The 2004 Churchill Lecture
Washington, April 13th
“Churchill, Roosevelt and the Way We Live Now”
by Jon Meacham
Managing Editor, Newsweek
author of Franklin and Winston

Moderator:
Christopher Matthews, MSNBC
to be held at
The George Washington University
Jack Morton Auditorium
First Floor
Media and Public Affairs Building
805 21st Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.
7:00 PM, Tuesday, April 13th

Admission free; reservations required

The Churchill Centre Liberty Award
Chicago, May 21st
to General Tommy Franks

Honorary Co-chairmen:
Senator Dick Durbin
Secretary Jack Kemp
Ambassador Paul H. Robinson, Jr.

“We know that other hearts in scores of millions beat with ours; that other voices proclaim the cause for which we strive; other strong hands wield the hem and shape the weapons we need; other clear and gleaming eyes are fixed in hard conviction upon the tyrannies that must and shall be destroyed.”
—Winston S. Churchill, 18 March 1941

Benefit Dinner
The Drake Hotel
140 East Walton, Chicago, Ill. 60611
Cocktails: 6PM • Dinner: 7PM • Business attire
Subscription $500
of which $400 is a tax-deductible contribution to The Churchill Centre’s educational and publishing programs.

The Churchill Centre and The George Washington University are honored to welcome Jon Meacham, author of the acclaimed new book Franklin and Winston, as the fourth Churchill lecturer. Our moderator is Chris Matthews of MSNBC, host of “Hardball” and a Churchill Centre Trustee.

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ing to save his country, who comes
to love the guy he needs to save it.
It's a story of unbalanced but effec-
tive friendship between two great
figures. It may be the best book
I've ever read about public affairs.”

Churchill Centre President
Bill Ives says: “The relevance of the
Anglo-American relationship is
perhaps more important today
than at any time since the era of
Churchill and FDR. Jon Meacham
refracts their experiences in a way
that is altogether riveting and
instructive to future leaders.”

The Churchill Lecture series
was created by The Churchill
Centre in 1998 to look at current
events in the light of Churchill’s
wisdom and experience. The first
Lecture (“A New Focus in an Un-
National World”) was delivered by
former U.S. Ambassador to the
Court of St. James’s, Raymond
Seitz. The second lecture was by
Chris Matthews, who spoke on
Churchill the enduring and coura-
geous politician. The third lecture,
last year was by Professor David
Fromkin of Boston University, on
Churchill and the making of the
modern Middle East.

The Centre is again proud to
have as Lecture cosponsor The
George Washington University,
which provides the facilities, and
offers tickets to students and facul-
ty through its Office of Special
Events. Admission is free but tick-
ets are limited by the capacity of
the auditorium, which holds 250
people. Here, 200 seats have been
reserved for students and faculty.

The purpose of the Lecture is to
illustrate Winston Churchill’s exam-
ple of leadership, statesmanship
and/or citizenship by applying or
contrast his approaches and phi-
losophy to modern issues and sit-
uations.

Churchill Lecturers discuss
some aspects of Churchill’s life,
times, failures and or successes, but
predominately on modern themes,
against the background of
Churchill’s wisdom and experience.
Lecturers discuss Churchill’s views
on any subject, but do not speculate
as to how Churchill would view
specific modern issues.

Churchill Lectures are struc-
tured and timed to provide maxi-
mum impact on young people, and
are published or distributed by The
Churchill Centre, and posted on the
Centre’s website (www.winton-
churchill.org).
General Franks Liberty Award, May 21st

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“General Franks received this award for his brilliant execution of the Afghan and Iraq Wars and the ouster of the Taliban and Saddam Hussein,” says Churchill Centre President Bill Ives. “Whatever history may say of the final outcome, there is no doubt that Gen. Franks’ leadership was responsible for completing those operations with speed and minimum loss of life.”

One of Churchill’s cardinal rules was collegiality among the political parties. To that end, we are honored by Senator Dick Durbin (D.-Ill.) and Secretary Jack Kemp, who join with our own chairman emeritus of Trustees, Ambassador Paul Robinson, to congratulate General Franks for his services to his country.

As general in charge of the U.S. Central Command, Tommy Franks led more than 250,000 troops, and a coalition of forces from more than 60 nations, in swift campaigns.

He took over CENTCOM, responsible for U.S. military operations in 25 countries from North Africa to Afghanistan, on July 6th, 2000 and ran it for three years, a period that saw not only the 9/11 attacks in New York and Washington and the Afghan and Iraq wars, but the terrorist attack on the USS Cole in Yemen.

Franks grew up in Midland, Texas, President Bush’s home town, and was one year ahead of Laura Bush in high school there. He dropped out of the University of Texas in 1965 to volunteer for the war in Vietnam, where he was wounded three times. He earned a commission in Officer Candidate School at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, and worked his way up to four stars over a 30-year career.

Invitations to the award dinner will be issued to a broad array of prominent citizens. The luncheon and dinner will benefit The Churchill Centre, which sponsors educational and publishing efforts ranging from high school student outreach programs to seminars and symposia for college and graduate students. The Centre publishes classic Churchill works, its own journal and other publications. It sponsors an annual Churchill Lecture series, and holds annual international conferences with the Churchill Societies of the UK and Canada.

