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## SMH Alliances Flourish

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During the first year of my presidency, the Society for Military History entered into several alliances that have redounded to the benefit of our organizational brand and many of our individual members.

In the months preceding our last annual meeting in Kansas City, the SMH worked with the National Endowment for the Humanities to launch “Standing Together: Humanities and the Experience of War,” a comprehensive initiative aimed at channeling more federal funding to research projects and workshops devoted to military history (<http://www.neh.gov/veterans/standing-together>). “Standing Together” got off to an auspicious start with a Workshop on Digital Methods for Military History held at Northeastern University on October 10 and 11, 2014. SMH representatives played a major role in planning that workshop, and several of our members took advantage of this opportunity by participating. The SMH hopes that its new relationship with the NEH will pay dividends for our members and advance the study of military history for years to come.

We also established closer ties with “New Books in Military History,” a channel in the New Books Network edited by SMH members Jay B. Lockenour and Bob Wintermute. It has become a preeminent vehicle for showcasing the latest scholarship in military history in a manner befitting the digital age, and many of the authors featured there belong to our organization. For starters, the SMH and “New Books in Military History” have exchanged banners to display on each other’s web sites, but other forms of cooperation are being contemplated. If you have not yet visited the channel, do so today: <http://newbooksinmilitaryhistory.com/>.

The SMH’s partnership with *Encyclopedia Britannica* continues to go strong. You can check out which of our members has chosen to participate, along with details on how you can join them and the benefits you can expect to enjoy at: <http://corporate.britannica.com/the-society-for-military-history/>. There are still plenty of military history topics seeking an entry and others that require updating.

Finally, the Organization of American Historians has expressed a keen interest in attracting specialists in U.S. military history to join or rejoin its ranks. For starters, the OAH is offering a 25 percent membership discount to all SMHers who wish to become part of that larger organization. The OAH’s leadership has also talked about possibly adding military historians to the program committees for upcoming annual meetings and even placing a military historian on the editorial advisory board of the *Journal of American History*. I intend to let the OAH know that if it hopes to recruit and retain SMH members, their journal and their program schedules are going to have to reflect a welcoming attitude to military historians. At the same time, those of our members who do the kind of military history that has something significant to say to non-military historians need to test the OAH’s sincerity. We must assume an active role to ensure that progress occurs with reasonable speed.

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# NOTES...from your President

Gregory J. W. Urwin

## A QUESTION OF REPRESENTATION

Although the Society for Military History has been incorporated in the District of Columbia since 1938, we are an international organization – the natural intellectual home for all professional military historians regardless of nationality, as well as everyone else who support the serious study of military history.

Check out any issue of the *Journal of Military History*, and you will see that the world is our beat and our interests range from ancient times to the recent past. The names of several of the best military historians who live outside of the United States adorn our membership roster. Many non-U.S. historians have won SMH Distinguished Book Awards and Moncado Prizes. Young scholars from universities outside the United States regularly receive Russell F. Weigley Student Travel Grant Awards to defray their costs for participating in our annual meetings. (I ran into the latest of these, Jerome Devitt of Trinity College, Dublin, this past summer at the National Archives of the United Kingdom, where the two of us happened to be doing some research.) Non-U.S. citizens have also made invaluable contributions to this society by serving on our Board of Trustees, our committees, and as regional coordinators.

While we can take pride in this record, we should not be complacent. There are still many military historians in Europe and other parts of the world who do not feel inclined to join the SMH. Out of the 3,100 individuals and institutional subscribers on our membership list, 2,610 are located in the United States, but only 136 in the United Kingdom, 120 in Canada, fifty-two in Australia, and eleven in New Zealand. The remaining 185 are scattered across the rest of the world. These figures represent just a fraction of the international military history community. Clearly, our society needs to step up its recruitment efforts and other activities beyond the boundaries of the United States.

During my aforementioned sojourn in England last June and July, I got the chance to socialize with several British friends who share my fascination with 18th-century military affairs. They are distinguished scholars who would make wonderful additions to our merry band – and who would profit from attending our annual meetings and augmenting their respective lists of contacts – but they do not feel comfortable joining an organization that is so predominantly American.

This experience put me in mind of the famous line penned by the Scottish poet, Robert Burns: “O woud some power the giftie gie us to see ourselves as others see us.” This seems a good time to consider how we might look to historians who do not pledge their allegiance to the Stars and Stripes. Perhaps we could alter their perception and open some fertile new recruiting grounds by slightly altering the composition of our leadership.

With Bill Allison’s agreement to serve as acting vice president, we now have eleven people sitting on the SMH Board of Trustees. Only one member of that group is a non-U.S. citizen.

Of those ten Americans, two teach at a civilian college or university, and the rest work for the U.S. government. One of the latter is employed at the National Archives, another at the National Holocaust Museum, and a third teaches at the National Merchant Marine Academy. The other five ply their trade at two Professional Military Education (PME) institutions maintained by the U.S. Army. Two members of this sub-group are professors at the Army War College, and the other three belong to the same department at the Army Command and General Staff College.

Our trustees are accomplished and widely respected professionals. They would not have been nominated – let alone elected – had that not been the case. After working with them for more than a year, I can testify to their dedication to the SMH. To an outsider, however,

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our board may not look representative, and I would not be surprised if some folks inside the SMH fold shared that view. Historians employed by the U.S. Army have played a prominent role in SMH governance since our earliest days, which is only fitting since we number several members of that historical program among our founders. In the eighty-one years that have passed since then, however, the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force have developed robust historical programs of their own, and it is high time that more of their members joined their Army colleagues in helping to manage this organization. That might dispel some of the mutterings about a “self-replicating leadership” that appear to be circulating in certain quarters.

In my eyes, this situation reeks with irony. When I came onto the Board of Trustees in 2009, some federal historians were complaining that they lacked sufficient representation in the SMH. Our executive leadership responded with steps calculated to make sure those members ceased feeling disfranchised. We can see how far the pendulum has swung in the other direction in just five years.

