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DR. LARRY I. BLAND DIES OF HEART FAILURE

Dr. Larry I. Bland, editor of *The Papers of George Catlett Marshall*, historian, author, and teacher, died Tuesday, November 27, in Lexington, Virginia. He was 67 years old.

Generally recognized as one of the world's foremost authorities on the life and career of George Catlett Marshall, Bland was working on the sixth volume of the Marshall Papers when he died. *The Marshall Papers* is the principle publications project of the George C. Marshall Foundation in Lexington.

In addition to the *Papers*, Bland also edited *George C. Marshall Interviews and Reminiscences* and *George C. Marshall's Mediation Mission to China*. He was the author of numerous articles and monographs on Marshall and Marshall-related topics, such as the Cold War, the Marshall Plan, the Truman Doctrine, and Averill Harriman.

Bland was an engaging and sought-after lecturer. In October he was the keynote speaker at the dedication of the new George C. Marshall Conference Center at the US State Department in Washington. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice called Bland's remarks "insightful and relevant." Earlier this year Bland gave a series of lectures on the Marshall Plan in Turkey at the invitation of the State Department. He frequently spoke at professional meetings – both in this country and abroad – historical societies, government conferences, and civic groups.

In addition to his work at the Marshall Foundation, Bland served as managing editor of the *Journal of Military History* for 19 years.

Bland was also active in local history affairs, serving as a trustee of the Rockbridge Historical Society and as the editor of the *Proceedings of the Rockbridge Historical Society* and *News Notes*. He also prepared the maps and edited Winifred Hadsel's two books, *The Roads of Rockbridge* and *Streets of Lexington*.

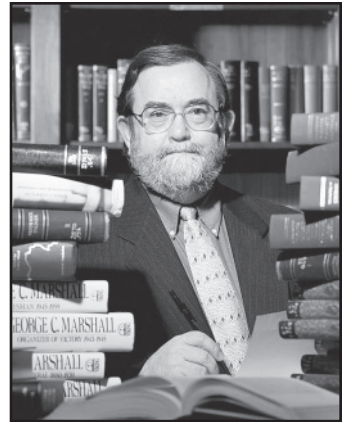
The recipient of many regional and national awards, Bland most recently received The Victor Gondos Memorial Service Award for long, distinguished and outstanding service to the Society for Military History.

An avid theater buff, Bland was a volunteer technician, set builder, and gofer for his wife, Joellen, who has served for 25 years as Director of the Theater at the Virginia Military Institute.

Like George Marshall, Bland was also a committed and gifted gardener. He was especially known for his deft touch with dahlias, mint, and other difficult plants and flowers.

A native of Indianapolis, Bland received his BS in Physics from Purdue University and his M.A. and Ph.D. in Diplomatic History from the University of Wisconsin. After teaching at colleges in North Carolina, Bland accepted a National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. He was recommended for the Marshall Foundation position in 1977 by Edward M. Coffman, a distinguished historian from the University of Wisconsin.

Bland is survived by his wife of 45 years, Joellen; two sons, Neil of Boulder, CO and Ryan of Lexington; his mother, Emma C. Bland of Indianapolis, IN; and two sisters, Juanita Bower of Mesa, AZ and Janice Bland of Plainfield, IN. A memorial service was held December 7th at the George C. Marshall Foundation on the parade ground at VMI.



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NOTES...from the Executive Director

By Robert H. Berlin

Larry Bland's untimely passing is a great loss for the Society. His untiring and professional dedication, high standards, superb scholarship and sense of humor will be missed. I first met the distinguished editor of *The Papers of George C. Marshall* when conducting research at The George C. Marshall library in Lexington, VA on U.S. Army World War II Corps Commanders in 1988. In the twenty years since, I came to know Larry as our *Journal's* managing editor, a stalwart SMH supporter and friend. I will miss him. SMH has lost a great member, historian, archivist, editor and friend.

SMH has been assured that the Marshall Foundation will continue supporting the Society and *The Journal of Military History*. Thanks to the outstanding efforts of Editor Bruce Vandervort and the *Journal* staff the January 2008 issue has been published on time and is dedicated to the memory of Larry Bland.

The annual George C. Marshall lecture in Military History, sponsored by the Society and The George C. Marshall Foundation, was given by John W. Shy at the American Historical Association Annual Meeting at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel on January 5, 2008. Shy's lecture was entitled "History, and the History of War," and over 200 attended. Following the lecture, SMH sponsored a successful reception in the speakers honor. The AHA and the Marriott fully cooperated in arranging rooms capable of holding the large crowd we expected and had this year. The next Marshall lecture will be at the AHA annual meeting January 2009 in New York City.

I will be representing SMH at the Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting in New York City March 28-31, 2008 in New York City. If you are interested in participating in an SMH social gathering and/or dining out please contact me at rhberlin@aol.com.

