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**Calvert Library Hosting Political Thriller Author Doug Norton**

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As a warship captain during the Cold War, Doug Norton held launch codes for nuclear weapons and was prepared to use them. He also participated in international negotiations to reduce their numbers and the chance of nuclear war between the United States and the Soviet Union.

On Monday, November 19, Mr. Norton will visit Calvert Library Prince Frederick at 7pm to present “American Presidents, North Korean Dictators, and the Elephants in the Room,” which relates the fictional plots of his Code Word thrillers to current developments in East Asia.

Mr. Norton’s political thrillers *Code Word: Paternity* and its sequel *Code Word: Pandora* feature the stand-off between the United States and North Korea. Drawing on his 25 years of military and diplomatic experience, Doug Norton’s thrillers mix American security, North Korean aggressiveness, and Chinese power in a cauldron of politics, technology, and risk that will keep you up at night, even after you’ve finished reading.

The author has many years of navy and defense department experience including nuclear deterrence, tense White House meetings, and high-stakes diplomacy in Geneva, Brussels, London, and Washington. He brings deep knowledge and authenticity to this presentation ranging from the strategic situation in Korea to the demands and costs of duty and the question of whether evil can be overcome without resorting to evil methods.

The talk will be followed by Q&A and a book signing. Register for the event for a chance to win a copy of your choice.

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