On reflection, this development is hardly surprising. A nominee from a PME institution with a sizable cluster of military historians enters an election with an automatic advantage. Unless that person is a pariah, he or she can count on receiving votes from most of his or her colleagues. Senior professors at research universities can also count on a voter base of their own – especially if they have trained a number of PhDs and if the military history community is permeated by other alumni from their graduate program. I know this from personal experience. I did not campaign after my nomination for SMH vice president, but my e-mail inbox soon filled with pledges of support from alumni that I fondly call the “Temple mafia.” I also edit a military history book series, and I suspect that several of my authors who felt their work had been showcased appropriately cast their votes for me.

While I doubt that any of the constituencies I have just described are large enough to ensure anyone’s election, they surely must help. Thus even in an organization that has escaped the ideological polarization and petty partisanship that have poisoned the atmosphere in other learned societies, basic politics remains a fact of life.

Aside from trusting in the good judgment of our Nominations Committee and those SMH members who bother to vote, is there anything else we can do to produce a Board of Trustees that reflects our society’s diversity? The SMH now limits its president and vice president to one two-year term in each office, which ensures regular turnovers in our executive leadership. We could achieve something similar if we reduced trustees’ terms to two years, and stipulated that each trustee can only serve two terms. We might also consider amending our constitution to say that no more than one employee of the same school or institution can sit on the Board of Trustees at a time. We could also apply the same rule to our committees, providing increased opportunities for the rising generation of SMH members to prove their commitment and demonstrate their leadership abilities. Another possible expedient would be to stipulate that at least two trustees be non-U.S. citizens and one an independent scholar.

In the meantime, I believe that we can count on our current crop of trustees to continue to work on behalf of the entire Society for Military History. I have yet to see any of them indulge in special pleading on behalf of a particular special interest. Most of us – regardless of where we are employed – share the same type of academic training and subscribe to a common professional ethic. Since we all strive to promote advances in military history, does it really matter where we work? We are allies, not rivals, and that, I believe, is a major reason why the SMH continues to function so well and on such a cordial basis.

Before I close this discussion, let me leave you with this caveat. It is not as easy to find good people to staff the SMH’s elected offices and committees as some might think. Thus far, we have been fortunate with the quality of our trustees and committee appointees. If we impose term limits and other mechanisms that cause us to cycle through such people too quickly and sideline others during their prime, our society’s operations might suffer. Anyone willing to devote his or her time and talent to the common good deserves to be cherished. I would be happy to see that kind of leadership replicated any day. If, however, you feel you belong to an under-represented constituency in this organization, the surest way to strike a blow for diversity is to volunteer your services to our next president. Our committee system is the chief means we have for identifying our future leaders. If you want to serve the SMH, that is the place to start.

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# From the Archives: The Vital Metrics of Reach and Revitalization

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By Paul A. Thomsen

In just under twenty-five years, the organization which became the Society for Military History had narrowly escaped several mortal blows. The American Military History Foundation (AMHF) had been plagued by constant funding shortfalls, frequent personnel losses, and, the withdrawal of their Army underwriters and infrastructure. In subsequent years, the American Military Institute (AMI) endured similar fiscal problems, staggering debts, steep printing delays, the sudden departure of editors, feuding officers, and a veritable sea of inactive members. By the mid 1950s, many members offered ideas on how “to fix” the now-barely solvent AMI. One plan, authored by Air Force Brigadier General Dale O. Smith, can be found in the Society for Military History (SMH) Records at Kansas State University.

Born in 1911, Reno, Nevada, Dale Orville Smith’s military career fused combat service with administrative experience, and scholarship. After graduating from the United States Military Academy (USMA) in 1934, Smith pursued a military career in aviation. Too big for fighters at 6’7” in height, in the 1930s and 1940s, he served as an engineering officer, a test pilot, a bomber group commander, and the Chief of the Bombardment Branch Requirements Division of the Army Air Forces at the new Pentagon. In the postwar era, he developed American air tactical doctrine at the Research Division at Air University. In 1951, he graduated with a Master of Arts and Doctor of Education from Stanford University. Returning to the Washington D.C. area in 1954, Smith was assigned to the Operations Coordinating Board to carryout National Security Council initiatives. In 1955, he authored *U.S. Military Doctrine: A Study and Appraisal* and, in 1956, he became chief of the Policy Division in the Plans Directorate of Deputy Chief of Staff, Information Operations (DCSIO).

During the winter of 1955/1956, Brigadier General Dale Smith also offered the AMI leadership a far-reaching plan to preclude future crises through the perceived vital public need for “military knowledge” in an “age of peril.” In a letter to the Board of Trustees and staff, he discussed a recent survey by Dr. Richard C. Brown, which revealed that “only 37 of 815 four-year institutions of higher-learning polled offer courses in military history or policy.” As AMI’s core mission was to promote military history, Smith advocated the revitalization and expansion of AMI” to ensure American “civil control is to be wise control...” His plan comprised four parts and as many as eight sub-parts per section. The first section challenged AMI leaders to meet interim goals of 100,000 paying members, a circulation of 50,000 *Military Affairs* issues, a permanent paid staff, accreditation authority for military courses at civilian institutions, one million dollars in grants offered, and the creation of chairs in military history “at reputable universities, depending upon resources.” The second section included a discourse on the subject of “military truth” and partisan politics. The third section entailed a “general concept of procedure” to “display dignity” in the revitalization through a division of labor to “responsible members.” In the fourth section, Smith called for the appointment of secretaries for “Membership” and “Publicity,” that each member, by letter, recruit another member, that gift memberships should be given to key government and military officials, and that military history articles be placed with other service and scholarly publications. Lastly, Smith suggested the Trustees “Appoint a Program Secretary, have lunches oftener [to] attract big-name speakers, and make a profit at each luncheon.”