The dinner is open to the public, at $500 per ticket. Tickets include a tax-deductible contribution of $400 to The Churchill Centre’s educational and publishing programs.
Local Activities Report
by Judy Kambestad
Local & Affiliate Coordinator

CALIF. DESERT, MARCH 3RD—Churchillians of the Desert met with CC President Bill Ives, So. California local organizer Jerry Kambestad and me in Indian Wells. Programs, education, and fundraising were discussed. Interim officers are David Ramsay, President; Morris Beschloss, Vice President & Programs Chairman; Barbara D. Morrison, Secretary; and Robert N. Pyle, Treasurer. Also on the committee are Penny Usherwood and Malcolm Paterson. This group will meet only during winter season.

DALLAS, FEBRUARY 8TH—North Texas Churchillians gathered for a “Fireside Chat” with Professor James Muller at the home of Ann and Richard Hazlett. Muller spoke on “The River War: Best of Churchill’s Early Writings.” The 36 attendees participated in a lively discussion. While in Dallas, the Mullers attended, preceded by drinks and hors d’oeuvres at an Italian restaurant. Admission was $10. Hill Churchillians, reports Richard Streiff, and she was enthusiastically received. Most of the attendees were guests, many of whom went home with member applications.

GAINESVILLE, FLA., JANUARY—Celia Sandys spoke to 100 Churchillians, reports Richard Streiff, and she was enthusiastically received. Most of the attendees were guests, many of whom went home with member applications.

NEW ORLEANS, FEB. 11TH—The Churchill Society of New Orleans welcomed Prof. James Muller, University of Alaska, Anchorage and Chairman, TCC Academic Advisers, speaking on “The Education of Winston Churchill.” Forty-five people attended, preceded by drinks and hors d’oeuvres at an Italian restaurant. Admission was $10. Hill Riddle introduced Jim Muller.

NORTH CAROLINA—We were sorry to receive the resignation of Gary Snyder and thank him for all the work he did in organizing the group. Dr. Wendell Musser has kindly volunteered to step in as interim leader. He can be contacted at AWMuuss@aol.com or telephone (919) 477-1325.

PHILADELPHIA—Bernard Wojciechowski says his workload is such that he can now start organizing a group in the area. Expect to hear from him soon. He can be contacted at bwojciechowski@ambersav.com, telephone (215) 619-8880.

PHOENIX, FEBRUARY 9TH—A local group has been formally established here. Interim leaders were selected to organize and recruit new members. They are Larry Pike, President; Diane Cook, Vice President; Ron Lebowitz, Secretary; and the Hon. Steve Tully, Treasurer & General Counsel.

“We are grateful to CC President Bill Ives and to Judy Kambestad for taking the initiative last autumn, during a visit here, to encourage a Churchill Centre chapter in Arizona,” said Larry Pike.

“Our affiliate will grow rapidly and relish the opportunity to promote the remarkable legacy of The Rt. Hon. Sir Winston Spencer Churchill here in the Southwest.”

Anyone interested in taking an active part should contact Larry Pike, lvpike@chartwellgrp.com, telephone (602) 955-4364.

TORONTO, FEBRUARY 11TH—Fifty members and guests of The Other Club of Ontario, the local chapter of ICS Canada, gathered at the Albany Club in Toronto for “An Evening with Winston Churchill.” President Norman MacLeod was in the chair, providing an update on a project of ICS Canada and the Toronto-based Churchill Society for the Advancement of Parliamentary Democracy to revivify the area around the statue of Churchill in City Hall Square. Toronto. Norm announced that the fund raising goal of $25,000 had been reached and, subject to the weather cooperating, the grand opening is set for June 6th 2004, the 60th anniversary of D-Day.

ICS Canada President Randy Barber gave a report on the Bermuda Conference and advised that plans were underway for 2005 Conference in Quebec City. Peter Allen and Terry Reardon spoke on “Young Winston’s Wars” and “The Two Winston Churchill” respectively. After libations and food and a silent book auction the video “Churchill and the Cabinet War Rooms” was shown. The evening ended with the announcement of the ICS Canada annual dinner for May 10th, the 64th anniversary of Churchill becoming Prime Minister. The guest speaker is former Prime Minister of Canada John Turner.

ATLANTA, MARCH 5TH—Georgia Churchillians’ inaugural meeting was held by 19 members, a great success since most of us hadn’t previously met. Highlight of the dinner meeting was a presentation by the traveling James Muller, University of Alaska, Anchorage, on his upcoming two volume new edition of Churchill’s The River War: An Historical Account of the Reconquest of The Soudan. He revealed interesting facets about the first publication of the book and read passages which had been deleted from subsequent printings when it was abridged in 1902.

Six members volunteered to serve on the organizing committee, setting direction for the future. The group will start with e-mail, then come together when material is ready for final review and consideration. One of the immediate steps will be to launch the process of becoming an official affiliate of The Churchill Centre.