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Named after General Andrew Jackson, Florida's first military governor, Jacksonville, Florida was awarded one of the top 5 "Up and Coming Cities" in 2006 by Good Morning America. Founded by Isaiah D. Hart, Jacksonville and the surrounding area is currently home to over 30,000 active-duty military personnel. Jacksonville not only boasts a vibrant Downtown Southbank Riverwalk but also many other attractions that are engaging and fun for the whole family.

Serving as the home base for the 2017 Society for Military History Annual Conference, the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront Hotel is your chance to find yourself in the heart of Jacksonville's downtown area. Right outside the Hotel's front door, on E. Coastline Drive, you can discover a four-mile river walk. A complementary shuttle, provided by the hotel, connects you to the activities of the North Bank of the river or a short water taxi ride to the South Bank allows you to experience a bite to eat and numerous shopping opportunities. From the rooftop pool an expansive view of the city skyline is captured from every side.

A few miles away from the center of downtown the historic and trendy neighborhood of Five Points offers a variety of vintage-inspired shops, restaurants, beautiful parks, and even a one-room local movie theater. The neighborhood began in the 1920s as a popular commercial district for the developing residential areas surrounding downtown Jacksonville and has now become the vibrant center of the young, artistic crowds in town.

We encourage those attending the meeting to arrive early or even stay late to participate in two special field trips. On Thursday, March 30th, experience the beauty of the 13 miles of beaches, wildlife, and water of Amelia Island. Just off the Northeastern Coast of Florida, Amelia Island offers trolley ride tours of the historic downtown Fernandina Beach, a trip to the Amelia Island Museum of History, Downtown Tasting Tours, River Cruises, an exploration of Fort Clinch, and even ghost tours are available for your enjoyment. On Sunday, April 2nd, the itinerary includes exploration of the nation's oldest city, St. Augustine. Walk the cobblestone streets downtown and visit the Castillo de San Marcos, the oldest masonry fort in the Continental U.S., along with many other attractions that St. Augustine has to offer such as Flagler College and the historic cathedrals.

Opened in 2003, Bragan Field, home of the Jacksonville Suns, is one of the premier Minor League ballparks in North America. The old-fashioned brick façade and grass seating berm houses up to 11,000 fans including 12 skyboxes and 4 sky decks. The grounds were originally crafted as a part of the Better Jacksonville Plan and since then have hosted three Major League Baseball exhibitions as well as 4 ACC baseball tournaments.

With a mission to increase the understanding of interaction between people and their environment the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens is an engaging adventure for the whole family. The zoo is home to over 2,000 rare and exotic animals as well as 1,000 plant varieties that provide an educational

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and interactive experience. Open from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens features exhibits such as Range of the Jaguar, Plains of East Africa, Giraffe Outlook, Australian Adventure and Stingray Bay.

Jacoby Symphony Hall at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts houses the Jacksonville Symphony, one of the nation's top regional orchestras. The Symphony is under the direction of Courtney Lewis returning in his second full season as Music Director. Lewis has created a diverse Masterworks program, increasing the total number of concerts for the 2016-2017 season from 10 to 12. The Jacksonville Symphony's resume is complete with two trips to Carnegie Hall and a national feature on "Performance Today." Two showings of Bugs Bunny at the Symphony will be offered Saturday, April 1st at 7:00 p.m. or Sunday, April 2nd at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are available online within a broad price range.

Another gem located in the heart of Jacksonville is The Florida Theatre. Offering 200 cultural events annually, The Florida Theater offers everything from blues, jazz, ballet, rock and much more. Located on the St. Johns River, The Florida Theatre attracts a quarter of a million people to the center annually. The Florida Theatre is recognized as one the best concert venues in the Southeast after its restoration. As a part of Florida Theatre on the Road LIVE at the Ritz Theatre, check out Jim Brinkman Pure Piano: The Greatest Hits, Friday, March 31st at 8:00 p.m. Just 1.3 miles from the Florida Theatre at 829 North Davis Street, experience the perfect blend of emotion and musical intimacy. Tickets are available online for purchase.

