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## **Attention Newsroom—Media Advisory**

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### **The Wimmer-Churchill Lecture featuring Sir Martin Gilbert**

(MADISON)— Winston Churchill's official biographer, the noted historian Sir Martin Gilbert, will lecture at the Wisconsin Veterans Museum (WVM) on Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. The program begins at noon and is part of the annual Wimmer-Churchill Lecture series sponsored by the WVM, the Other Other Club, and Department of History, University of Wisconsin.

Gilbert became Churchill's official biographer in 1969 after apprenticing under Churchill's son, Randolph. He is the foremost authority on the life and times of Winston Churchill, and appears frequently on television in Great Britain as well as the United States. In total, Gilbert has written 70 books, including eight of the ten volumes of Churchill's biography, a comprehensive history of Israel, and twin histories of WWI and WWII. He is one of the best known historians on either side of the Atlantic and this presentation represents his first time in Madison. The lecture will take place in the Museum's 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Education Center and is free and open to the public. Seating is on a first come basis and those interested in attending are encouraged to arrive early. Gilbert is available for one on one interviews prior to the program with advance notice.

The Wisconsin Veterans Museum is a free public educational activity of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs and is located at 30 W. Mifflin St., across the street from the State Capitol. The Museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (year-round) and Sunday (April through September) from noon to 4 p.m. The Museum's Research Center is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and by appointment. For more information on this program, **contact Jennifer Carlson, at 608.264.6086 or [Jennifer.Carlson@dva.state.wi.us](mailto:Jennifer.Carlson@dva.state.wi.us), or go to <http://museum.dva.state.wi.us>.**