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### **AUTHOR/JOURNALIST WIL HYLTON TO DISCUSS WWII SEARCH FOR MISSING AT JARRETTSVILLE LIBRARY**

**(Belcamp, Maryland – May 11, 2016)** Harford County Public Library is pleased to have journalist and author Wil Hylton visit the Jarrettsville Library on May 26 at 6:30pm. In 2013, writer Wil Hylton was on the islands that make up Tarawa. The islands held little value to any of the nations involved in WWII. The exception was that there was a war and this land, situated about halfway between Pearl Harbor and the Philippines, acted as a stepping stone that was needed to cross the expanse of water between nations. Because of this, it was the site of arguably the bloodiest three days in World War Two – 1100 Marines died. The group on the island with Wil was there to find the additional 500+ that had not yet been brought home, 70 years after the end of the battle.

This is just one of the stories on the way to solving the decades old mystery disappearance of eleven WWII airmen chronicled in Hylton's book *Vanished: The Sixty-Year Search for the Missing Men of World War II*. He will talk about the book and his adventures profiling the characters, presenting the policies, and taking the public into forbidden and formidable places.

*Vanished* has won accolades across the board. It was a Newsday Magazine Top 10 and an American Booksellers Association Indie Next Pick; it made the Esquire List of Important Books and the Mens Journal Top Books. Wil talked about his work on the

Diane Rehm Show and NPR. Newsweek magazine explains the story and its impact well, "*Vanished* is not only a story of war and loss but also a gripping and moving tale of America's relationship with the fallen soldier. We need books like *Vanished* to remind us of the long, painful aftermath of war."

Hylton's appearance at the Library is part of the Jarrettsville Library's 10th Anniversary celebration and in recognition of Memorial Day. *Vanished* will be available for purchase and signing. For more information about Hylton's visit to the Jarrettsville Library, call 410-692-7887.

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