These attractions, along with many others are available to members of the Society planning on attending the Annual Meeting this coming Spring of 2017. Mark the dates of March 30th through April 2nd on your calendar. It will be a weekend to enjoy military history and explore modern day Jacksonville. Don't miss the opportunity to join with fellow members and experience the Northeast Coast of Florida.

NOTES...from your President

Serving as the SMH president was a career highlight for our deceased president, Jeffrey Grey, and the Board of Trustees has several projects underway to honor his legacy to the historical profession and the SMH. In July, the SMH established the Jeffrey Grey Memorial page on the Society's (webpage<http://www.smh-hq.org/grey.html>) to allow members to post tributes. This page is still active, and I encourage those who wish to share memories to consider posting to the site. It is meant to be a living memorial, comforting and inspiring to his friends, colleagues, and family.

The Board also established an annual graduate student travel grant to facilitate travel from overseas to the SMH conference, honoring Jeffrey's long-standing commitment to extending the global reach of the SMH. The Weigley Committee will award the first Jeffrey Grey Graduate Student Travel Grant for the 2017 annual meeting in Jacksonville, Florida. Members who wish to contribute to this initiative can make donations through the SMH website by going to the Donations tab, or by sending checks to The Society for Military History, George C.

Marshall Library, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA 24450-1600. Please note that your donation is for the **Jeffrey Grey Graduate Student Travel Account**. Finally, there are plans in development for several tributes to Jeffrey at this year's annual meeting and in the *Journal of Military History*.

One of my first tasks upon becoming president was filling the numerous vacant slots on SMH Committees, and I am grateful to those members who agreed to serve. These new committee members include the following:

Weigley Prize Committee:

Chair, Adam Seipp, Texas A & M University
Margaret Hutchison, University of New South
Wales-Canberra
Chad Williams, Brandeis University

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Nominations Committee:

Chair, Brian Linn, Texas A & M University

Greg Daddis, Chapman University

Jennifer Speelman, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

The SMH Council has also voted to add an “Excellence in Teaching Military History” Committee to the roster of permanent ad hoc committees, charged with developing a strong educational component within the Society to promote excellence and best practices in teaching military history among institutions of higher learning and secondary schools.

The Committee’s aims include:

- Organize at least two “Vice-Presidential Panels on Excellence in Teaching Military History” at each annual SMH meeting on teaching military history. These sessions will begin at the 2017 meeting in Jacksonville.
- Work with other professional societies to co-sponsor teaching military history panels at their annual meetings. At the 2017 AHA in Denver, the SMH will co-sponsor a session with the AHA Teaching Division on “Digitizing War for the Classroom: Engaging with Digital Resources to Teach Military History.”
- Outreach to area high school teachers in the conference host city to encourage attendance and to benefit from teaching-related activities.
- Develop a teaching military history section on the SMH webpage to house and disseminate teaching-related materials.
- Work with the *Journal of Military History* to develop and promote materials on excellence in teaching military history.

Finally, the Executive Director Search Committee, after final review by the Board of Trustees, will be releasing a job position advertisement for the SMH Executive Director position. Please be on the lookout for this announcement.

Jennifer D. Keene

Professor of History

President, Society of Military History

In Memorium

It is with extreme sadness that we announce the sudden passing of SMH President Jeffrey Grey. Jeff was a superb scholar, whose numerous publications established him as the preeminent historian of the Australian military experience. His list of professional accomplishments, however, only scratches the surface of what he meant to his SMH friends and colleagues. There was, quite simply, no one like him. Jeff’s generosity to younger scholars was renowned, his wit and charm legendary. Everyone who met him soon realized that they had just had an encounter with greatness. Jeff loved the SMH and was proud to serve as its president, working tirelessly to serve the interests of members. Our hearts go out to his family, who lost a wonderful father and husband. A tribute page has been created on the SMH web site (<http://www.smh-hq.org/grey.html>) to allow members to share their stories and memories of Jeff.