While the proposal was rather broad in scope, the document’s penciled marginalia show’s AMI’s inability to meet even the Air Force general’s most modest of ideas. AMI leaders embroidered part one with an in-house tally of AMI members, subscribers, sellable issues, and the cost for just a small permanent journal staff. The numbers did not add up. The more philosophical parts two and three were left largely unblemished, but, in part four, many deeply marked “No’s” appeared next to many of his points. Worse, Smith had offered no suggestions for how AMI might reach his interim or more long-term goals. It seems Smith’s vital metrics of AMI ambitions had far exceeded the organization’s reach. The proposal was dead on arrival.

Over the next several years, General Smith’s academic career continued to blossom in parallel with the administratively reluctant AMI. In 1967, Smith co-authored *America is in Danger* with

Curtis Lemay. Smith also authored two partial memoirs, including *Cradle of Valor* (1988) on his time as a cadet and *Screaming Eagles* (1990) on his B-17 Group Commander experiences. In January, 1998, now retired Major General Dale Smith was buried in Section VI, Site B100 of the USMA cemetery.

While many might snicker in bewilderment at Smith's proposal, a closer look at his grand AMI view held seeds which later bore fruit in AMI and SMH history. The organization now has a part-time paid staff, committees for membership, programs, and funding, and awards for military history scholarship. Likewise, his luncheons and dinners with "big-name speakers" are now held at well-attended multi-day long conferences. Like many other period Air Force policy ideas, Major General Dale Smith's metrics may have been extreme, but the organization's subsequent actions proved his AMI goals were valid guidelines for future generations.

## **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

### **Allan R. Millett Dissertation Research Fellowship Award**

The Society for Military History announces the creation of the Allan R. Millett Dissertation Research Fellowship Award. The Award honors Professor Allan R. Millett, a former President of the Society and an eminent, prolific scholar who directed over fifty dissertations in his long career. The winner will receive an award of \$750.00 for doctoral dissertation research on a topic in any field of military history.

Applicants must be full-time graduate students in an accredited graduate doctoral program. Applications should include a three-page, double-spaced proposal outlining research goals, methodology, and research budget; a curriculum vitae; and a letter of support. The proposal should demonstrate a sound knowledge of the historiography, a realistic research plan, and an overall promise of making an important contribution to the field. The application should include a letter of support from the dissertation advisor. The deadline for proposals is November 15, 2014.

Applicants should send proposals and curriculum vitae as email attachments to Professor Joan Cashin of Ohio State University, the Chair of the Committee (cashin.2@osu.edu). Advisors should send confidential letters of support in a separate email attachment to Professor Cashin. The winner will be announced in February 2015.

### **Call for Papers**

From 'Shooting the Front' to Combat ISTAR:

The Evolution of Aerial Intelligence and Reconnaissance

A Conference held at the Royal Air Force Museum in conjunction with the  
Royal Air Force Centre for Air Power Studies

15-16 April 2015

From air observation and photographic reconnaissance in the First World War through to the emergence of Combat ISTAR, effective intelligence gathering has been at the heart of air operations since the birth of air power. Indeed, air power made its first appearance on the battlefield when a balloon was used during the Battle of Fleurus in 1794 in the observation role. Since then, air power has been able to provide longer, deeper and more persistent forms of information collection. Furthermore, the provisional Training Manual of the Royal Flying Corps stated in 1914 that, 'The most important role of aircraft in war is reconnaissance'. More recently, AP3000, the modern Royal Air Force's capstone doctrine, has codified 'Intelligence and Situational Awareness' as one of the Service's four fundamental roles. As we move through the period of the centenary of the First World War and towards the 100th Anniversary of the RAF's formation, the time is precipitate to explore the importance of aerial based reconnaissance and intelligence gathering and its effect on war in all its facets.

This two-day conference invites papers dealing with any of the topics below. In addition to established academics, the organisers are keen to receive proposals from postgraduate students,



early careers scholars and those with professional experience. Panel proposals of three speakers and a chair are welcomed. Papers on other themes are also encouraged.

Intelligence | Reconnaissance | Surveillance | Target Acquisition | Operational Techniques | Development | Strategic and Operational Effect | Interpretation | Dissemination | Operational Responses | Organisation and Culture of Air Intelligence Services | Intelligence on Air Forces | National, International and Transnational Experiences

Paper proposals must be submitted to the email below by 1 December 2014 along with a 300 word abstract and curriculum vitae. Additional conference details and registration information will be available soon. It is planned to publish the conference proceedings at a future date.

Conference Organisers

Ross Mahoney (Aviation Historian, RAF Museum)

Andrew Renwick (Curator of Photographs, RAF Museum)

RAF CAPS Directors (Mr Sebastian Cox, Dr David Jordan and Group Captain Paul Wilkins)

conference@rafmuseum.org

### **Dissertation Fellowships from the U.S. Army Center of Military History**

Purpose: To support scholarly research and writing among qualified civilian graduate students preparing dissertations in the history of warfare, the Center offers three Dissertation Fellowships each year. One, funded by the National Museum of the U.S. Army, is designed to support dissertations that explore the material culture of the Army; the two others support research in the more general areas of military history in all its many aspects. In your application please specify if you wish to compete for the two general fellowships or for the Museums fellowship. These fellowships carry a \$10,000 stipend and access to the Center's facilities and technical expertise.

Area and Topics of Study: This program defines the history of war on land broadly, including such areas as biography, military campaigns, military organization and administration, policy, strategy, tactics, weaponry, technology, training, logistics, and the evolution of civil-military relations. In the selection of proposals for funding, preference is given to topics on the history of the U.S. Army. Topics submitted should complement rather than duplicate the Center's existing projects.

Eligibility Requirements: Applicants who wish to become Fellows must be civilian citizens of the United States unaffiliated with the U.S. government; that is, they must not be military personnel, not in federal service as civilian employees, and not under contract to the U.S. government. They must demonstrate their professional potential by submitting the following: (1) official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate schools attended; (2) a proposed plan of research not to exceed 10 double-spaced, typed pages; (3) a letter of recommendation from their academic director that includes a statement that the applicant's committee has approved the dissertation prospectus; (4) two other letters of recommendation from individuals who can attest to their qualifications for the fellowship; and (5) a writing sample of approximately 25 pages. (Please submit an entire piece rather than a fragment.) Applicants must have completed by the time of application all requirements for the Ph.D. degree, except for the dissertation. Any student who has held or accepted an equivalent fellowship from any other Department of Defense agency is not eligible for these awards. Individuals who accept a Center of Military History fellowship may not accept a fellowship from any other institution for a period concurrent with the Center's fellowship.

