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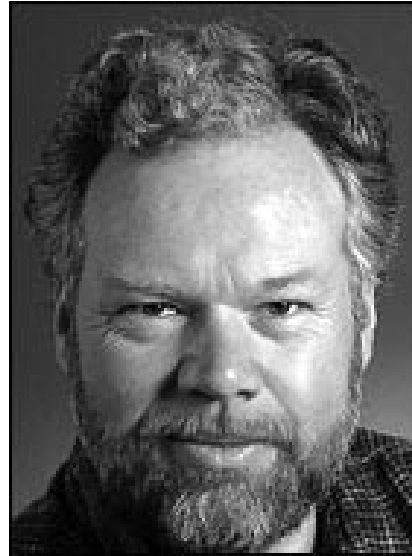
THOMAS E. RICKS

***“THE GAMBLE: General Petraeus
and the American Military Adventure
in Iraq, 2006-2008”***

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

**The Music Room, Mission Inn
Riverside, California**

**5:30 p.m. Reception Buffet
6:30 p.m. Talk and Discussion**



Will an American military presence in Iraq come to a swift end with the new Obama Administration in place? Or is an extension of the war inevitable for success in Iraq? What is the best case scenario? Author Thomas Ricks presents new information exposing behind-the-scenes disagreements among top U.S. military commanders in his new book, “The Gamble: General Petraeus and the American Military Adventure in Iraq, 2006-2008.” Coming out in February, this is the much anticipated follow-up

to his 2006 New York Times bestseller “Fiasco”.

Thomas Ricks is a two-time Pulitzer Prize winning senior Pentagon correspondent for *The Washington Post*, where he has covered the U.S. military since 2000. He has also been a reporter for *The Wall Street Journal* for 17 years. He has reported on U.S. military activities in Somalia, Haiti, Korea, Bosnia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Kuwait, Turkey, Afghanistan and Iraq. Born in Massachusetts, he grew up in New York and Afghanistan and graduated from Yale in 1977.

Reservations Required • Deadline: Monday, February 23, noon • Seating is Limited.

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