Details and registration information for the 2008 meeting April 17-20 at the Eccles Conference Center in Ogden, Utah hosted by Weber State University and coordinated by Bill Allison are available online and in *Headquarters Gazette*. SMH has arranged great rates at the Ogden Marriott hotel and a special rate for transportation from the Salt Lake City airport if booked in advance. Complete meeting details are at <http://www.weber.edu/History/WhatsHappening/SMH2008.html>. It is worth noting that Rick Atkinson will present the banquet talk and Jeremy Black the opening plenary.

The 2009 meeting will be in Murfreesboro, TN hosted by Middle Tennessee State University and coordinated by Derek Frisby April 2-5, 2009. Murfreesboro is thirty minutes from the Nashville airport and the meeting will be held at a new Embassy Suites Convention Center now under construction.

I am pleased to report that the Coffman fund has exceeded its initial goal of \$20,000 by over \$3,000. Of course additional contributions are encouraged!

The SMH annual business meeting will be held Saturday April 19, 2008 starting at 7:30 a.m. at the Ogden Eccles Conference Center in Ogden, Utah. I look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting in Ogden.



The Society of Military History

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SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2008

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Prize Awarded

Major Kevin H. Hutchison, USMC, a student at the School for Advanced War Fighting at Marine Corps University, is the winner of the Society's 2007 prize for the "Best-Graduate Student Paper in Military History presented at the Northern Great Plains History Conference." His paper is entitled: "Similar Commanders' Disparate Fates: A Comparative Analysis of General George Armstrong Custer and Colonel Nelson Appleton Miles during the Sioux War of 1876-1877."



Weigley Memory Honored with New Book

The American Philosophical Society and Temple University are pleased to announce the publication of Edward G. Longacre and Theodore J. Zeman, eds., *Beyond Combat: Essays in Military History in Honor of Russell F. Weigley* (Philadelphia: American Philosophical Society, 2007). It contains a biographical foreword by the two editors, an introduction by Dennis F. Showalter, important essays by nine of Russell Weigley's PhD.s, a select bibliography of Weigley's work (including all his known conference papers and public history addresses), and an index. The editors have arranged for the royalties from sales of *Beyond Combat* to be donated to the Center for the Study of Force and Diplomacy at Temple University, which Professor Weigley founded.

Temple University is planning to hold a one-day conference on Saturday, 26 April 2008, showcasing *Beyond Combat* and the Temple tradition in military history. The Society of Military History, American Philosophical Society, Roxanne and Jack Satterfield, and Boeing Corporation have signed on as co-sponsors. Four of the book's contributors have agreed to present paper versions of their essays. There will also be a round-table discussing the future of military history.

For those interested in purchasing *Beyond Combat* before the conference, ordering information is available at the American Philosophical Society web site (<http://www.amphilsoc.org/>). Just click the appropriate link under "publications."

Call for Papers

Global Encounters: Legacies of Exchange and Conflict (1000-1700). This conference is organized by the Program in Medieval and Early Modern Studies (MEMS) at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Conference dates: 14-15 November 2008. The new Program in MEMS at UNC, Chapel Hill, seeks papers from scholars in a wide variety of disciplines. Papers dealing with topics of cultural mediation, interchange, and conflict are especially welcome. Possible areas of geographical concentration include Europe, the Atlantic world, the Mediterranean, the Middle East, Africa, and Asia. Key-note addresses will be offered by Professor Karen Ordahl Kupperman (Silver Professor of History at New York University), and by Professor Alfred J. Andrea (Professor Emeritus of History, University of Vermont).

The deadline for paper proposals is 1 April 2008. Proposals should include a title, a 250 word abstract, a brief (two-page maximum) C.V., and full contact information. Proposals should be submitted to the MEMS Organizing Committee, c/o Professor Brett Whalen, chair (bwhalen@email.unc.edu).

This Conference is supported by: the College of Arts and Sciences; the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation; MEMS, the Program in Medieval and Early Modern Studies at UNC; Associate Provost for International Affairs, UNC Chapel Hill; The Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Duke University.

Contact: Brett Edward Whalen, Department of History, CB# 3195 (Hamilton Hall), UNC-Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC 27599. Email: bwhalen@email.unc.edu. Visit the website at <http://mems.unc.edu/>.

Call for Papers

Men at Arms: New Histories of Soldiering in Britain, 1750-1850 4-5 September 2008, University of Northampton

The figure of the soldier in eighteenth- and nineteenth-century Britain was the site of some intriguing tensions. On the one hand, the military had a prominent role in the construction of national and gender identities. On the other, the army could be politically distrusted, soldiers often occupied a marginal position in society, and even the manliness of the profession could be called into question. Recent years have seen much interest in the relationship between war and British culture and society, as scholars have re-examined conflicts from a range of innovative perspectives. This conference therefore aims to gather together scholars from various disciplines in order to explore the practice and representation of soldiering from the Seven Years war, through the Revolutionary and Napoleonic conflicts, to the 'small' colonial wars at the beginning of the Victorian period. The conference is aimed at both postgraduates and more established scholars. Keynote lectures will be given by Professor Ian Beckett and Dr Philip Shaw.