Requirements during the Fellowship Year: Fellows are required to visit the Center at the beginning and end of their fellowship period. On the first visit, the Fellow meets the Chief of Military History, the Chief Historian, and the Executive Secretary of the Dissertation Fellowship Program and is consulted on ways in which the Center can aid him or her. On the second visit, the Fellow presents, in an appropriate form and forum, an oral report on his/her work in progress. The Fellow also prepares a brief written report at the conclusion of his or her fellowship year. The Center requires deposit in its library of one bound copy of the complete dissertation.

Stipends and Payments: The stipend of \$10,000 for the fellowship is provided in one payment at the start of the academic year. From this sum, the recipient must meet travel, typing, and all

other expenses in connection with the fellowship. The payment of the stipend is made directly to the Fellow upon receipt of certification from the parent academic institution that he or she is a candidate for the Ph.D. degree and is authorized to become a Visiting Research Fellow.

**Role of CMH:** The Center of Military History also undertakes to support the Fellow's scholarly activities in the Washington area by making its collections accessible and its specialists available, insofar as official duties permit. Fellows receive desk space at the U.S. Army Center of Military History, if available, and are assisted in gaining access to archival and library sources within the Washington area as well as at the U.S. Army Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. Review of the dissertation by the Center is at the discretion of the Center and the candidate's sponsoring institution, but responsibility for the control and approval of the dissertation remains with the academic institution and its faculty.

**Applications:** Applications may be obtained from the Executive Secretary, Dissertation Fellowship Committee, U.S. Army Center of Military History, Building 35, 102 Fourth Avenue SW, Fort Lesley J. McNair, D.C. 20319-5060. Telephone number: (202) 685-2252. Fax number: (202) 685-2077. E-mail: [usarmy.mcnair.cmh.mbx.answers@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.mcnair.cmh.mbx.answers@mail.mil). Applications can also be downloaded from the Center's Web site: <http://www.history.army.mil>. Applications and all supporting documents for the Dissertation Fellowships must be postmarked no later than 15 January each year; none are accepted when mailed after that date. The applicant is responsible for ensuring that all required documentation is mailed before the closing date.

**Evaluation and Selection:** The Center of Military History conducts its evaluation of applicants on the basis of academic achievement, faculty recommendations, demonstrated writing ability, and the nature and location of the proposed research. Awards are made on merit without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, handicapping condition, marital status, or political affiliation. The Center notifies all applicants of the competition's outcome by a short notice or letter not later than 1 April.

### **Call for Papers**

6th Annual Texas A&M History Conference

People. Places. Cultures

March 27-28, 2015

The Sixth Annual Texas A&M History Conference, sponsored by the Sigma Rho Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta and the Texas A&M History Graduate Student Organization, will take place on the Texas A&M University campus on Friday, March 27 and Saturday, March 28, 2015. This two-day conference will feature panels for graduate and undergraduate students to present their research to an audience of peers and subject experts.

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Edward Westermann of Texas A&M University-San Antonio will deliver the keynote address, and Dr. Erika Bsumek of the University of Texas-Austin will deliver the Murray and Celeste Fasken Lecture in Distinguished Teaching.

The theme for this year's conference is "People, Places, and Cultures," and we welcome proposals from all areas of the humanities and social sciences as well as all subfields of history. Presenters need not be members of Phi Alpha Theta to participate.

Undergraduate and graduate students who are interested in presenting are asked to submit a 250 word (maximum) abstract and curriculum vitae by Sunday, December 15, 2014. Notification of acceptance will occur by January 15, 2015 and accepted applicants will have until March 1, 2015 to submit completed papers (not to exceed ten pages). Any Ph.D. students interested in serving as commentators for undergraduate panels in their respective fields should submit a one-page CV by January 15, 2015. All submissions and correspondence should be submitted to [historyconference@tamu.edu](mailto:historyconference@tamu.edu).

A panel of judges will select the best overall Ph.D., M.A., and undergraduate papers to receive awards in recognition of excellence. For more conference details, please visit <http://history.tamu.edu>.

### **Call for Submissions**

*International Bibliography of Military History* of the

International Commission of Military History

Published by Brill (Leiden and Boston)

In existence since 1978, the *International Bibliography of Military History* (IBMH) has traditionally published historiographical articles, review articles, and book reviews. Since its recent move to Brill, however, it has been undergoing a transformation into a fully-fledged military history journal. As a next step in this process, the portfolio will be enlarged to include also original research articles.

The *IBMH* thus invites scholars to submit articles on any military historical topic that can appeal to an international readership, e.g. a topic involving more than one nation and, preferably, based on multi-archival research. There is no chronological limitation. The journal publishes articles ranging from antiquity to the contemporary period, as long as the research method is historical.

The articles should be based extensively on primary research, not have been published in another form or outlet, and not currently be considered by another journal. The submitted work should be between 8,000 and 10,000 words (including footnotes), and be thoroughly referenced. For further information on style and referencing, please visit the journal's website.

Submitted articles will – after a first editorial screening – be sent out for peer-review (double-blind). This process, from submission to decision, normally takes six to eight weeks. Please submit your article directly to the Scientific Editor, Dr Marco Wyss (m.wyss@chi.ac.uk), who is also available for any potential preliminary queries.

### **Fellowship Announcement**

The Omar N. Bradley Foundation will in 2015 again grant ten Omar N. Bradley Historical Research Fellowships, each of which will normally provide \$2000 to support an active duty Army officer in pursuing research in military history. Selection of the Fellows will be made without regard to rank, branch, or affiliation with the USMA Department of History. Funds will be granted to those officers who are “actively engaged” in historical research who have the best-developed plans for conducting significant historical work. Research should be in pursuit of a graduate degree or in preparing for scholarly publication. Officers may reapply annually. A similar research scholarship will be offered each year to a rising senior cadet conducting historical research.