NOTES...from the Executive Director

Robert H. Berlin

The sudden passing of SMH President Jeffrey Grey came as a shock to us as individuals and a society. Our thoughts and condolences go to his family and friends and his friends include all SMH members Jeff had contact with, for he was the most congenial scholar and leader who combined his outgoing personality, distinguished teaching and scholarship to be a friend to all military historians. Jeff was equally sociable and intellectually engaging be it leading a meeting, giving an academic presentation or sharing a beverage and stimulating conversation. We all miss him!

We will honor Jeff Grey's dedicated service to the Society and his magnificent achievements as a military historian at the annual meeting. If you have not already done so please consider a donation to support the Jeffrey Grey Memorial Travel Grant that honors the late Dr. Jeffrey Grey, past president of the Society, and is awarded to an outstanding graduate student who is enrolled in a graduate program located outside of North America. Funds are intended to defray costs associated with presenting a paper or poster at the annual meeting of the Society for Military History. Members who wish to contribute to support this new travel grant honoring Jeff Grey can make donations to the SMH Operating Fund on the SMH website. Members can also send checks to The Society for Military History, George C. Marshall Library, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA 24450-1600. Please note that your donation is for the Jeffrey Grey Graduate Student Travel Account.

With Jeff Grey's passing the Society Vice President, Jennifer Keene became President per the SMH Constitution. The vacant vice president position has been filled by the appointment of SMH Mid-Atlantic Regional Coordinator, Randy Papadopoulos to serve as vice president for the remainder of the term. His appointment was confirmed by the Society's voting officers and trustees.

The SMH biennial election for officers and trustees will be conducted by EventRebels via email ballot in mid-January. Assure you receive a ballot by checking online or with the SMH office that SMH has your current email address. The nominations committee members are Brian Linn (Chair), Gregory Daddis, and Jennifer Speelman.

Preparations are well underway for the Society's 84th Annual Meeting March 30-April 2, 2017 in Jacksonville, Florida hosted by the Institute on World War II and the Human Experience at Florida State University. The meeting will be at the recently renovated Hyatt Regency Jacksonville, Florida Riverside hotel. Room rates will be \$139 single occupancy and \$149 double occupancy plus tax. River view rooms may cost more. Rate includes complementary continental breakfast. The hotel reservation link is active and is posted on the SMH website under conferences. At this writing over 100 rooms are booked so reserve your room now to be assured of our meeting rate. The meeting theme is "Global War: Historical Perspectives." The program committee, chaired by John Curatola, has received over 150 proposals and will have difficult choices to make. The result will be an outstanding meeting with diverse sessions sure to interest every military historian!

The University of Louisville will host the Society's 85th annual meeting April 5-8, 2018 at the Galt House hotel centrally located in downtown Louisville, Kentucky. Room rates are \$165 for the suite tower where our sessions will be held. The rate includes breakfast and wireless. Meeting coordinator is Associate Professor of History & Director of Graduate Studies, Daniel Krebs.

The history department of The Ohio State University will host the Society's 86th annual meeting May 9-12, 2019 at the Hilton Columbus Downtown in Columbus, Ohio hotel. Meeting coordinator is SMH Trustee and General Raymond E. Mason Jr. Chair of Military History, Peter R. Mansoor. Room rates are \$169 with breakfast and wireless.

The Society's 87th annual meeting hosted by The Army Historical Foundation will be in Arlington, Virginia April 30-May 3, 2020 at the Marriott Crystal Gateway Hotel. Rates are \$189 per room. Meeting Coordinator is Army Historical Foundation Historian Matthew Seelinger.

I am pleased to report that the Society has solid prospects for multiple meeting hosts for our 2021 and 2022 meetings. Meeting hosts and I are working together with universities, historical

museums and convention and visitor bureaus to plan future meetings.

The American Historical Association Annual Meeting January 5-8, 2017 in Denver, Colorado will include several military history sessions. The annual George C. Marshall Lecture in Military History sponsored by the George C. Marshall Foundation and the Society for Military History will be delivered by Craig Symonds, Professor of History Emeritus at the United States Naval Academy, and author of many books including his recent highly praised *Neptune: The Allied Invasion of Europe and the D-Day Landings*. His lecture "For Want of a Nail: The Impact of Shipping on Grand Strategy in World War II" is Saturday, January 7, 2017, 5:30 PM-7:00 PM at the Hyatt Regency Denver, Centennial Ballroom F with a reception to follow hosted by SMH.

