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A Rae Dorough Speaker Series online presentation:

FROM CYBERWAR TO ARMS CONTROL AND TERRORISM, DEFENSE ANALYST TO DISCUSS URGENTLY NEEDED NEW DIRECTIONS FOR U.S. NATIONAL DEFENSE

LIVERMORE, June 24, 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 livestream Rae Dorough Speaker Series (RDSS) presentation at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 22.

RDSS is requesting a \$10 donation to participate in the livestream Zoom presentation, entitled “New Directions for National Defense.” To sign up, contact the Bankhead Theater box office, 2400 First Street, Livermore by calling (925)-373-6800, emailing boxoffice@lvpac.org or checking <https://livermorearts.org/event/john-arquilla-national-defense-for-a-brave-new-world/>.

Arquilla, Distinguished Professor of Defense Analysis at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, will describe the global challenges facing U.S. national defense, from cyberwar and the militarization of robots to arms control, problematic foreign interventions and the war on terrorism. Included will be a brief discussion of COVID-19 and election interference. He will provide insights into the innovative thinking needed to address these security threats.

Professor Arquilla is the author of: “The Reagan Imprint”; “Worst Enemy”; and “Insurgents, Raiders, and Bandits.” His latest book is “*Why the Axis Lost; An Analysis of Strategic Errors*”. He was a consultant to senior military commanders during Operation Desert Storm and the Kosovo War. In 2011 Professor Arquilla served on a small team, which worked directly for President Obama, whose task was to find “new directions for American defense.”

Additionally, Arquilla is the author of more than one hundred articles dealing with a wide range of topics in military and security affairs. His work has appeared in the leading academic journals and in general publications such as The New York Times, Forbes, Foreign Policy Magazine, The Atlantic Monthly, Wired and The New Republic. He is best known for his concept of “netwar” (i.e., the distinct manner in which those organized into networks fight). His vision of “swarm tactics” was selected by The New York Times as one of the “big ideas” of 2001; and in recent years Foreign Policy Magazine has listed him among the world’s “top 100 thinkers.”

The livestream discussion will be moderated and participants will be given the opportunity to submit questions. Quest Science Center 2.0 in Livermore is a special sponsor of Professor Arquilla’s presentation. For more about Quest, see: <https://quest-science.org>

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, Towne Center Books and ImageSetters. Additionally, individual and corporate supporters help sponsor specific presentations.

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