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Central Library to Host Military Writers Panel
Prominent San Diego Writers Discuss Writing from Military Perspective

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library will host a *Military Writers' Panel* discussion in honor of the upcoming Memorial Day holiday. It also coincides with the 2011 *One Book, One San Diego* reading campaign. The event will be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Library, located at 820 E Street, downtown. Four San Diego writers - three U.S. military veterans and a daughter of a World War II merchant marine will discuss their experiences and their books. This event is free and open to the public. The four featured writers are:

- **Samuel “Sy” Brenner – *The Night I Got Killed***

This non-fiction book is a memoir of a young Jewish Army medic imprisoned in a Nazi camp as head of a POW hospital, spy, and man of confidence and lifetime fighter of PTSD (Post-traumatic stress disorder).

Mr. Brenner is the recipient of numerous honors and medals including two Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star and his proudest achievement, a Combat Medic Medal.

- **C.A. Lindsay – *One Allied Sailor***

In this book, Dirk Baatenburg de Jong, a Dutch merchant marine, is involved with a war he never signed up for after the Nazis invaded his native country, the Netherlands. After being part of the Battle of the Atlantic, fighting in the Mediterranean and Pacific theatres, Dirk settled in the United States where he confronted another, more insidious threat, a corrupt labor union that threatened the life of his family.

Lindsay's published works include human interest pieces, columns for the San Diego Union-Tribune, Escondido Times-Advocate, and Corridor News. She was also guest columnist for The Daily Californian in El Cajon.

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- **Sheri Snively – *Heaven In the Midst of Hell***
Written by a U.S. Navy Quaker chaplain working with Marines at a trauma hospital and morgue near the action-packed cities of Ramadi and Fallujah, this book is characterized by themes of courage and hell. Snively accompanies her text, a blend of reflection and reportage, with more than 100 color photographs she has taken herself.
Commander Sheri Snively, D. Min., CHC, USNR is a chaplain from Jamul and daughter of a Quaker mother and Navy pilot father. She is currently a student at the Naval War College in the Master Program in National Security and Strategic Studies.
- **Gregg Stoner – *Oohrah!***
A biography of local San Diego Marine icon Sergeant Major Bill “Oohrah” Paxton. This book chronicles the thirty years of service Sergeant Major Paxton gave to the United States Marine Corps, including two tours of duty in Vietnam and two tours as a drill sergeant.
Gregg Stoner is a Marine Corps veteran and has authored three books about his experience in the Marine Corps as a drill instructor and other stories about Marines.

Copies of the books will be available for signing and purchase at the event and can also be acquired online at www.amazon.com.

The *One Book* campaign, sponsored with KPBS, is designed to encourage all San Diegans to read the same book at the same time, and to educate and enlighten on topics and themes of concern to the community. This year’s selection is *The Gangster We Are All Looking For*, by native San Diegan lê thi diem thúy. Still more One Book events have been scheduled at various San Diego Public Library locations and partner organization venues. Find the most current listings at www.sandiegolibrary.org or www.kpbs.org/onebook.

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