Thomas Morgan, the SMH long time Recording Secretary and Official Photographer, has resigned due to demands of family and personal life. An announcement to fill the position will be posted on the SMH website.

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Naval Battles that Shaped American History
and The Civil War at Sea*

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Hyatt Regency Denver, Centennial Ballroom F

Reception, 7:00-8:00 PM
Hyatt Regency Denver, Centennial Ballroom G

Society for Military History

Nominations for Candidates for Vice President and Trustees

The Society welcomes nominations of qualified candidates for the positions of Vice President and Trustees. The Vice President serves for two years and then serves two years as President. Trustees are elected for four-year terms. Terms of office begin at the close of the April 2017 annual meeting. Candidates must be members of the Society in good standing and must agree to serve if elected.

Send nominations (including name, contact information and nomination statement with biographical data) via email by **November 1, 2016** to the chair of the Nominations Committee and Past President Brian Linn b-linn@tamu.edu

Members of the Nominations Committee are: Brian Linn (Chair), Gregory Daddis, and Jennifer Speelman.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Call for Papers:

Society for Military History at the 2017 Missouri Valley History Conference

The 60th Annual Missouri Valley History Conference will be held March 2-4, 2017 in Omaha, Nebraska. The theme for 2017 is "Remembering and Being Remembered: Monuments, Memorials, and Legacies." The Society for Military History sponsors a full slate of sessions at the MVHC. SMH panels can be related to the theme, but proposals for all types of military history papers are accepted. Individual proposals are welcome and session proposals are encouraged. For individuals, send a c.v. and short one-page proposal. For sessions, send one-page session proposal, short one-page proposal for each paper, and short c.v.'s for all participants. Deadline for proposals is November 4th, 2016. Send proposals, c.v.'s and inquiries to George Eaton at smhatmvhc@gmail.com or George Eaton, 2707 E 28th Ct Davenport, IA 52803. If you would like to volunteer to chair a panel or comment, please contact George.

For non SMH sponsored panels, please contact the 2016 Program Chair Dr. Martina Saltamacchia, Department of History, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 6001 Dodge Street, Omaha, NE 68182-0213 or mvhc.coordinator@gmail.com The website for the conference is at <http://www.unomaha.edu/mvhc/index.php>.

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 at MVHC. This prize is valued at \$800 dollars. In addition to the graduate student prize, the Society for Military History and the First Division Museum Cantigny sponsor the Colonel Robert R. McCormick Prize for the Best Undergraduate Paper in Military History at MVHC, valued at \$400. For information on competing for these prizes please send inquiries to George Eaton.

In addition to the panels the SMH will again be sponsoring a social "huddle" for Society for Military History participants on Thursday evening, 2 March.

Robert L. and Robert C. Ruth Fellowship

Graduate students in good standing may apply for the annual Ruth Fellowship. One student will be selected to receive a \$1,500 research fellowship to engage in a concentrated 3-week summer research program with the Army Heritage Center Foundation (AHCF) at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center (USAHEC) in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Funding for the award is graciously provided by AHCF Board Member, Christopher Gleason, in memory of and to honor the service of two members of his family.

Applicants are not limited to topics of military history but may apply to work on any

topic that can be supported by the USAHEC collection. Applicants are encouraged to consult USAHEC's online catalog and identify resources they would like to utilize for their research and include in their application. To apply, please submit an application packet containing the following:

- A letter of interest including:
 - Your full name and contact information
 - Your current educational level and educational institution
 - Your academic field and concentration
 - Name and contact information
 - Desired time period of Fellowship (3 week period in the summer)
 - Area of research
 - Descriptions of resources you intend to utilize, should you receive a fellowship
- A recommendation from your advisor
- A writing sample

Please email your application to Jeff Hawks at eddirector@armyheritage.org. Applications are due to the Foundation by February 28 for review. Recipients will be notified by April 15.

