founder's Award** of the Pritzker Military Library. The award will be presented by the Library's President and Founder, COL (IL) James N. Pritzker IL ARNG (Ret.), at the Pritzker Military Library's annual **Liberty Gala** on October 4, 2008.

The Founder's Award of the Pritzker Military Library recognizes an individual or an organization for an extraordinary contribution to the mission of the Pritzker Military Library and the preservation of the heritage of the Citizen Soldier. The McCormick Foundation has been the Presenting Sponsor of the free, public programs on military history for live, Internet and broadcast audiences at the Pritzker Military Library for three years, and will continue in that role for the 2008-09 season.

"The McCormick Foundation is honored to be receiving this year's Founder's Award," said David L. Grange, president and CEO of the McCormick Foundation. "The Foundation values its partnership with Pritzker Military Library and our common efforts to honor the Citizen Soldier and promote an informed and engaged citizenry."

The mission of the McCormick Foundation is to strengthen our free, democratic society by investing in children, communities, and country. Through its five grantmaking programs, Cantigny Park and Golf, and three world-class museums, the Foundation helps build a more active and engaged citizenry. The Foundation was established as a charitable trust in 1955, upon the death of Colonel Robert R. McCormick, the longtime editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*.

"We are delighted that the McCormick Foundation is accepting this honor," said Ryan Yantis, executive director of the Library. "Col. McCormick's legacy, spirit and contributions as a true example of a model Citizen Soldier have been carried through the years since his passing by the McCormick Foundation. They are a cornerstone of responsible philanthropic support to a wide range of very important social, cultural and artistic causes and we thank them for their generous and consistent support."

The Founder's Award of the Pritzker Military Library will be presented on October 4, 2008 during the annual Liberty Gala at Chicago's historic Drake Hotel (140 E. Walton Place). That night, the Library will also present the **Pritzker Military Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing** to historian **Allan R. Millett**. The evening will include a tribute to members of the U.S. Armed Forces. For more information on the Liberty Gala, visit: www.pmlgala.org.

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About the Pritzker Military Library

The Pritzker Military Library is a non-profit, non-partisan library located at 610 North Fairbanks Court in the Streeterville neighborhood of Chicago, near the Magnificent Mile. The mission of the Pritzker Military Library is to acquire and maintain an accessible collection of materials and develop appropriate programs focusing on the Citizen Soldier in the preservation of democracy.

The 5,000 sq. ft. facility features over 27,000 historical, reference, biographical and rare books on military subjects, over 900 original antique military posters and prints, and other military artifacts from private donors and the collection of COL (IL) James N. Pritzker, ARNG (Ret.). Since opening in October 2003, the Library has produced over 200 programs including author events, interviews with Medal of Honor recipients, and Chicago's only monthly public affairs program on military issues, *Front & Center with John Callaway*. Evening programs in the Library's McHenry Atrium are presented free of charge in front of a live audience, broadcast live on the Internet, and recorded for later broadcast on WYCC-TV/Channel 20, a PBS affiliate. Programs are also available as audio podcasts on the Library website and at iTunes. A complimentary reception for Associate Members with wine and light refreshments precedes each evening program. Books are provided for purchase and signing at author events by The Book Stall at Chestnut Court.

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