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## **2015 Liberty Gala showcases Pritzker Military Museum & Library's innovative work and honors service members and their families**

*Annual fundraiser to be held Nov. 7 at the Hilton Chicago*

CHICAGO, Nov. 2, 2015—The Pritzker Military Museum & Library will host its Liberty Gala Nov. 7 at the Hilton Chicago, a special evening that celebrates and supports the work of the Museum & Library and honors the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces, past and present.

Among the highlights of the evening is the presentation of awards, including a \$100,000 **Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing** to historian David Hackett Fischer, author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning book, *Washington's Crossing*; a distinguished service medal to JROTC Cadet Miranda Cardona, of Chicago Public School's Prosser Career Academy; and Founder's Awards to distinguished authors Edward M. Coffman and Sir Michael Howard. The event will be hosted by ABC7 Chicago's Stacey Baca, with additional programming to include a showcase of veterans' oral histories.

Innovation is central to the Pritzker Military Museum & Library's pursuit of its mission; it seeks to provide greater public access to information about military history and affairs and to help the public understand the sacrifices service members and their families make to protect our democracy through the generations. Active duty representatives from every branch of the United States military are the Museum & Library's special guests at this fundraising event, and proceeds will benefit the nonprofit organization.

**Sponsors of the 2015 Liberty Gala include** Northern Trust; Colonel (IL) Jennifer N. Pritzker, IL ARNG (Retired); Audrey and Albert Ratner; Cordos Construction; Charles E. Dobrusin & Associates Ltd.; Janet and Craig Duchossois; Exelon; Tyrone and Anne Fahner; Karen Pritzker and Michael K. Vlock; Mayari Pritzker; John W. and Jeanne M. Rowe; Tawani Foundation; Beverly and John Schwan; Captain Dave Truitt; Plante Moran; BMO Private Bank; Montgomery Chandler; Advisory Research, Inc.; Berglund Construction; Tawani Enterprises, Inc. Executive Team; National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation; Bill and Penny Obenshain; Colonel (Retired) David, Brenda, and Jeanette Pelizzon; J.B. and M.K. Pritzker; Lisa and John Pritzker Family Fund; Reed Smith LLP; Rockefeller & Company; Raeanne and Robert Sarazen/Goldman Sachs; The Satter Foundation, and others.

Tickets to the event are available through 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3. Learn more or purchase tickets by visiting [pritzkermilitary.org/2015gala](http://pritzkermilitary.org/2015gala). The Liberty Gala will be held at the Hilton Chicago, 720 South Michigan Ave. It begins at 6 p.m. with a cocktail reception, to be followed by a dinner program at 7 p.m. and an after-party with live music, beginning at 9:30 p.m.

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