Possible topics might include, but are not restricted to:

- Citizen soldiers and the ‘amateur military tradition’
- The ‘face of battle’
- Military memoirs and the ‘soldier’s tale’
- Literary, artistic and theatrical representations of the soldier
- Soldiering as a career
- The military and politics
- Gender and the body
- Britain as a ‘martial nation’

For further details about the conference, please contact Dr. Matthew McCormack at matthew.mccormack@northampton.ac.uk. If you wish to offer a paper, please send a 200 word abstract and a short CV to Dr. Catriona Kennedy at calk100@york.ac.uk by 1 March 2008.

Call for Papers

The U.S. Army Combined Arms Center’s 2008 General William E. DePuy Writing Competition is now underway. This year’s subject area is “Post-combat activities required to attain overall objectives.” Winning essays will feature original, well-researched, and insightful arguments about any topic related to the subject area. The contest is open to all serious writers and researchers regardless of affiliation (or lack thereof). Prize money to four places (\$1,000 first prize) with \$100 for honorable mentions. Top three finishers to be published in *Military Review*, the U.S. Army’s professional journal.

Submissions must be received at *Military Review* (leav-milrevweb@conus.army.mil) by midnight, 2 June 2008. For complete information and instructions on how to enter, go to <http://usacac.army.mil/CAC/milreview/index.asp> and click the appropriate link under “News.”

Prize Announced

The North American Society for Oceanic History (NASOH) announces the establishment of the Clark G. Reynolds Award to be presented to the author of the best paper by a graduate student delivered at its annual conference. The prize will consist of assistance in publishing the essay in *The Northern Mariner*, the journal co-sponsored by NASOH and the Canadian Nautical Research Society, a membership in NASOH, a handsome plaque and the author’s choice of ten books published by the University Press of Florida.

Book Published

The Road to Safwan: The 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry in the 1991 Persian Gulf War, by Stephen A. Bourque and John W. Burdan III.

This is a complete history of the 1st Infantry Division’s cavalry unit fighting in Operation Desert Storm. Stephen A. Bourque and John W. Burdan III served in the 1st Infantry—Bourque in Division Headquarters, Burdan as the Operations Officer of the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry. Based on extensive interviews and primary sources, Bourque and Burdan provide the most in-depth coverage to date of a battalion-level unit in the 1991 war, showing how the unit deployed, went into combat, and adapted to changing circumstances. The book was published in November 2007. Further information can be found at www.unt.edu/untpress.

Call for Papers

The 2008 Northern Great Plains History Conference will be held 24-27 September 2008 in Brandon, Manitoba, Canada. The Society for Military History sponsors a full slate of sessions at the NGPHC and will host a dinner and have other activities. Individual proposals and session proposals are welcome. For individuals, send a one-page proposal and short c.v. (only c.v. if volunteering to chair/comment). For sessions, send one-page session proposal, one-page proposals for each paper, and short c.v.s for all participants. The SMH offers a monetary award for Best Graduate Student Paper in Military History presented at the NGPHC. Please include e-mail address. For more information, check <http://personal2.stthomas.edu/jcfitzharris/NGPHC/>. Deadline for proposals is 1 April 2008. Send proposals and c.v. to: Joe Fitzharris, Department of History - Mail #4018, University of St. Thomas, 2115 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105. Or send by E-mail to: jcfitzharris@stthomas.edu.

Call for Papers

Reconsidering Conflict, Terror and Resolution

University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland. 11-12 September 2008

The Strathclyde Conflict and Resolution (SCAR) group is hosting an interdisciplinary conference which will analyze the themes of conflict, terror and resolution at various levels: past-present; private-public; local-global. In doing so it aims to reach across disciplinary barriers by bringing together experts from the whole of the social sciences spectrum, including (but not limited to) politics, history, law, sociology and psychology. Such a holistic analysis of conflict and terror will provoke, stimulate and question contemporary thought, while advocating the need for joint efforts to address common challenges. We welcome submissions, individual papers, as well as three paper panels, on any of the following or related themes:

CONSTRUCTING CONFLICT

Linguistic representation
Visual representation
Propaganda and spin
Speech-acts and securitisation
Collective memory
Silencing of conflict
Narratives of conflict
War reportage

EXPERIENCING CONFLICT

Living with, and fleeing conflict
Prisoners of war
Implications for human rights
Divided cities and sectarianism
Conflict and the body
Gendering conflict
Conflict in schools and in the home
The 'War on Terror'

MANAGING & RESOLVING CONFLICT

Restorative justice
Civic justice
Just war and military intervention
Diplomacy and multilateralism
Culture and reconciliation
Crisis and contingencies management
International organizations
Technologies of security

Abstracts of 300-500 words and a one-page CV should be submitted by 31 March 2008 to scar-group@strath.ac.uk. A selection of papers will be considered for publication. For more details please visit www.strath.ac.uk/scar or contact us at scar-group@strath.ac.uk.

