

# WAR STORIES

## The Ultimate Sacrifice

A new **Armed Forces Memorial** will honor fallen UT students, faculty, and staff



**“Here is my biggest fear. Don’t let my son die twice. First on the worst day of my life and the second when you stop remembering and saying his name.”**

This quote, attributed to a Gold Star mother, answers why the University of Tennessee will have a memorial installed at the flagship campus in Knoxville.

The Center for the Study of War and Society (CSWS) has joined forces with the UT Army ROTC Alumni Council, in partnership with the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, to create an on-campus Armed Forces Memorial honoring the sacrifices of all former students, faculty, and staff since World War I.

“This memorial represents a tremendous opportunity to honor those UT staff, faculty, and students who served in the military and made the ultimate sacrifice for this country,” said Retired Brigadier General Geoff Freeman ('78), president of the UT Army ROTC Council. “It is most fitting that we establish this memorial so that their service is permanently recognized, and their names not forgotten.”

The University of Tennessee Armed Forces Memorial will enshrine the names of students, faculty, and staff from all UT campuses who died in the line of duty while in military service to the United States from World War I to the present, whether involved in direct combat, military operations or training, or as the result of domestic or international acts of terror. The memorial, which will be dedicated Memorial Day 2022, will be built on the Joe

Johnson-John Ward Pedestrian Walkway in front of Fred Brown Hall. The marble sculpture will bear more than 350 brass plates engraved with the name of one of our Tennessee fallen heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our freedoms.

“These names have faces and all the faces have stories,” said Lt. Colonel (Ret) Logan Hickman ('80), who will serve as the council’s project officer. “The memorial will ensure their sacrifices live for future generations of Volunteers.”

The CSWS staff have conducted a great portion of the research needed to complete the list of names. We will continue to vet the names for inclusion and take the lead to create a website featuring stories and photos of all individuals honored in the memorial. This methodical research is time consuming, yet consequentially beneficial in paying homage to our fallen. There is still much work to be done, so if you would like to submit a name for consideration, please contact Cynthia Tinker ('00) at 865-974-0128 or [ctinker@utk.edu](mailto:ctinker@utk.edu).

We cannot continue our mission to preserve the voice of the American veteran or our work on special projects such as this without your support! To be a part of our effort please see the donation form on the back. Thank you!



#### DIRECTOR'S NOTE

It's often said that crises, like the current world pandemic, can be moments of truth. In our case, we are grateful for the deeper essential truth this emergency revealed: your continued support and sharing in our vision of the Center's vast potential. We so appreciate the friends and supporters of the Center, through all challenges, and send our very best wishes to you all!

**Vejas Gabriel Liulevicius**  
DIRECTOR

## McManus Wins the Gilder Lehrman Military History Prize

John C. McManus ('96) received the seventh annual Gilder Lehrman Prize for Military History for his book *Fire and Fortitude: The US Army in the Pacific War, 1941-1943*. The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History bestows the \$50,000 prize annually in recognition of the best book in the field of military history published in English during the previous calendar year.

"This year the Gilder Lehrman Institute Military History Prize judges were unanimous in awarding the \$50,000 prize to John McManus's splendid *Fire and Fortitude: The US Army in the Pacific War, 1941-43*," said Professor Andrew Roberts, chair of the judging committee. "We were hugely impressed with all the six books on our shortlist, but McManus's work stood out, and it more than satisfied each of our four key criteria, which are that it must be historically groundbreaking, excellently researched, extremely well written, and accessible to the general reader."

John C. McManus is Curators' Distinguished Professor of US military history at the Missouri University of Science and Technology (Missouri S&T). He is in frequent demand as a speaker and expert commentator, appearing on CNN.com, Fox News, C-Span, the Military Channel, the Discovery Channel, the National Geographic Channel, Netflix, the Smithsonian Network, the History Channel, and PBS, among others. He also served as historical advisor for the bestselling book and documentary *Salinger*, the latter of which appeared nationwide in theaters and on PBS's *American Masters* series.

"I am deeply honored and humbled to receive this year's Gilder Lehrman Prize for Military History," said McManus. "As a professional military historian, I have long revered this award for its leading role in the recognition of cutting edge work in the field. I want to express my sincere thanks to the jurors, the Gilder Lehrman Institute, and the New-York Historical Society. In writing *Fire and Fortitude*, my intention was to broaden our historical perspective and enhance our understanding of the Pacific/Asia theater in World War II, and my hope is that this remarkable literary recognition will help further that objective."

While working on his PhD at the University of Tennessee, McManus served as the assistant to the Center for the Study of War Society founder, Charles W. Johnson.



"Professionally speaking, the Center was the best thing that ever happened to me," said McManus. "When Dr. Johnson hired me as his assistant, it opened up so many new worlds. He was the best teacher, and the most influential mentor I ever had. He taught me how to personalize history. He stoked my passion for modern US military history. I believe that the Center is his greatest legacy."

McManus credits his experience at the Center as a crucial piece in his education in how professional historians conduct research.

"I came to Tennessee to study under Dr. Johnson and utilize, in my own research, the great collection of first-hand accounts he had compiled so lovingly. Delving into this exciting material brought my research to life, made my dissertation possible, and helped me refine it into a book," said McManus. "I believe that my career as a professor, as an author, as a teaching scholar literally grew from experiences at the Center. Working there was a defining moment in my life, and I am so grateful to have had the opportunity. The Center is an absolute gem, and I continue to use the collection in so many research projects."

Congratulations to John on his many accomplishments and well-earned recognition of his exemplary work, *Fire and Fortitude*. Read the official announcement online and watch John accept the prize and discuss his book.

#### IN MEMORIAM



**Henry A. Fribourg**, US Army Chemical Corps, 1954-56, Fort Detrick, Maryland; participated in classified research on what was later known as Agent Orange; born in Paris, France, family escaped German-occupied France, 1942; lived in Cuba until 1945, then immigrated to the United States. Joined UT-Knoxville in 1956; over the next 45 years became a world-renowned crop ecologist. A frequent speaker in East Tennessee on the Holocaust. Professor Fribourg's interview will be available soon on our website.

**Samuel A. Shipman**, Lt. Colonel, U.S. Army, Retired; Active duty and reserves, 1966-1994, combat engineering; Germany, Vietnam, Panama Canal (Operation Just Cause), Gulf War I (Desert Shield/Desert Storm); Bronze Star recipient; UT-Knoxville alum; TVA Engineering, 26 years. He shared his story with us in 2000 and remained a loyal supporter and friend of CSWS for which we are very grateful. Colonel Shipman's interview transcript can be found on our website at [csws.utk.edu/oral-history-project/read-an-interview/vietnam](https://csws.utk.edu/oral-history-project/read-an-interview/vietnam).

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