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### Savas Beatie Books Earn Literary Awards

El Dorado Hills, CA June 15, 2010 – Savas Beatie, LLC, is proud to announce the following historical awards and notable mentions.

“We are proud of our authors and titles,” noted managing director Theodore P. Savas, “and are humbled and honored by these awards.”

#### WINNER

The Army Historical Foundation Distinguished Writing Award, for Reference, 2009

*The Complete Gettysburg Guide: Walking and Driving Tours of the Battlefield, Town, Cemeteries, Field Hospital Sites, and other Topics of Historical Interest*  
by J. David Petruzzi, with cartography by Steven Stanley (Savas Beatie, 2009)

At its Thirteenth Annual Members’ Meeting, held on Sunday at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington, VA, the Army Historical Foundation recognized five books and three articles as outstanding achievements in writing on U.S. Army history. AHF President GEN William W. Hartzog, USA-Ret., announced the winners of the 2009 AHF Distinguished Writing Awards. The book award winners received a plaque honoring the book and a \$1,000 cash award.

“J. David Petruzzi and Steven Stanley’s *The Complete Gettysburg Guide* is the definitive reference book for anyone planning to visit the Gettysburg battlefield,” said Matthew Seelinger, the Army Historical Foundation’s Chief Historian and Program Coordinator for the Foundation’s Distinguished Writing Awards Program.

“To be recognized by the U.S. Army Historical Foundation and to win this award is a great honor,” said author J. David Petruzzi. “Our primary goal was to motivate folks to walk the actual grounds traversed by the soldiers and citizens during the Battle of Gettysburg. That the book was recognized as the Reference Book of the Year humbles me greatly. Steve Stanley’s beautiful maps, layout and design make the book so easy and enjoyable to use, and we appreciate this honor more than can be expressed in mere words.”

Cartographer Steven Stanley agreed. “I am extremely grateful and blessed to have worked with J.D. Petruzzi on this project. His knowledge of the battle is mind blowing and his elegant writing was a perfect marriage with my maps and photos,” Stanley said. “I want to thank the U.S. Army Historical Foundation for this great honor and also want to thank our publisher Savas Beatie for believing in this book and giving us the free license on designing our book.”

The Army Historical Foundation, a non-profit, tax-exempt organization, is dedicated to preserving the history and heritage of the American soldier. Its goal is to promote greater public appreciation for the contributions that America’s Army – Active, Reserve, and National Guard – has made to the nation in 233 years of service.

The AHF Distinguished Writing Awards program was established in 1997 to recognize authors who make a significant contribution to the literature on U.S. Army history. Each year nominations are submitted to the Awards Committee by publishers and journal editors. A small group of finalists are selected and a final judging is made. For more information on the Foundation and its activities, please visit the AHF website at [www.armyhistory.org](http://www.armyhistory.org).

About the Authors: **J. David Petruzzi** is widely recognized as one of the country's leading Gettysburg experts. In addition to his numerous articles for a wide variety of publications, he is the author (with Eric Wittenberg) of bestsellers *Plenty of Blame to Go Around: JEB Stuart's Controversial Ride to Gettysburg* (Savas Beatie, 2006) and (with Wittenberg and Michael Nugent) *One Continuous Fight: The Retreat from Gettysburg and the Pursuit of Lee's Army of Northern Virginia, July 4-14, 1863* (Savas Beatie, 2008). Petruzzi is also a popular speaker on the Civil War Round Table circuit and regularly conducts tours of Civil War battlefields.

**Steven Stanley** lives in Gettysburg and is a graphics artist specializing in historical map design and battlefield photography. His maps, considered among the best in historical cartography, have been a longtime staple of the Civil War Preservation Trust and have helped raise millions of dollars for the Trust through their preservation appeals and interpretation projects. Steve's maps have appeared in a wide variety of publications.

### WINNER

The Bachelder-Coddington Literary Award, 2009  
Given by the Robert E. Lee Civil War Round Table of Central New Jersey

*Sickles at Gettysburg:  
The Controversial Civil War General Who Committed Murder, Abandoned Little Round Top,  
and Declared Himself the Hero of Gettysburg*  
by James A. Hessler (Savas Beatie, 2009)

The Bachelder-Coddington Literary Award is presented annually to the most original outstanding work on the Gettysburg Campaign. "[*Sickles at Gettysburg*] is now the standard working on Sickles," award committee members stated. "Hessler takes a fresh approach to Sickles' role in the battle of Gettysburg that enables readers to make their own determination on his controversial move forward." Furthermore, committee members called the book, "an excellent portrait of a man who was larger than life."

"I know that several excellent Gettysburg books were released last year, so I am truly honored to win this award," said James Hessler. "When I wrote this book, I was not sure that the world would want to read a new Dan Sickles biography, so I continue to be thrilled by the reception and support that this book has gotten from the historical community. Love him or hate him, Dan Sickles is an important part of Gettysburg so his story deserved to be told."

About the Author: **James A. Hessler** works in the financial services industry and is a Licensed Battlefield Guide at Gettysburg National Military Park. He has taught Sickles and Gettysburg-related courses for Harrisburg Area Community College and the Gettysburg Foundation. In addition to writing articles for publication, Hessler speaks regularly at Civil War Round Tables. A native of Buffalo, NY, he resides in Gettysburg with his wife and children.

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