2020 ACLAM Forum for Life Agenda

Monday May 4, 2020- Buena Vista Room:
9:00-10:00 Coffee and social time
10:15-11:15am
Robert M Macomber- Award Winning Author
Theodore Roosevelt “The Climb”

Monday May 4, 2020- Buena Vista Room
1:30-2:30pm
Robert M Macomber
“Florida’s crucial role in the Spanish-American War”
Learn how this war changed the USA from a continental country into a global power and how close we came to losing this war in Cuba. Marvel at the fascinating personalities who led the way and the related places of interest you can visit today.

Tuesday May 5, 2020- Buena Vista Room
9:00-9:30- Coffee and social
9:30-10:30am
Robert M Macomber
“Theodore Roosevelt- The Summit”
10:30am-11:30am
Informal discussions and book signing
Wednesday May 6, 2020 Buena Vista Room

9:30am-
Informal discussions on the 2020 Forum and 2021 location in Myrtle Beach, SC
Judy Balk
About The Author

A brief look at Robert N. Macomber and his work

Robert N. Macomber is an award-winning author, internationally recognized lecturer, history enthusiast, and avid researcher. He is best known for his Honor Series novels, his storytelling style as a speaker, and many Reader Rendezvous around the world.

The Honor Series

Mr. Macomber’s popular Honor Series of naval thrillers describe the career and personal life of a fictional American naval officer, Peter Wake, which starts in 1863, during the Civil War. From 1882 to the end of his career in 1908, Wake serves in America’s first espionage agency, the Office of Naval Intelligence. The novels illuminate the U.S. Navy’s critical role in the expansion of America from a continental country in the mid-19th century into a global power in the early 20th century.

Several have gotten the attention of filmmakers in the U.S. and Europe.

Mr. Macomber has readers around the world and has garnered acclaim from critics, authors, and readers. His quarterly newsletter goes out to over 3,000 enthusiastically loyal readers. Some have named themselves “Wakians”, after the main character of the series. His book and lecture tours vary year to year, sometimes taking him throughout eastern sections of the U.S.A., always around Florida, and often abroad.

There are 17 novels planned for the Honor Series.
To date, the following are available:
• **At the Edge of Honor**  
  2003 Patrick D. Smith Literary Award for Best Historical Novel of Florida

• **Point of Honor**  
  2004 John Esten Cooke Literary Award for Best Work in Southern Fiction

• **Honorable Mention**

• **A Dishonorable Few**

• **An Affair of Honor**

• **A Different Kind of Honor**  
  American Library Association's  
  2008 W. Y. Boyd Literary Award for Excellence in Military Fiction  
  The highest national award in the genre

• **The Honored Dead**  
  Starred Review – Highly Recommended by BOOKLIST

• **The Darkest Shade of Honor**

• **Honor Bound**

• **Honorable Lies**  
  Nominated for the American Library Association's Literary Award

• **Honors Rendered**  
  Editor's Choice by Historical Novels Review

• **The Assassin's Honor**

• **An Honorable War**  
  2017 Silver Medal Winner from the Florida Book Awards

• **Honoring The Enemy**  
  JUST RELEASED March 15, 2019

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**Media Accolades for the Honor Series**

Accolades in the media for Mr. Macomber's work include reviews from:

Other Awards and Recognitions

As well as the aforementioned awards and media attention, Robert N. Macomber has received many other awards and recognitions for his work, including:

- 2001 Florida Genealogical Society's Outstanding Achievement Award for his non-fiction magazine and newspaper work on Florida's maritime history
- 2003 to 2013 annual lecturer in the Distinguished Military Author Series at the Center for Army Analysis, Ft. Belvoir near Washington D.C.
- 2006 Florida Monthly magazine’s Most Intriguing Author of 2006
- 2008 Distinguished Lecturer at the U.S. Southern Command
- 2010 Distinguished Lecturer at NATO HQs in Belgium
- 2010 Distinguished Lecturer at the U.S. European Command in Germany
- 2012 One of the nationally acclaimed authors chosen to collaborate in the writing of My Bookstore, a tribute to the independent bookstores of America
- 2013 Grand Marshal of Florida’s Edison Pageant of Light Parade

Lectures

Mr. Macomber lectures around the world as guest author aboard ships such as the Queen Mary 2, Queen Victoria, Queen Elizabeth, the Silversea Line, and the Seabourn Line. He has been a naval history lecturer for the American History Forum and the Civil War Education Association, and has spoken at historical and academic venues around the United States. His lectures span 50 maritime and literary topics. He has appeared in many Florida PBS maritime history documentaries, and has been a featured author at state, regional, and international book festivals.

