

SIMLEY GRADUATE WINS BOOK AWARD

Simley High School graduate Kevin J. Weddle, class of 1975, won the Gilder Lehrman Prize for Military History for *The Compleat Victory: Saratoga and the American Revolution*. The \$50,000 prize is awarded annually for the best military history book published in English.

“The Gilder Lehrman Prize for Military History is the most important book award in the field, so I am incredibly honored and humbled to receive it,” Mr. Weddle said. Ninety-six books were submitted for consideration for the award.

“The object of the prize has been to reward scholarly, well-written, accessible and ground-breaking military history, and the judges had no hesitation in awarding this year’s to Kevin Weddle’s masterly book, *The Compleat Victory*, about the battle of Saratoga,” historian Andrew Roberts, chair of the judging committee, said. “The judges were astonished at the way Weddle kept up the tension throughout, despite everyone knowing the eventual outcome.”

The prize will be presented during a livestreamed event in New York City on November 2. Mr. Weddle’s first book, *Lincoln’s Tragic Admiral*, is also an award-winning book about military history.

Mr. Weddle is a professor at the U.S. Army War College. He served more than 28 years on active duty before retiring as a colonel. He is a veteran of Operations Desert Storm and Enduring Freedom. He holds degrees in history and civil engineering from the University of Minnesota and a Ph.D. in history from Princeton University.