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#### **California Reads at the Santa Maria Public Library: Open Discussion on the Experience of Veterans**

In cooperation with the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Santa Maria Public Library will present a discussion in which veterans share the experience of being at war. The discussion will take place at the Library in Shepard Hall on Thursday, September 25, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. The intention is to create a dialog between veterans and members of the public on the impact of war on soldiers, families and communities. The discussion is intended for an audience of all ages, but parents need to be aware that the content of the discussion may be frank in nature at times, and rooted in real-life experience, which can be disturbing to some.

The presenters will be Alan Munch, David Godrich, and Chris Chatlovsky. Mr. Munch is a veteran of the United States Navy during the Vietnam era. Mr. Godrich volunteered for the British Navy during World War II, serving as a Radar Expert, participating in D-Day, and protecting convoys in the Mediterranean. Mr. Chatlovsky served in the United States Army, and was deployed to Iraq in 2004. Other veterans from all eras are encouraged to contribute.

This discussion is presented as part of the statewide California Reads program, which is currently exploring the theme, "What It is Like to Go to War."

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