Who May Apply: U.S. Army officers who are actively engaged in the study of military history may apply for these fellowships. “Active engagement in the study of military history” includes research toward a Master’s degree or doctorate in military history or research toward a scholarly article or monograph in military history. The selection committee interprets “military history” in the broadest sense. Officers who have been awarded a fellowship in the past may apply again. In this case, the officer should indicate the receipt of the previous grant and how it was employed.

How To Apply: Officers meeting the criteria above should apply to the Chair, Omar Nelson Bradley Fellowships Committee, Department of History, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York 10996, or electronically to Eugenia.Kiesling@usma.edu. Applications should include the name, rank, phone number, and duty position of the applicant, status and purpose of research to date, the objective of the proposed research, methodology to be used, a specific statement of needs for funding, and a proposed method of publishing or disseminating the results of the research. Additional materials that will assist the committee in evaluating the application may also be submitted. Whether the results are published or presented, a reference will be made that the research was funded (either fully or partially) by the Omar Nelson Bradley Fellowship. Applications are due to the committee by 1 January 2015.

Selection of Omar Nelson Bradley Fellows: The Omar Nelson Bradley Fellowships Committee shall consist of military and/or civilian faculty (current or former) from the Department of History. Committee members will be appointed by the Professor and Head, Department of History, United States Military Academy. The committee will recommend a slate of ten proposed Omar Nelson Bradley Fellows to the Directors of the Omar Nelson Bradley Foundation by 1 January 2015 with the aim of a final announcement of recipients by 15 February 2015.

Required Grant Application Items (must be received by 1 January 2015):

- Name, rank, duty position, contact information
- Objective of the proposed research
- Status of research to date



- Methodology
- Itemized cost estimate
- Proposed method of disseminating research results

Suggested Additional Application Items:

- Curriculum Vitae
- Writing Samples, Articles or Manuscripts
- ORB
- Letters of Recommendation (Academic & Military)
- Academic Transcripts

Application Timeline:

- Applications due to the Committee no later than 1 JANUARY 2015
- Committee forwards recommendations to the Bradley Foundation no later than 1 February 2015.

Send Application Materials to:

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 Department of History  
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 West Point, NY 10996-1793

**Marshall Foundation Unveils New Web Site**

The new web site of the George C. Marshall Foundation ([www.marshallfoundation.org](http://www.marshallfoundation.org)) includes features that make it an easy, useful resource for history scholars and educators, including the following:

- New graphic design makes the site easy to navigate
- Enhanced digital library search makes more information available
- New site search makes it easy to identify information throughout the site
- Responsive design makes access possible by smartphone, tablet and desktop

The Web site documents the life and career of one of the greatest military and civilian leaders in United States' history. The result is a searchable and unique record of essential aspects of 20th Century American foreign policy and military history. Many of the decisions and outcomes made then influence current issues in diplomacy, foreign policy, trade and economic policy, and military strategy. In addition the Web site features numerous special collections and archival records as well as information about current activities of the Foundation.

**Call for Papers**

The 58th Annual Missouri Valley History Conference will be held March 5-7, 2015 in Omaha, Nebraska. The theme for 2015 is "Our Natural World: Man's Ecological Encounters with Lands, Waters, Peoples, and all Living Things." The Society for Military History sponsors a full slate of sessions at the MVHC and also will again be sponsoring a "huddle" for Society for Military History participants. SMH panels can be related to the theme, but proposals for all types of military history papers are accepted. 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 proposal for each paper, and short c.v.'s for all participants. Deadline for proposals is November 7th, 2014. Send proposals, c.v.'s and inquiries to: George Eaton, 2707 E 28th Ct Davenport, IA 52803 or by email at [smhatmvhc@gmail.com](mailto:smhatmvhc@gmail.com).

The Society for Military History and the First Division Museum Cantigny sponsors the Kevin J. Carroll award for the best graduate student paper in Military History. This prize is valued at \$400 dollars. In addition to the graduate student prize, the Society for Military History and the First Division Museum Cantigny sponsors a paper prize for the Best Undergraduate Student paper in Military History which is valued at \$200. For information on these prizes please send inquiries to George Eaton. For non SMH sponsored panels, please contact the 2015 Program Chair Dr Denny Smith, Department of History, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 6001 Dodge Street, Omaha, NE 68182-0213 or [mvhc.coordinator@gmail.com](mailto:mvhc.coordinator@gmail.com). The website for the conference is at <http://www.unomaha.edu/mvhc/index.php>.

### **Call for Entries: SHFG Thomas Jefferson Prize**

The Society for History in the Federal Government (SHFG) seeks entries for its 2015 Thomas Jefferson Prize for documentary histories published in 2013 or 2014. The prize recognizes the editor(s) of a single volume or one or more volumes in a project that contributes significantly to the understanding of the history of the federal government. It will be awarded at the SHFG annual meeting in Spring 2015. See [www.shfg.org](http://www.shfg.org) for a list of past winners and general requirements for all SHFG prizes.

In addition to the general requirements, entries for the 2015 Jefferson Prize will be judged on the editorial methodology employed, including accuracy of transcription, relevance and usefulness of annotation, selection and arrangement of documents, and indexing. Electronic documentary editions will also be evaluated for solid technological capabilities and performance, high quality of design, and innovative strategies or techniques.

A copy of each entry with a letter briefly stating its qualifications and merits should be sent to each of the Jefferson Committee members by November 30, 2014:

1. Richa Wilson, US Forest Service Intermountain Region, 324 25th Street, Ogden, UT 84401
2. Jennifer Ross-Nazzal, Ph.D., 2003 Seakale Lane, Houston, TX 77062
3. Alisa Whitley, United States Marine Corps Archives, 2040 Broadway Street, Quantico, VA 22134

The SHFG, founded in 1979, is a nonprofit professional organization that promotes the study and broad understanding of the history of the United States Government. It also serves as the voice of the Federal historical community. The Thomas Jefferson Prize commemorates the third president of the United States and the author of the Declaration of Independence. Jefferson was a firm believer in the study of history and the preservation of historical records.

