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**DEFENSE ANALYST TO DISCUSS NEW DIRECTIONS REQUIRED FOR U.S. NATIONAL DEFENSE
TO ADDRESS RAPIDLY EVOLVING SECURITY THREATS**

LIVERMORE, March 4, 2020 – Veteran defense expert John Arquilla will discuss new national defense approaches required to address the ever-changing security threats facing the United States in a Rae Dorough Speaker Series presentation at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12 in Livermore’s Bankhead Theater.

Arquilla, a Distinguished Professor of Defense Analysis at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, will describe the numerous global challenges the US military faces and provide insights into the innovative thinking needed to address those issues in a talk entitled “National Defense for a Brave New World.”

Arquilla is the author of: “The Reagan Imprint”; “Worst Enemy”; and “Insurgents, Raiders, and Bandits.” He was a consultant to senior military commanders during Operation Desert Storm and the Kosovo War. In 2011 he served on a small team, which worked directly for President Obama, whose task was to find “new directions for American defense.” His short commentaries have been published in *The New York Times*, *The Atlantic* and *Foreign Policy*, among others; and he has appeared on all the major network and cable news programs.

Quest Science Center 2.0 is a special sponsor of Arquilla’s presentation. For more about Quest, see: <https://quest-science.org>.

For additional information, see the Rae Dorough Speaker Series (RDSS) Website: <http://raedoroughspeakerseries.org/> Tickets – 925.373.6800 or www.bankheadtheater.org | PO Box 592 | Livermore | CA 94551

Individual presentation tickets are \$16 for students and vary from \$32 to \$40 for adults. Tickets are now available online <http://raedoroughspeakerseries.org/tickets/> or may be purchased at the Bankhead Theater box office, 2400 First Street, Livermore, Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 6 p.m., or by calling (925)-373-6800.

The speaker series, now in its 11th season, honors the late Rae Dorough, a respected Livermore resident and strong supporter of cultural events. Members of her family and friends were the initiating sponsors in 2008. The series features provocative, entertaining and enlightening presentations on a wide variety of topics. Past speakers have included engineers, scientists, fiction and non-fiction writers and historians, entrepreneurs, comedians and entertainers, diplomats, astronauts, journalists, and even a former secretary of defense.

The Rae Dorough Speaker Series partners with the Livermore Valley Unified School District and Las Positas College to make presentations easily accessible to students and teachers.

The series is sponsored in part by Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC, Sandia National Laboratories, Tri-Valley Conservancy, the Alameda County Arts Commission and ImageSetters. Additionally, individual and corporate supporters help sponsor specific presentations.

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