Prizes Awarded

The winners of the ABC-Clio graduate Research Awards are: Waitman Wade Beorn (University of North Carolina) and Katherine Epstein (Ohio State University). The awards will be given at the SMH 2008 Annual Meeting in Ogden, Utah.

Master's Thesis and Dissertation Fellowships in Marine Corps History

The Marine Corps History Division seeks applications for the 2008 Marine Corps Master's Thesis and Dissertation Fellowships in Marine Corps history. The division awards two Master's Thesis Fellowships, each carrying a \$3,500 stipend, and one Dissertation Fellowship with a \$10,000 stipend. Applicants must be actively enrolled in accredited programs who by September 2008 will have completed all requirements for a Master's or Ph.D. degree, except for the thesis or dissertation. Topics must be related to some aspect of Marine Corps history. Additional information and application materials can be found on the division's website www.history.usmc.mil, or by contacting the Coordinator, Grants and Fellowships at (703) 432-4884 or charles.r.smith9@usmc.mil. Applications and all supporting materials are to be forwarded to the Coordinator, Grants and Fellowships, History Division, MCU, 3079 Moreell Avenue, Quantico, Virginia, 22134, no later than 1 May 2008. The applicant is responsible for ensuring that all required documentation is mailed before the closing date.

Call for Contributors: Advancing Military History

ABC-CLIO, award-winning publisher of historical reference works including recently published multivolume encyclopedias of World War II and the Cold War, is currently developing a wide-ranging and definitive project on U.S. military history. This scholarly, comprehensive project consists of authoritative encyclopedic entries centered on seven of the major wars of American history, including the current conflicts in the Middle East. It covers not only the military aspects of the conflicts, but also the political, social, economic, and technological developments that impacted or were impacted by the conflicts.

ABC-CLIO has assembled a team of top historians to work on this ground-breaking project, and we are currently seeking additional qualified contributors to give this study the depth and broad interpretation that it deserves. For more information on this project, including a project description, list of entries for this year, compensation information, and sample entries, please E-mail Dr. Paul Pierpaoli, ABC-CLIO Fellow of Military History and Diplomatic History, at ppierpaoli@abc-clio.com. When contacting Dr. Pierpaoli, please indicate your affiliation, areas of interest, and attach a copy of your curriculum vitae.

Book Published

Mark Mandeles recently had a book published by Praeger Security International, *Military Transformation Past and Present: Historic Lessons for the 21st Century*. Information about the book can be found online at http://www.greenwood.com/psi/book_detail.aspx?sku=C9190.

Essay Competition Announced

For the fourth year, the John A. Adams Center at the Virginia Military Institute is pleased to announce that it will award prizes for the best unpublished papers dealing with the United States military

in the Cold War era (1945-1991). Any aspect of the Cold War is eligible, with papers on intelligence, logistics, and mobilization especially welcome. Please note that essays on the Korean War, on Vietnam, on counterinsurgency and related topics are all open for consideration.

Prizes: First place will earn a plaque and a cash award of \$2000; second place, \$1000 and a plaque; and third place, \$500 and a plaque.

Procedures: Entries should be tendered to the Adams Center at VMI by 15 June 2008. Please make your submission by Microsoft Word. The center will, over the summer, examine all papers and announce its top three rankings early in the fall of 2008. The *Journal of Military History* will be happy to consider those award winners for publication.

Questions:

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Call for Student Papers

The League of World War I Aviation Historians is a nonprofit organization chartered with furthering the study of aviation history encompassing the World War I period. To this end, the League sponsors the annual Mike Carr Student Paper Competition.

This essay competition is open to both graduate and undergraduate students attending any accredited educational institution. Monetary prizes will be awarded for the best original paper on any aspect of aviation taking place during 1914-1918 (eg., personal history, unit history, citations, tactics, technical development, political ramifications, aircraft development, balloon activities, etc.).

Papers must be at least 10 double-spaced pages in length (not including bibliography, references, etc.), and if submitted in hard copy, must be cleanly and clearly typed (i.e., no hand-written or faint dot matrix-printed entries). Any generally accepted format may be used. The topic of the essay can be of the student's choosing, except that it MUST deal with some aspect of aviation during the 1914-1918 World War I years.

All entries will be judged by a panel of knowledgeable members of the League of World War I Aviation Historians. Judging will be based on the criteria of originality, technical accuracy, thoroughness of development of the subject, and source documentation. The award for first place is \$500, while \$200 will be given to each of five honorable mention awardees. The League reserves the right, at its discretion, to publish one or more of the winning papers in a future issue of *Over the Front*, with full credit given to the author.

