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International collaboration brings new collection of French WWI books to Chicago institution

Pritzker Military Museum & Library to announce partnership with French Consulate and unveil new books at a joint press conference and public program

CHICAGO, Oct. 28, 2014 — In commemoration of the European centennial of World War I, the Pritzker Military Museum & Library has partnered with the Consulate General of France in Chicago to acquire a collection of 100 of the most significant French works on the Great War. The books will be unveiled in a joint press conference at the Museum & Library Thursday at noon CDT, to be webcast live for the benefit of viewers in France and the United States.

“Chicago has an honored tradition of acquiring books from our allies, and this collection of French language books about the Great War continues that tradition,” said Museum & Library President & CEO Kenneth Clarke.

The press conference will include remarks by Consul General Vincent Floreani and will be followed by a special presentation of *Pritzker Military Presents*, featuring a discussion by French philosopher Marc Crépon and DePaul University’s Michael Naas on “The Trial of Hate.” The program will explore the surge in time of war of a “culture of fear” and a “culture of the enemy” that are the first and most formidable of the trials that must be surmounted by those who want not only to make the voice of peace heard, but to give it a chance in the future.

“In the framework of the centennial, the Cultural Service of the French Embassy in the United States is organizing a series of events with the vision of informing the general public about the major issues of World War I,” the Consulate General said in a statement. “These events will focus more specially on the transmission of common values across the last century from one generation to another, in France as in America.”

This program is open to the public and free for everyone, but registration is required. Ticket and Livestream information is available at www.pritzkermilitary.org/commemorating-world-war-one.

Learn more about the Pritzker Military Museum & Library’s upcoming events or register to attend by visiting www.pritzkermilitary.org/events.

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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. Since opening in 2003, it has become a center where citizens and Citizen Soldiers come together to learn about military history and the role of the Armed Forces in today's society. The Museum & Library is a non-partisan, non-government information center supported by its members and donors.