### **NEH Funds Marshall Papers Project**

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has awarded the George C. Marshall Foundation continuing support of \$50,000 in the 2014-2015 year for the publication of volume 7, the final volume of *The Papers of George Catlett Marshall*. Volume 7 is expected to be published in 2015. NEH has been a significant contributor to the project since 1977.

Editor of the Marshall Papers is Mark A. Stoler, Ph.D., a distinguished military and diplomatic historian who wrote the acclaimed biography of *Marshall, George C. Marshall: Soldier-Statesman of the American Century*. Managing editor is Daniel D. Holt, who recently retired as director of the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum and is an expert in the era to be covered in the remaining papers.

When completed, the Marshall Papers project will result in a seven-volume set of the annotated papers of George C. Marshall. Volumes 1 through 6 have been published by the Johns Hopkins University Press. Copies are available at the Marshall Museum Shop and at major libraries. Volumes 1 through 6 are posted online at [www.marshallfoundation.org](http://www.marshallfoundation.org)

“Continuing financial commitment of NEH to the Marshall Papers Project as well as recognition of the historic value of our signature project has been critical to the successful production of this long-term documentary series,” said Dr. Rob Havers, president of the Marshall Foundation. Other continuing federal support for the Papers Project has come from the National Historic Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC).

### **Literary Agent Available**

Literary agent Jim Donovan, himself a published author of military history—as James Donovan, author of *A Terrible Glory* (Little Brown, 2008), and *The Blood of Heroes* (Little, Brown, 2012)—has been representing authors of military history since he started his agency in 1993. Some of his authors include Bill Sloan, William C. Davis, David A. Clary, Tim McGrath, and Gregg Jones. He is actively looking for accomplished writers of military history who might have book projects they’d like to develop with the intent of trade publication by a New York house. Contact him at [jdliterary@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jdliterary@sbcglobal.net).

### **Call for Papers**

Cultures of violence from the colonial wars to the present.

A conference by the German Historical Institute Warsaw with the German Committee

for the History of the Second World War and the Chairs for Eastern European

History and German History of the Twentieth Century

4-6 June 2015, Senate Hall of the Humboldt University of Berlin.

Organisers: Dr. Stephan Lehnstaedt (DHI Warsaw), Prof. Dr. Sönke Neitzel (London School of Economics).

Are there specific national characteristics for the waging of war, or even national cultures of violence? And are there “spaces of violence” in which war is conducted in a particularly criminal or “chivalrous” way? This joint conference of the German Historical Institute Warsaw with the German Committee for the History of the Second World War and the Chairs for Eastern European History and German History of the Twentieth Century with a Focus on National Socialism at the Humboldt University of Berlin seeks answers to these questions.

Four periods will be assessed:

1. Imperialist wars since the end of the nineteenth century in Europe and in the colonies,
2. The First World War, including its post-history, especially in Eastern Europe (e.g., the Polish-Soviet War, the Russian Civil War, the Freikorps “wars”),
3. The Second World War,
4. The colonial wars for independence after 1945.

The case studies should fall within these periods, yet explicitly cover a broad geographical, thematic, and methodological spectrum. The following list of conceivable topics is meant to be illustrative, not exclusive:

1. Protagonists of violence, structures of command, and their consequences;
2. Perceptions of the self and others, images of men and women, stereotypes and ideologies;
3. Dealing with civilian and military casualties / adversaries, the methods and aims of occupation;
4. Specific military operations, meaning strategies, practices, and techniques of violence in their situational effects.

These perspectives should be explored particularly within armies and paramilitary formations in England, Germany, France, Russia / Soviet Union, and the USA, as well as spaces in Poland and Eastern Europe, the Balkans, Africa, Western Europe, and Asian spaces of violence such as China. Contributions that adopt a new perspective, or include spaces and groups that have previously received little or no attention, are particularly welcome. Presentations should be based on the applicant’s own current research.

In the individual panels, proven researchers will compare the presentations in summary remarks. At the panel discussion at the end of the conference, invited experts will then comment on the presentations in a diachronic manner, once again returning to our guiding questions regarding national cultures and spaces of violence.

The languages of the conference are German and English. The organisers will reimburse travel costs (second-class railway travel within Germany; economy class flights outside of Germany) and provide accommodations.

Proposals for twenty-minute talks must be submitted by 30 November 2014. Please include a brief curriculum vita as well as an explanation of how your presentation fits the temporal and content-based premises noted above (100-200 words). Send your proposal to: lehnstaedt@dhi.waw.pl; s.neitzel@lse.ac.uk, who will also respond to enquiries. Participants will be notified in early December 2014. We intend to publish the results of the conference.

### **Call for Papers**

The History Department of the United States Naval Academy invites proposals for papers to be presented at the 2015 McMullen Naval History Symposium in Annapolis, Maryland, on 17-18 September 2015.

Proposals dealing with any aspect of naval and maritime history are welcome. Proposals which address topics relevant to the 100th anniversary of the First World War are especially sought after. Proposals should include a one page vita and an abstract not exceeding 250 words which addresses the research plan and the original contribution to historical knowledge the final product is expected to make.

Proposal Deadline: 6 February 2015

Panel proposals are strongly encouraged. Panel proposals should contain an abstract and brief vita for each panelist. Submit all proposals by email to [navalhistorysymposium@gmail.com](mailto:navalhistorysymposium@gmail.com) by Friday, 6 February 2015. The program committee expects to finalize the program by Monday, 2 March 2015; final versions of accepted papers are due to the symposium committee and panel chairs by 1 August 2015.

On-line registration for the conference will begin in March 2015. A limited number of modest travel stipends are available to graduate students and recent Ph.Ds who do not hold a tenure-track position. Please indicate your desire to apply for a travel stipend in the email that contains your proposal. The program committee will select the best papers presented at the symposium to be published at a later date.

