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## **Joe Galloway Signs on as University's First Journalist-in Residence Former War Correspondent was awarded Bronze Star for valor in Vietnam War**

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Retired nationally-syndicated newspaper reporter and columnist Joe Galloway, the only civilian awarded the Bronze Star medal for valor during the Vietnam War, today (Friday, Feb. 3) officially became the first Journalist-in-Residence at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

As journalist-in-residence, Galloway will serve as an advisor/consultant on the development of the University's journalism and new media programs. He will also work with student journalists writing for the "Island Waves" campus newspaper, lecture to communication classes, and participate in University sponsored arts, media, and communication events.

"I've had a longtime on-going relationship with the University and when the opportunity presented itself to join the vibrant community of faculty and students at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, it was a no-brainer," said Galloway. "I look upon this appointment as an opportunity to give something back to my profession and to the larger Gulf Coast area where I grew up and where I chose to come home to in 2006 after my retirement."

A native of Refugio, Texas, Galloway survived four assignments as a war correspondent in Vietnam and was awarded a Bronze Star Medal with V for rescuing wounded soldiers under fire in the Ia Drang Valley in November 1965. In 1992, he co-authored "We Were Soldiers Once... And Young," with retired Lt. Gen. Harold G. Moore, which chronicles the showdown between 450 American forces and more than 2,000 North Vietnamese Army regulars, the first major combat involving American forces of the Vietnam War. The book became a bestseller and, in 2002, was made into the movie "We Were Soldiers" starring actor Mel Gibson.

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During his distinguished career, Galloway also covered other combat operations including Desert Shield/Desert Storm in 1991, when he rode with the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in the liberation of Kuwait. Retired Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf called him “the finest combat correspondent of our generation; a soldier’s reporter and a soldier’s friend.”

In welcoming Galloway, University President Flavius Killebrew stressed that, as Texas A&M-Corpus Christi continues to grow in buildings and programs, the commitment to providing students with a rich learning experience that will prepare them to engage in a global community remains a top priority.

“Joe Galloway’s decades of experience covering world affairs will give students a first-hand perspective on the issues of a time before they were born,” said Dr. Killebrew. “In addition, his involvement in new era media will help students bridge the gap between the brick and mortar news institutions of the past and the virtual world of news media today and in the future.”

Galloway spent 22 years as a foreign and war correspondent and bureau chief for United Press International, and nearly 20 years as a senior editor and senior writer for “U.S. News & World Report.” He served as a special consultant to Gen. Colin Powell at the State Department in 2001-2002 before joining Knight Ridder as a senior military correspondent. Galloway’s other overseas postings include tours in Japan, Indonesia, India, Singapore, and three years as UPI bureau chief in Moscow in the former Soviet Union.

In 2002, Galloway won the Veterans of Foreign Wars National News Media Award for his coverage of the Gulf War. His other recognitions include the Brig. Gen. Robert L. Denig Award for Distinguished Service presented by the U.S. Marine Corps Combat Correspondents Association; the Abraham Lincoln Award of the Union League Club of Philadelphia; and the John Reagan (Tex) McCrary Award of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society.

Last year, Galloway was presented the Doughboy Award the highest award the U.S. Army Infantry bestows on an individual. He was also presented the Legacy of Service Award of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, which built and maintains The Wall in Washington, D.C.

Galloway is a member of the boards of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division Association, the National Infantry Foundation, the School of History and Social Studies of The Citadel in Charleston, S.C., and the Museum of America’s Wars.

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