Papers should preferably be submitted in digital form (e-mail with attached document) to the administrator of this competition, at papers@overthefront.com. Alternatively, hard copies or disks can be sent to: Karen Kubal, 909 Pine St., Yankton, SD 57078-3636. To be considered for the 2007-2008 competition, entries must be received by May 31, 2008. Winners will be announced in the summer of 2008.

Educators and mentors, please encourage your students to submit entries. Students, we look forward to receiving your submission. Good luck!

“CONTINUITY” IS WATCHWORD AT JMH

I trust that by now SMH members will have received their copies of the January 2008 issue of the *JMH*. The timely production and distribution of this latest number of the *Journal* should be taken as evidence that, in spite of the tragic death of its longtime Managing Editor, Larry Bland, the *JMH* remains alive and well in Lexington.

The loss of Larry was complicated by the fact that the Macintosh computer on which he did the typesetting and layout of the *JMH* crashed shortly before his death. Fortunately, after much searching of the files from his Mac and from a PC he also used, we were able to establish how much of the typesetting and layout of the *Journal* he had completed and how much remained to be done. As this search was going forward, we were lucky enough to retain the services of two local desktop publishers, James R. (Jim) Arnold and Roberta Wiener, to help put the *Journal* together and get it to the printer. Jim and Roberta in turn found a design expert who knew the layout program Larry used and was able to complete the layout for us. Working closely together, we managed to put the *Journal* to bed just after Christmas and copies were mailed out to members by the printers on 4 January.

Jim and Roberta have agreed to serve as Managing Editors of the *JMH* on the same terms as

those under which Larry worked. We are fortunate to have them working with us. Jim is a prolific military historian, with numerous books and articles to his credit. He has refereed manuscripts and written book reviews for the *JMH*. Jim also is an expert mapmaker, a talent we will put to good use on the *Journal*. Roberta, meanwhile, writes children's books and is a journal design specialist. She will be in charge of the typesetting and layout of the *Journal* and will help me with the final proofing of the copy, just before it goes to press.

We also are very pleased with the way the Virginia Military Institute rallied round in our time of need. The Institute has purchased a new computer, a new, improved program for typesetting and layout, and a scanner for use in producing the *Journal*. The new equipment will be up and running shortly and you will see the results of its use in the April issue of the *JMH*, now in preparation.

Finally, a quick word of thanks to all those who have written to tell us of their sadness at Larry's death. One of the very best ways to remember him, we believe, is to carry on his work, by continuing to produce the kind of high-quality journal of military history he did so much to bring on stream.

Bruce Vandervort, Editor
Journal of Military History

NCH Washington Update

By Lee White of the National Coalition for History

This is a compendium of items which might be of interest to members of the Society from several recent NCH Washington Update newsletters.

NEW ANONYMOUS HOLD PLACED ON SENATE PRESIDENTIAL RECORDS BILL-

As we have reported since September, Senator Jim Bunning (R-KY) has been blocking a vote in the Senate on the "Presidential Records Act Amendments of 2007 (H.R. 1255, S. 886). On December 18, 2007, without explanation, Senator Bunning finally lifted his hold. The next day, it was expected that Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) would bring the bill to the floor under the Senate's unanimous consent rule that allows non-controversial legislation to be considered on an expedited basis. However, another unnamed Republican apparently placed a hold on the bill, preventing floor consideration.

According to the on-line publication *The Secrecy File*, published by the Cox News Service, Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee Chairman Joseph Lieberman (ID-CT) intends to "smoke out" whoever put the hold on the bill when the Senate returns in January. Republican Senator John Cornyn of Texas, a co-sponsor of the bill, is quoted in the article as saying, "Our democracy is based on a government of the people, by the people, and for the people, and I believe sealing presidential records indefinitely goes against that philosophy."

Since the White House has not rescinded its veto threat, it's reasonable to assume that whoever is holding up the bill in the Senate is doing so at the behest of the Administration. While this is disappointing, we should take heart in the fact that the lobbying efforts of the broad-based coalition of groups supporting the bill has been able to convince two Republican senators to lift their holds on the bill.

Passage of the bill is even more important given the recent ruling by a federal judge invalidating the section of Executive Order 13233 that allowed former presidents to indefinitely delay the release of records. And the uncertainty over the impact of the federal lawsuit has once again generated controversy over former-President Clinton's assertions that he is not blocking release of records from his presidential library.

In November 2001, President George W. Bush issued Executive Order 13233, which gave current and former presidents and vice presidents broad authority to withhold presidential records or delay their release indefinitely. The "Presidential Records Act Amendments of 2007" would nullify the Bush executive order and re-establish procedures to ensure the timely release of presidential records.

