

# **Brooks E. Kleber Memorial Readings**

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#### **"Pentagon 9/11"**

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The 9/11 attack on the Pentagon is the second-worst terrorist strike in U.S. history. The authors of *Pentagon 9/11* drew upon over 1,300 oral history interviews, as well as a plethora of published and unpublished sources, to craft the first book detailing the impact of this disastrous event. Highlighting the devastating the airliner crash, the efforts of building occupants to save one another, the emergency response of firefighters, police and medical staffs, and the building operations personnel, the book concludes with a description of the work of the Pentagon Family Assistance Center. Dr. Papadopoulos, a principal co-author of this work, will present the main themes of the book illustrated with pictures derived from its research, and employ some of the more vivid segments to illustrate what transpired at that momentous time.

Sarandis (Randy) Papadopoulos earned his B.A. at the University of Toronto, M.A. from the University of Alabama, and received his Ph.D. from the George Washington University. At GWU his dissertation was entitled *Feeding the Sharks: The Logistics of Undersea Warfare, 1935-1945*, a work comparing the German and U.S. submarine services. Between 1999 and 2007 he has been a Lecturer in History at the George Washington University and the University of Maryland, College Park. He joined the Contemporary History Branch, of the U.S. Naval History and Heritage Command, in June 2000. There he has served as a principal co-author of *Pentagon, 9/11*, written under the sponsorship of the Historian, Office of the Secretary of Defense. Also a co-author contributing to a project examining combined naval operations since 1991, Papadopoulos has entries in several reference works and ten book reviews for a variety of journals, is the Region III Coordinator for the Society for Military History and a Trustee of the U.S. Commission of Military History.

**DATE: Thursday, August 27, 2009**

TIME: The doors open at 6:45 p.m. the talk begins at 7:15 p.m.

PLACE: Ridgway Hall, Carlisle Barracks, PA.

For more information, please call (717) 245-3803.

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