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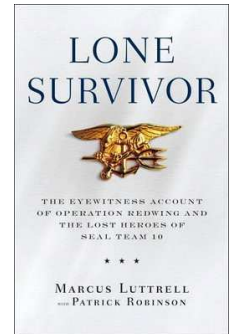
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Press Release

“Lone Survivor” US Navy SEAL Hero Marcus Luttrell Speaks at the Main Library on May 12 - 7:00 p.m.



The Operation Redwing team leader recounts his amazing mission in his book, *Lone Survivor: The Eyewitness Account of Operation Redwing and the Lost Heroes of SEAL TEAM 10.*

April 24, 2009 - Four US Navy SEALs departed one clear night in late June 2005 for the mountainous Afghanistan-Pakistan border for a reconnaissance mission. Their task was to document the activity of an al Qaeda leader rumored to be very close to Bin Laden with a small army in a Taliban stronghold. Five days later, only one of those Navy SEALs made it out alive.



Meet Marcus Luttrell at the Main Library on Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m., where he’ll discuss and sign his book *Lone Survivor*, the remarkable, true story of Operation Redwing, and how as a SEAL fire team leader, he became part of the extraordinary firefight that led to the largest loss of life in American Navy SEAL history. His squadmates fought valiantly beside him until he was the only one left alive, blasted by an RPG into a place where his pursuers could not find him. Over the next four days, terribly injured and presumed dead, Luttrell crawled for miles through the mountains and was taken in by sympathetic villagers who risked their lives to keep him safe from surrounding Taliban warriors.

A born and raised Texan, Luttrell takes us from the rigors of SEAL training, where he and his fellow SEALs discovered what it took to join the most elite of the American special forces, to a fight in the desolate hills of Afghanistan for which they never could have been prepared.

This free event, sponsored by the Library Programs Fund, is open to the public. For more information, call (513) 369-6945 or log onto www.CincinnatiLibrary.org.

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Theodore H. Gardner, retired Cincinnati businessman and decorated World War II Naval veteran, will introduce Marcus Luttrell.

Mr. Gardner served in the Pacific as an enlisted man under Admiral Nimitz, first as a Fire Controlman and later as a Gunnery Petty Officer. Mr. Gardner served nearly 2 ½ years of sea duty, earning a Presidential Citation and five bronze battle stars in action in the Marshall Islands, Marianas Islands, and Leyte Gulf. Active in civic, cultural, and athletic affairs in Cincinnati, Mr. Gardner is a board member of the Cincinnati Council of the Navy League of the U.S., a life member of the U.S. Naval Institute, a member of the Rotary Club of Cincinnati, and is active in

veterans' affairs. He has been an extremely active volunteer for the Veterans History Project, interviewing over 100 veterans of World War II, and has participated in the Main Library's annual Veterans Day commemoration as the keynote speaker in 2000 and as a wreath presenter for the Navy League for many years.

SPECIAL RECEPTION WITH MARCUS LUTTRELL

The Library Foundation will be holding a welcoming reception in the Main Library *Nolan Room* for Marcus Luttrell from **6:00-7:00 p.m.** prior to his presentation in the Library Atrium. The cost is \$50.00 (\$25.00 without book), which includes his book *Lone Survivor*, and a \$25 tax-deductible gift to the Library Foundation. Avoid the long lines after his program and get to meet Marcus up close in a comfortable setting. **Reservations are limited and need to be placed by May 8.**

- Please call John Reusing, Development Director of the Library at (513) 369-4591 or email John.Reusing@cincinnati.library.org for questions or reservations.
- Checks should be made payable to The Library Foundation and can be mailed to the Public Library of Cincinnati, 800 Vine Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202
- The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County is the busiest Main Library in the United States. In addition to having millions of shelved books, it houses the ship's bell for the third USS Cincinnati dated 1922 and a silver service from 1893 donated by the citizens of Cincinnati to the second USS Cincinnati which served in the Spanish-American War and WWI. They are on display in the Library Atrium.