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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY TO HOST MILITARY WRITERS PANEL
Local Writers Feature Military Themes in their Works

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library will present the Second Annual “*Writing from the Ranks*” *Military Writers’ Panel* discussion in honor of the upcoming Memorial Day holiday. The event will be held on Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Wangenheim Rare Book Room at the Central Library, located at 820 E Street, in downtown San Diego. This event is free and open to the public. The featured writers are:

- **John and Stacey Holley – *Medals, Flags and Memories***

In 2005, John and Stacey Holley became Gold Star Parents when their son and only child was killed in action while on patrol in Iraq. Their book describes their fight to have their son and fallen U.S. service members returned to their families in charter jets met by honor guards instead of being handled like common cargo. The legislation is called the “Holley Provision” in honor of Matthew Holley.

John and Stacey Holley come from a family whose members span more than a generation of combined service to our nation.

- **Lucia Viti – *Dr. Tom’s War – A Daughter’s Journey***

Dr. Tom’s War is a tribute in honor of Dr. Gaetano Thomas Anthony Viti. In 1967, he served as a battalion surgeon at the An Hoa combat base during the Vietnam War. The book describes his tour and some of the men with whom he served.

Freelance writer Lucia Viti has over 20 years of experience as a copywriter and program director in marketing, advertising and public relations in the field of health and wellness.

Copies of both books will be available for purchase at the event and online at www.amazon.com.

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library’s Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources (including those for local authors), or search for materials online in the Library’s catalog at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

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