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### **New History on World War II in the Pacific Focus of Upcoming USAHEC Lecture**

The USAHEC presents “The Asia-Pacific War, 1937 to 1945: The New History and Its Implications for Today,” the General of the Army Omar N. Bradley Memorial Lecture, with author and scholar Mr. Richard B. Frank on Thursday, Oct. 14, 6:30 p.m. at USAHEC, 950 Soldiers Drive, Carlisle 17013, with live-streaming available at [www.armywarcollege.edu/live](http://www.armywarcollege.edu/live).

Mr. Frank is an internationally recognized authority on the Asia-Pacific War. He published his first book, *Guadalcanal*, in 1990 and his second work, *Downfall: The End of the Imperial Japanese Empire*, in 1999. In 2007, he completed *MacArthur* as part of the Palgrave Great Generals series. Besides his numerous appearances on television and radio, he was a consultant for the epic HBO miniseries, “The Pacific.” He serves on the Board of Presidential Councilors of the National World War II Museum. The first volume of his trilogy on the Asia-Pacific War 1937-1945, *Tower of Skulls*, was published on March 3, 2020.

In this lecture, Mr. Frank examines how a new narrative of the Asia-Pacific War arose in recent decades. This new narrative commenced with the work of historians primarily in the Peoples Republic of China during the post Mao Zedong era, and was enhanced by the release of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek’s diaries. Historians uncovered archival evidence and added insights to fuel a new historiography, restoring the framework of the Asia-Pacific War with a fresh look at the consequences in shaping the twenty-first century.

The USAHEC’s Perspectives Lecture Series is a graduate-level speaker program with two lecture seasons per year. Seating is limited to 150 visitors and masks are required. Online viewers can participate in the Q/A portion of the event by submitting questions via email at [usarmy.carlisle.awc.mbx.ahec-ves@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.carlisle.awc.mbx.ahec-ves@mail.mil), or direct message the USAHEC Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/USAHEC>.

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