On March 14, 2007, by a vote of 333-93, the U.S. House of Representatives approved H.R. 1255.

CONGRESS PASSES MAJOR FOIA REFORM BILL-Legislation (S. 2488) to implement the first reforms to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) in more than a decade has been sent the President's desk for his signature after Congress passed the Openness Promotes Effectiveness in our National Government Act (OPEN Government Act) on December 18, 2007.

The legislation improves transparency in the Federal Government's FOIA process by:

- Restoring meaningful deadlines for agency action under FOIA;
- Imposing real consequences on federal agencies for missing FOIA's 20-day statutory deadline;
- Clarifying that FOIA applies to government records held by outside private contractors;
- Establishing a FOIA hotline service for all federal agencies; and
- Creating a FOIA Ombudsman to provide FOIA requestors and federal agencies with a meaningful alternative to costly litigation.

Earlier this year, NCH issued a legislative alert urging passage of the FOIA bill and was involved in a broad-based coalition that worked towards passage of the legislation.

GOVERNMENT DECLINES TO APPEAL RULING OPENING UP PRESIDENTIAL RECORDS-This week, the Bush administration decided not to appeal a federal district court judge's decision that invalidated a crucial section of Executive Order (EO) 13233, which broadened the rights of presidents and former-presidents to withhold federal records from the public for indefinite periods of time.

On October 1, Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly gave historians and researchers a partial, but significant victory in a lawsuit questioning the legality of the Executive Order. The judge struck down the section of the EO that allows a former president to indefinitely delay the release of their records.

However, Judge Kollar-Kotelly did not rule on the constitutionality of the Executive Order itself, narrowly crafting her decision to address only the specific provision in the order dealing with former presidents. She declined to rule on the legality of the sections of the Executive Order allowing heirs and designees of former presidents, and former vice presidents, the authority to control the release of documents, calling them "unripe" since no records have yet been withheld pursuant to those provisions. However, the judge left open the right for the plaintiffs to challenge these provisions in the future if the release of records were denied as a result of them.

The lawsuit was brought by Public Citizen soon after the Executive Order was issued in 2001 on behalf of itself, the American Historical Association (AHA), the National Security Archive, the Organization of American Historians (OAH), the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, the American Political Science Association (APSA) and historian Stanley Kutler.

Legislation (H.R. 1255) to overturn Executive Order 13233 overwhelmingly passed the House by a vote of 333-93 in March. At the time the legislation was considered in the House, the Bush administration issued a threat to veto the bill, but it passed the House by a veto-proof margin. Similar legislation cleared the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee by voice vote this summer. However, when the Democratic leadership sought to bring the bill to the floor on September 24, Senator Jim Bunning (R-KY) objected to consideration of the bill and it remains tied up in the Senate.

NIXON LIBRARY RELEASES NEW TROVE OF DOCUMENTS-On November 28, the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum released approximately 122,800 pages of historical materials from the Nixon presidency at the National Archives in College Park, MD.

In the largest release of Nixon-related materials under mandatory review, the Nixon Presidential Library released over 10,000 pages of documents that were previously withheld from public access, and that were re-reviewed for release and/or declassified.

The documents are from the White House Special Files, Staff Member and Office Files; the National Security Council File series including the Henry A. Kissinger Office Files and the National Security Council Institutional Files.

The Nixon Presidential Library also opened around 4,800 pages of documents from the White House Central Files, Name Files. This system was used for routine materials filed alphabetically by the name of the correspondent. Included in the release are files on Mark Felt (Deep Throat), Robert Byrd, Bob Hope, Elvis Presley, Ronald Reagan, Richard Cheney, and Frank Sinatra.

Also included in the release are approximately 83,000 pages of White House Central Files, Staff Member and Office Files, and White House Press Office Files. The files contain materials created by the Press Office for distribution to the media including White House press releases and press conference transcripts.

Additionally, 25,000 pages of documents from Records of Temporary Committees, Commissions, and Boards, Records of the Cabinet Committee on Education were released. The Cabinet Committee on Education served as a Federal Government point of contact for states undergoing school desegregation.

Society for Military History

75th Annual Meeting Ogden, Utah April 17-19, 2008

Registration Form

Deadline for Registration is March 15, 2008

You can register online with your credit card at: http://weber.edu/History/WhatsHappening/2008SMH_Registration.html You may also mail this form with a check to: SMH 2008 Registration, Department of History, Weber State University, 1205 University Circle, Ogden, UT 84408-1205

Please print or type all information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

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Institution/Affiliation: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail (required): _____



Check here if you require specific accommodations at the conference site, and someone will contact you to make arrangements.