Information on the 2015 McMullen Naval History Symposium will be posted online at [www.usna.edu/History/Symposium](http://www.usna.edu/History/Symposium). Specific inquiries should be directed to Commander (Ph.D) Chris Rentfrow at [navalhistorysymposium@gmail.com](mailto:navalhistorysymposium@gmail.com) or 410-293-6257.

### **Call for Papers**

*Italy and the Second World War* (Brill Publishing) is a collection of essays that focuses on the Italian experience of war from a grassroots perspective, analyzing the impact of war on the Italian soldiers and civilians and on the population of territories occupied by the Italian army during the Second World War.

We encourage potential contributors to submit articles that explore topics that include but are not limited to the following:

- The war experience of the Italian soldier around the different theaters of war
- The impact of Italian military occupations on local civiliansThe memorialization of the war
- The Italian Civil War from the perspective of Resistance fighters, members of the RSI and civilians
- The impact of war on Italian civilians (food rationing, bombing, etc.)

If you are interested in the project, please submit a 500 words proposal/abstract (preferably in word.doc format), along with your CV, to Emanuele Sica ([emanuele.sica@rmc.ca](mailto:emanuele.sica@rmc.ca)) by November 30, 2014 (Informal contact is also welcome at the above email). Your proposal/abstract should clearly express why and how your article is relevant to the project. Accepted articles of 8,000-10,000 words, including notes and bibliography, should be sent to the editor by 31 June, 2015.

## **SOCIETY FOR MILITARY HISTORY Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting Westin Crown Center Hotel Kansas City, Missouri Sunday April 6, 2014**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Gregory Urwin called the meeting to order at 0703 A.M. on Sunday, April 6, 2014 in the Century Ballroom C of the Westin Crown Center Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri.

### **APPROVAL of the MINUTES of the PREVIOUS MEETING**

Secretary Thomas Morgan reported that the minutes of the 2013 Business Meeting were published in the Summer 2013 edition of the Headquarters Gazette. President Urwin asked for approval of last year's Business Meeting minutes. The approval motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

President's Report. President Urwin stated that on Thursday the SMH Council

approved the raising of regular dues from \$50 to \$60 per annum and Institutional dues from \$75 to \$100 annually. Sustaining Member dues will remain at \$100 and Student dues will stay at \$25 annually. The last dues increase was eleven years ago. The Society was now subsidizing its members about \$25 per member in benefits. A dues increase is also required to maintain SMH status as a tax-deductible charitable organization. Urwin outlined SMH Council meeting actions including: giving Annual Meeting Hosts a grant of \$10,000 in an attempt to hold the line against increasing conference fees, a 5% salary increase for employees, authorizing the Executive Director to hire a Human Relations (HR) consultant to advise on annual evaluations and other HR issues, and authorizing the purchase of manuscript management software for the *Journal of Military History*.

The Society has begun negotiations for renewal of the existing Memorandum of Agreement for publication of *The Journal of Military History* with The Virginia Military Institute (VMI) and The George C. Marshall Foundation (GCMF) beyond its expiration in 2016.

Executive Director's Report. Robert Berlin reported that the Executive Director's position has grown in size and complexity due to new Society initiatives and activities. There are 2773 SMH members in March and 242 student members. Morgan Stanley manages the Society's investment funds and the annual audit revealed no discrepancies. The SMH IRS form 990 is available online. The awards committees are working well and about \$700 was spent on award plaques. The *Journal of Military History* is published on time and is well produced, as is Headquarters Gazette and the website. The EBSCO contract expires in 2016 and we are looking to renew it. The Photographer and Recording Secretary continues to function well, and the Archivist has provided assistance for SMH legal documentation. Facebook and Twitter activities are operating well. Registration at the New Orleans Annual Meeting last year totaled 507. The 2015 Annual Meeting will be in Montgomery, AL, hosted by The Air University Foundation at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa with a room rate of \$135/night including internet and continental breakfast. The 2016 Annual Meeting will be at the Marriott Hotel in Ottawa, Canada, and room rates will be \$169/night. The 2017 Annual Meeting will be at the Hyatt Hotel in Jacksonville, FL. The Allan R. Millett Fund has exceeded the initial \$25,000 goal to provide a \$750 fellowship for doctoral dissertation research. There were two guest speakers at the SMH Council Meeting: Pauline Yu, President of the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) and Lee White, Executive Director of the National Coalition for History (NCH). There were no questions or comments.

Treasurer. Graham Cosmas stated that the Society's financial condition continues to be stable. However, an increase in operational expenditures will result in a dues increase. The Society has \$787,660 in assets with a little over \$385,000 in cash and money market funds, almost 365,000 in Mutual Funds, over \$27,000 in Certificates of Deposit, and \$10,500 in Bonds. The Society successfully completed its annual CPA audit. The system for paying employees using the ADP Corporation is working well. There were no questions or comments.

Editor, *The Journal of Military History*. Bruce Vandervort reported that he and his staff had created 1592 pages last year. He discussed the statistics of production and noted that the number of individual subscribers has increased. Institutional subscriptions are down a little due to the digital sales of the *Journal* through EBSCO. The *Journal* staff in attendance consisted of old employees Roberta Wiener and Anne Wells as well as Associate Editor Timothy Dowling (Bruce's understudy) and John Matsui from VMI who will work on a listing of doctoral dissertations. There were no questions or comments.

Committee Reports. Bob Berlin briefly summarized the reports of the committees. The Book Awards Committee chaired by Bill Allison had reviewed about 300 books. Gerhard Weinberg did a fine job with the Moncado prize committee. The new SMH-GCMF Digital Technology in Teaching Military History Committee led by Sanders Marble did stellar



work as well as the Coffman committee under Adam Siepp. The Weigley Committee led by George Rable selected graduate student and ABC-CLIO Research Grant winners. The Society continues to solicit new personnel to join the committees. There were no further questions or comments.

