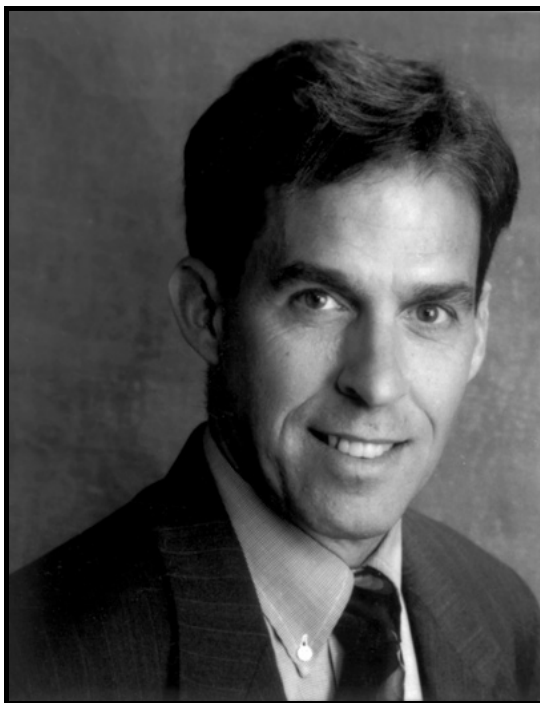


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Best-selling author/historian Rick Atkinson will speak at a free, public presentation outlining the powerful Soldiers' stories of the World War II actions in northern Europe, bringing focus to the realities of the true costs of the bloodiest war in history.

Atkinson was honored with a Pulitzer Prize for the first book in his WWII Liberation

Trilogy. Now, he returns to the Army Heritage and Education

Center, the source of much of his research, to share insights from the third, recent publication of the trilogy, **The Guns at Last Light: The War in Western Europe, 1944-1945**. The first event of the 2013-14 **Perspectives In Military History Lecture Series**, sponsored by the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center, Atkinson's presentation is scheduled to take place in the Army War College's **Bliss Hall, on the main post, Wednesday, September 11, at 7:15 p.m.** A free bus will shuttle all guests from the Army Heritage and Education Center's free parking lot (at 950 Soldiers Drive, Carlisle 17013) to Bliss Hall between 6:30 and 7 p.m. and will return attendees to their vehicles after the lecture.

Following the invasions of North Africa, Sicily, and Italy during World War II, the Allied forces set their sights on the main source of trouble, Nazi-held Europe. On June 6, 1944, the Allied coalition assaulted fortress Europe with a bloody and costly invasion of Normandy, France. The Allies, led by the United States Army, took their first step towards ultimate victory, but many more battles, such as Operation Market Garden and the Battle of the Bulge, continued to claim lives and resources. In **The Guns at Last Light: The War in Western Europe, 1944-1945**, Mr. Atkinson gives new life to the struggle of a generation by using the perspectives of all those involved, from veteran generals to inexperienced privates in the field, fundamentally explaining the true cost of Europe's liberation.

## **Books by Rick Atkinson**

The Liberation Trilogy:

- The Guns at Last Light (<http://144.99.215.155/books/guns-at-last-light/>) (Volume Three)
- The Day of Battle (<http://144.99.215.155/books/day-of-battle/>) (Volume Two)
- An Army at Dawn (<http://144.99.215.155/books/army-at-dawn/>) (Volume One)

Other Books:

- In the Company of Soldiers (<http://144.99.215.155/books/in-the-company-of-soldiers/>)
- The Long Gray Line (<http://144.99.215.155/books/the-long-gray-line/>)
- Crusade (<http://144.99.215.155/books/crusade/>)

Rick Atkinson is the bestselling author of six works of narrative military history, above. He received his B.A. in English from East Carolina University and went on to obtain an M.A. in English Language and Literature from the University of Chicago. In addition to his books, he was a reporter, foreign correspondent, war correspondent, and senior editor at The Washington Post for more than 20 years. He has been honored with Pulitzer Prizes, the George Polk Award and the Pitzker Memorial Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing.

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