Registration Fees

_____ Member Regular Registration	\$100
_____ Non-Member Registration	\$150
_____ Graduate Student Registration	\$50
_____ Late Fee after March 15, 2008	\$25
_____ Awards Luncheon	\$25
_____ SMH Banquet	\$50
_____ Total Due	

Meal Selection:

Chicken Caesar Salad _____
Roast Beef Ciabatta _____
Salmon _____
Prime Rib _____
Vegetarian _____

Payment Information

All funds are in U.S. dollars only. Please return this form with check payable to **SMH 2008** to: SMH 2008 Registration, Department of History, Weber State University, 1205 University Circle, Ogden, UT 84408-1205.

Offsite Tours

If you would like to participate in one of the offsites below, please check the appropriate box. *Space is limited and will be allocated first come-first serve in order of receipt of registration.*

Description of offsites is at: http://weber.edu/History/WhatsHappening/Offsite_Opportunities.html

Hill AFB Flightline Tour – Friday, April 18, 2:00 -5:00 PM (Because of base security restrictions, this offsite is available to US citizens only)

Fort Douglas/Salt Lake City – Saturday, April 19, 8:30-Noon

Golden Spike NHS – Saturday, April 19, 1:30-5:00 PM

Please keep a copy of this form for your records. You will receive email confirmation of your registration.

Hotel Information

The Ogden Marriott and Hampton Inn Downtown are the conference hotels. Both are easily accessible via airport shuttles and both have ample parking (The Marriott has free parking; the Hampton Inn offers free parking and \$5 valet parking to its guests). The Marriott is located 1.5 blocks west of the Eccles Center, while the Hampton Inn is actually attached to the Eccles Center. Both are very nice hotels - the Marriott is undergoing renovation and will be ready for 2008, while the Hampton Inn was completely renovated for the 2002 Winter Olympics.

The rate per night at the Marriott is \$80 single, \$88 double occupancy, with continental breakfast. The rate per night at the Hampton Inn is \$109 for a king standard or double/double standard room, \$139 for a junior suite, and \$159 for an executive suite. The Hampton Inn also includes continental breakfast. The cut-off date for the Hampton Inn is March 18, 2008, while the Marriott cut-off is March 26, 2008. After these dates, our unsold block of rooms returns to general inventory and regular rates.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!!

When making reservations, use the following codes to get the conference rate:

Marriott: **MILMILA** for online reservations, or **Society for Military History** for call-in reservations at (888) 825-3163 website: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/slcog-ogden-marriott/>

Hampton Inn: **SMH** for online reservations and call-in reservations at (801) 394-9400 web-site: http://hamptoninn1.hilton.com/en_US/hp/index.do;jsessionid=284F298BB3D6EC49EBB8217-34948C8CA.etc41

Transportation Information

Getting to Ogden from Salt Lake City International Airport is easy. Of the options available, renting a car or using an airport shuttle service are probably the most convenient. The Society for Military History has contracted with Ogden Express Shuttle Service for a round-trip fare of \$36. Reservations are required and the information for making reservations is below. Xpress Shuttle Service also offers service to Ogden from Salt Lake International. The Wasatch Front Runner commuter rail link SHOULD be operating by April 2008. Bus service from the airport will transfer you to the hub station in downtown Salt Lake City, where you can catch the Front Runner to the Ogden station, where it is just two blocks to the Ogden Marriott.

Ogden Express Shuttle Service - Reservations can be made via online, email, phone or fax. For online reservations, go to ogdenexpress.com, click "contacts" and complete the online reservation form, noting that you are with the Society for Military History at a rate of \$36 round-trip. Reservations can also be made toll free at (866) 746-5438, by fax at (801) 627-8088, or by E-mail to diane@ogdenexpress.com. You will need your flight arrival and departure information and hotel information at the time of booking. Walk-ups at the counter in the baggage claim area will pay \$50 round-trip.

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Xpress Shuttle - Reservations can be made on line at http://www.xpressshuttle.com/salt_lake_city.htm. Round-trip from Salt Lake International to Ogden generally is around \$60. It is better to make reservations, but you can walk up to the counter in the baggage claim area to make arrangements. The Society for Military History does NOT have a special rate with Xpress Shuttle.

MEETINGS CALENDAR 2008

February 9-10 The Spanish Civil War: History, Memory, Representation. Temple of Peace, Cardiff, United Kingdom.

February 15-16 Western Front Association Florida and Gulf Coast Chapter Seminar, Hilton Garden Inn Tampa North. Contact Len Shurtleff at lshurtleff@aol.com for program information.

February 21-23 Military Oral History Conference: Between Memory and History. University of Victoria, Victoria, British Columbia. Contact: Dr. Shawn Cafferky, History Department, University of Victoria, P.O. Box 3045, Victoria, B.C. V8W 3P4. Phone: (250) 721-7287. E-mail: shawncaf@uvic.ca.

March 6-8 Missouri Valley History Conference, which includes several panels sponsored by SMH. Conference web site: www.unomaha.edu/uno/history/mvhchome. SMH contact: Connie Harris, PO Box 121, Grasston, MN 55030. E-mail: ckharis1@juno.com.