**OLD BUSINESS.** None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Presentation of Approved 2014-2015 Budget. Graham Cosmas presented the FY 2014-2015 Operating Budget as amended by the Council. There are projected revenues of about \$402K with expenditures of about \$498K. Berlin commented that as of 13 March, the Society had assets of over \$950K. President Urwin asked that the budget be approved. It was so moved, seconded and passed unanimously. There were no further questions or comments.

Filling Vice President position. President Urwin reviewed the issue of Vice President Citino's resignation and the Council selection of Bill Allison to fill the position for the remainder of the term. His position as Trustee will remain vacant. Bill Allison was welcomed with applause. Because this situation is unprecedented, this action may require changing of the SMH Constitution for the future. Changes will have to be approved by a members' vote next year. In summary, President Urwin said the "ship of state was still afloat" and he offered sincere thanks to Allison for agreeing to become Vice President. There will be a contested election for President and Vice President next year. There were no questions or comments.

Announcement of SMH Activities. President Urwin reported the increased use of Regional Coordinator Funds. He reported that the Council had voted an increase in Weigley Travel Funds from \$500 to \$1000. There will be a maximum of six awards. SMH is forming partnerships with New Books in Military History, the National Endowment for Humanities (NEH) and Encyclopedia Britannica.

Announcement of SMH policies and procedures. Executive Director Berlin stated that the Council had supported his recommendations to hire a Human Relations Consultant and to join the National Humanities Alliance. There were no comments or questions.

Announcement of JMH Activities. Bruce Vandervort stated that the *Journal's* April edition was its largest. Production, printing and postage costs have increased with \$6K more for printing. Special editions on World War I are being planned. There were no comments or questions.

Other New Business. None

Adjournment. President Urwin thanked the audience for attending the conference and this business meeting. There being no other new business, the meeting was adjourned by President Urwin at 0806 A.M.

Thomas D. Morgan  
Recording Secretary

*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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# MEETINGS CALENDAR 2014

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**November 14-15** – The History and Political Science Faculty at Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania will host an interdisciplinary conference on “The Legacy of World War I.” Keynote speakers will be Jay Winter (Yale University) and Laura Lee Downs (European University Institute, Florence, Italy). To be placed on a mailing list for conference registration, send your name, mailing address, and

email address to William Walker at [wwalker@chc.edu](mailto:wwalker@chc.edu).

**December 4-6** – The National WWII Museum will host its 2014 International Conference on WWII, “1944: Beyond all Boundaries,” in New Orleans, Louisiana. For more information, see the Museum’s website at <http://ww2conference.com> or call 877-813-3329, ext. 511.

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# MEETINGS CALENDAR 2015

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**January 2-5** – The American Historical Association will hold its annual meeting in New York City, New York. For details visit the Association’s website at [www.historians.org](http://www.historians.org).

Intelligence and Reconnaissance conference at the Royal Air Force Museum. Contact: [conference@rafmuseum.org](mailto:conference@rafmuseum.org).

**February 6-7** – The Florida-Gulf Coast Chapter of the World War One Historical Association and the University of South Florida announce their WWI symposium to be held at the University of South Florida, Tampa, February 6 and 7, 2015. Contact Len Shurtleff at [lshurtleff@aol.com](mailto:lshurtleff@aol.com) for details.

**April 16-19** – The Organization of American Historians will conduct its annual meeting at the America’s Center Renaissance Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri. More details at the Organization’s website: <http://www.oah.org>.

**March 5-7** – Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, Nebraska. SMH organizer is George Eaton - [smhatmvhc@gmail.com](mailto:smhatmvhc@gmail.com). Web site: <http://www.unomaha.edu/mvhc/index.php>.

**April 25** – The Society for History in the Federal Government will hold its annual meeting at the Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. This year’s theme is “Across the Great Divide: Historical Research in a Digital World.” For meeting particulars, see the Society’s website at <http://shfg.org/shfg/events/annual-meeting/>.

**March 27-28** – 6th Annual Texas A&M History Conference, College Station, TX. Theme: People, Places, Culture. Web: <http://history.tamu.edu>.

**June 4-6** – Cultures of violence from the colonial wars to the present. Humboldt University of Berlin. Contact: [lehnstaedt@dhi.waw.pl](mailto:lehnstaedt@dhi.waw.pl); [s.neitzel@lse.ac.uk](mailto:s.neitzel@lse.ac.uk).

**April 9-12** – The 2015 SMH Annual Meeting will be in Montgomery, AL at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa. Hosted by Air University Foundation.

**September 17-18** – McMullen Naval History Symposium in Annapolis, Maryland. Contact: Commander (Ph.D) Chris Rentfrow at [navalhistorysymposium@gmail.com](mailto:navalhistorysymposium@gmail.com) or 410-293-6257.

**April 15-16** – From ‘Shooting the Front’ to Combat ISTAR: The Evolution of Aerial

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# MEETINGS CALENDAR 2016

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**April 14-17** – The 2016 SMH Annual Meeting will be in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada at the Ottawa

Marriott Hotel. Hosted by the Canadian War Museum

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# MEETINGS CALENDAR 2017

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**March 30-April 2** – The 2017 SMH Annual Meeting will be in Jacksonville, FL at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville-Riverfront. Hosted by

the Institute on World War II and the Human Experience, Department of History, Florida State University.



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## *An interactive history of the Civil War, as taught to the cadets of the U.S. Military*

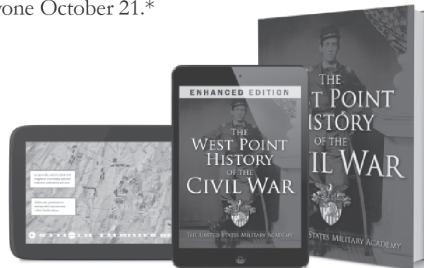
The United States Military Academy at West Point has commissioned military history texts for its cadets since 1836, and for the first time in more than twenty years, West Point has authorized a new military history series that will bear its name. The flagship volume of this series, *The West Point History of the Civil War*, will be available to everyone October 21.\*

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