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“Kiser on Iowa Public Radio...Remembering a Muslim World Hero”

Iowa Public Radio “Talk @ 12” host Greg Shanley will interview John W. Kiser, renowned author of *Commander of the Faithful...The Life and Times of Emir Abdelkader*, on Tuesday, April 7 at 12:00 noon (Central Time). The interview can be heard on the News Network of Iowa Public Radio, including frequencies 910 AM, 89.7 FM, 90.9 FM, 91.5 FM, 94.5 FM, 98.7 FM, 102.1 FM, and by streaming audio at iowapublicradio.org.

Kiser's fascinating historical biography is circling the globe as an extremely relevant message for today among Muslims and non-Muslims alike...encouraging the building of positive relationships between people of all cultures and beliefs. For more information: www.truejihad.com.

Since Kiser's new book launch in Elkader last October, the community has re-connected with its namesake, the 1800s Algerian world-hero Emir Abdelkader. By establishing an annual competitive Abdelkader Essay Prize at the high school, Kiser has instilled that the Emir's legacy will continue to broaden awareness of his greatness in making the world a better place for all people.

On Tuesday, May 12 at 7:30 pm, Virginia author John Kiser and Algerian Ambassador Abdallah Baali will be present to award the first annual Abdelkader Essay Prize at Central High School Awards Night in Elkader, Iowa.

The Des Moines Register published John Kiser's Oped "Remembering a Muslim in Iowa", The New York Times featured his book review by Peter Steinfels and countless articles and reviews have applauded Kiser's work throughout the country.

In January, Kiser's speaking tour to the Middle East...Qatar (Doha) and Pakistan (Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad)...was greeted with much enthusiasm and praise by madrassa leaders. The tour's organizer and founder/president of the Muslim Christian Federation International A.Q. Khamosh said, “Kiser is a great ambassador for America. His revival of the life of a widely admired Islamic warrior-scholar-holy man of the 19th century should inspire Muslims to think differently about the meaning of jihad. Jihad has been corrupted by so-called Muslims and has become associated only with violence and war waged in a very unkoranic, unIslamic way. Abd el-Kader knew when to wage war against “infidels” and when to save their lives. The emir's life shows how to wage jihad in war and in peace, in prison and in exile and become a hero admired even by President Lincoln.” An Urdu version is expected soon.

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