March 7-9 Combined Operations in the Civil War. Sponsored by the USS Monitor Center of the Mariners' Museum in Newport News, Virginia, as part of the Battle of Hampton Roads Weekend. A limited number of travel grants are available. Proposals for papers of entire panels should be sent to Craig L. Symonds, 102 Hillsmere Court, Annapolis, MD, 21403, or by E-mail to macsymonds@aol.com. **Proposals are due NLT December 1, 2007.**

March 10 The Nigerian Civil War: Forty Years After What Lessons. Benue State University, Makurdi, Nigeria. E-Mail: hsnconference2008@yahoo.com.

April 5 Western Front Association - East Coast Branch Seminar, Maryland War Memorial, Baltimore. Contact Paul Cora at pbcora@earthlink.net or consult the WFA website at www.wfa-usa.org.

April 17-20 Society for Military History Annual Meeting, Ogden, Utah. The Department of History, Weber State University will host the meeting at the Ogden Eccles Conference Center/Hampton Inn and Suites. Contact: Bill Allison. (801) 626-6710. E-mail: wallison@weber.edu. Website: <http://www.weber.edu/History/WhatsHappening/SMH2008.html>.

May 14-18 Council on America's Military Past (CAMP) 42nd Annual Military History Conference, at the Red Lion Hotel in Salt Lake City, UT. Contact: Dale Floyd at (434) 295-2672 or caponier@aol.com.

May 17 Western Front Association Great Lakes

Chapter Seminar at the Cleveland Grays Armory, Cleveland, OH. Contact Stan Jaffe at Jaffe2729@yahoo.com for details.

June 15-17 Society for Civil War Historians, Union League in Philadelphia, PA. Sponsored by the Richards Civil War Era Center at Penn State. Web site: www.richardscenter.psu.edu.

June 23-27 Fifth IMEHA International Congress of Maritime History, Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich, London. For more information, go to www.imeha2008.com.

July 24-27 3rd Annual Military Seminar Series: "The World on Fire" – The First World War: The Seven Years War and French & Indian War 1754-63. Held as part of the Historical Miniatures Gaming Society's East Historicon 2008 in Lancaster, PA. Contact: seminars@historicon.org.

July 25-27 10th Conference on Women and the Civil War. Gettysburg, PA. Full information at www.swcw.org.

July 31-August 4 The Obersalzberg as an Historical Landscape: The Destruction, Militarisation, Destruction and Revival of the Obersalzberg. For more information, contact Dr. David Hall at dhall.jscsc@da.mod.uk or by regular mail at Defence Studies Department, Joint Services Command and Staff College, Shrivenham, Swindon, SN6 8TS, United Kingdom.

August 5-10 The Social History of Military Technology, as part of the annual meeting of International Congress of the History of Technology, to be held at the University of Victoria, BC, Canada. Website: <http://www.icohtec.org/>.

September 4-5 Men at Arms: New Histories of Soldiering in Britain, 1750-1850, University of Northampton. Contact: Dr. Matthew McCormack at matthew.mccormack@northampton.ac.uk.

September 11-12 Reconsidering Conflict, Terror and Resolution. University of Strathclyde, Glasgow. For more details please visit www.strath.ac.uk/scar or E-mail scar-group@strath.ac.uk.

September 12-14 Western Front Association annual National Seminar, U. S. Army Heritage and Education Center, Carlisle, PA. Contact Louise Arnold-Friend at warsrus@mindspring.com for more information.

September 24-27 Northern Great Plains History Conference in Brandon, Manitoba, Canada. For SMH-specific information, check <http://personal2.sthomas.edu/jcfitzharris/NGPHC/>.

November 8 WFA New England - New York Chapter Annual Seminar, US Military Academy, West Point, NY. Contact Dr. Guy Cavallaro at Ph1m2h3@aol.com.

3195 (Hamilton Hall), UNC-Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC 27599. E-mail: bwhalen@email.unc.edu. Website at <http://mems.unc.edu/>.

November 14-15 Global Encounters: Legacies of Exchange and Conflict (1000-1700), University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. Contact Information: Brett Edward Whalen, Department of History, CB#

November 26-27 Small Powers in the Age of Total War 1900-1940. Royal Netherlands Defence Academy, Breda. For more information, contact Prof. Dr. H. Amersfoort at h.amersfoort@nlda.nl or to Prof. Dr. W. Klinkert at w.klinkert.01@nlda.nl.

MEETINGS CALENDAR 2009

April 2-5 The SMH 2009 Annual Meeting will be in Murfreesboro, TN hosted by Middle Tennessee State University and coordinated by Derek Frisby.

New members to the Society will be automatically entered into the online directory database. If this is not acceptable, please contact the business office.



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