Dept. of Defense Consulting

In addition to his other work, Mr. Macomber has been a Dept. of Defense consultant, specializing in strategic vision and planning by utilizing historical analogies of what works. He has lectured in the Distinguished Military Author Series at the Center for Army Analysis at Fort Belvoir, near Washington D.C., and has been a Distinguished Lecturer at the U.S. Southern Command, the U.S. European Command in Germany, and for the Supreme Allied Commander Europe at NATO Headquarters in Belgium. He has also lectured at the Office of Naval Intelligence, the West Point Society, the Military Officers Association of the United States, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, and various other government and military organizations.
Florida Writers Association Names
Robert N. Macomber 2020 FLORIDA WRITER OF THE YEAR

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE. February 1, 2020: St. Petersburg, Florida. The Florida Writers Association, Inc., (FWA) has announced that Robert N. Macomber of Pine Island, Florida, has been named 2020 Florida Writer of the Year. FWA confers this title annually to recognize outstanding talent in the industry. Past holders include Delilah Dawson, Heather Graham, and Steve Berry.

“It is with great pleasure that FWA bestows the exclusive title of 2020 Florida Writer of the Year on Robert N. Macomber. His literary acclaim, prolific writing, and communication skills make him the perfect honoree. FWA looks for an author based in Florida each year who exemplifies our motto of “Writers Helping Writers” while providing us with riveting reads. Macomber is just that person,” said Chrissy Jackson, FWA’s Director Emerita and Conference Director.

Macomber’s skillful writing of historical novels has earned him international acclaim and awards. His work depicts highlights of the U.S. Navy’s critical role in the expansion of America from a continental country in the mid-19th century into a global power in the early 20th century, using Peter Wake, USN, as his protagonist.

Macomber will be an active participant in the Florida Writers Conference and in two activities beforehand.

On Wednesday, October 14, 2020, Macomber will host a Wakian Dinner of World Cuisines, an event inspired by Macomber’s protagonist. As a bonus, that evening will also be the Premier Book Launch Celebration of his 15th novel, Word of Honor. A signed hardback first
edition copy will be presented to each guest. This event is open to the public. Details are on the Florida Writers Foundation website, floridawritersfoundation.net.

On Thursday, October 15, Macomber will conduct an all-day seminar sponsored by FWA’s sister organization, the Florida Writers Foundation (FWF). The seminar is titled Literary Arts and the Writing Craft. Register at floridawritersfoundation.net.

“We are thrilled to have Robert as our Foundation Celebrity Workshop Fundraiser Day speaker,” said Melody Dean Dimick, president of the Foundation. “He is an internationally recognized lecturer, history enthusiast, and avid researcher. This event is a must-attend for every storyteller.”

The Florida Writers Annual Conference runs from Thursday evening, October 15, through Sunday noon, October 18. Macomber will participate in Interview Sessions with our National Guest of Honor on Friday and Saturday mornings, each followed by a book signing.

“FWA is excited to add Robert to our faculty lineup for 2020,” said Chrissy Jackson, Conference Director. “Our members are fortunate that he’ll be sharing his storytelling secrets during his workshops and throughout the weekend.”

All events will be at the Hilton Orlando / Altamonte Springs.

The Florida Writers Association, 1,700 members strong and growing, is a nonprofit 501(c)(6) organization that supports the state’s established and emerging writers. Membership is open to the public.

The Florida Writers Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable foundation that promotes literacy by enhancing writing skills and creating a love of reading in children and adults.

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