Electronic Book

After a few years of broken links and frustration for people trying to find it, John M. Gates' online anthology, *The U.S. Army and Irregular Warfare*, is again available on the web at two locations: <http://openworks.wooster.edu/facbooks/1/> and <http://discover.wooster.edu/jgates/the-us-army-and-irregular-warfare/>

Call for Papers:

8th Annual Baltic Military History Conference 23-24 March 2017, Baltic Defence College

From Napoleon to NATO: 200 years of Russia versus the West, 1800- 2020

2017 marks the centenary of the Russian Revolution, which brought the Bolsheviks into power and laid the foundations for the 70-year Cold War between the Soviet Union and the Western Powers.

The Cold War was characterised by a number of features which raised security concerns for the international community. These included the power struggle between the Communist bloc and the US-led capitalist bloc in various areas of the globe, the nuclear arms race between the superpowers, international crises such as Berlin and Cuba, and the wars of 'national liberation' which occurred in the Third World.

When the Cold War ended with the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, the question whether Russia could re-emerge as a security challenge was uncertain. Nevertheless, recent events in Ukraine, and Russia's rising assertiveness, indicate that Moscow has the potential to pursue policies which conflict with the interests of its neighbours, as well as those of the world community.

The Baltic Defence College is pleased to announce the 8th Annual Baltic Military History Conference. The aim of the conference is to examine the challenges which Russia has posed since the period of the Napoleonic Wars.

The conference will focus on exploring how lessons from the past can offer a guideline to develop a viable defence policy for the Baltic states and their allies. The College therefore invites academics, researchers and military personnel to contribute to the event in order to enhance the current understanding of the Russian challenge, both within the regional and international contexts.

The exchange of ideas will improve our perception of military history in a broader framework and will also provide an opportunity to discuss them during the follow-on panel sessions. The organisers are open to ideas and recommendations coming from people who are interested

in the areas of study within the theme of the conference.

Papers are welcome on one or more of the following themes related to the history of Russia's relations with the West. Papers on any chronological period since c.1800 will be given full consideration.

- Russia's interests in the Wider Baltic region and Europe
- Russian foreign and strategic policy; their implications for Baltic / European / international security
- Diplomatic relations between the Russia and the Baltic region / Europe / the wider world
- Military confrontations between Russia and the European / world powers
- Intelligence and counter-intelligence
- International collaboration in dealing with Russia
- Cooperation between Russia and the West
- Economic and trade relations
- Role of non-government organisations on Russia-West relations
- Cultural exchanges
- Conflict and historical memory

Paper abstracts should be submitted by 16 December 2016.

The notification of results will take place at some time in early January 2017, after which accepted speakers should confirm their attendance by 1 February. The programme for the conference will be announced on 28 February. The conference will take place on 23-24 March 2017.

For further information, please consult the conference website: <http://www.baltdefcol.org/milhistconf/>, or contact the conference organisers: Douglas Ford, douglas.ford@baltdefcol.org Zdzislaw Sliwa, zdzislaw.sliwa@baltdefcol.org.

Cold War Essay Contest

John A. Adams '71 Center for Military History & Strategic Analysis

For the twelfth consecutive year, the John A. Adams '71 Center for Military History & Strategic Analysis at the Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va., is pleased to announce that it will award prizes for the best unpublished papers on Cold War military history. Any aspect of the Cold War (1945-1991) era is eligible, including papers on military strategy, plans, and operations; the relationship between the armed forces and society; international security affairs; and the connections between Cold War military history and contemporary geopolitical challenges.

Prizes: First place will earn a plaque and a cash award of \$2,000; second place, \$1,000 and a plaque; and third place, \$500 and a plaque.

Procedures: Entries should be sent electronically to the Adams Center at the Virginia Military Institute by Friday, 11 November 2016. Please make your submission as Microsoft Word document and limit your entry to a maximum of 7,500 words (minimum 4,000 words) of double-spaced text, exclusive of documentation and bibliography. A panel of judges will examine all papers; the Adams Center director will announce the winners in late 2016. The *Journal of Military History* will consider prize-winning essays for publication. In addition, the Adams Center would like to post the best papers, with the permission of the author, on its website.

Submissions to: adamscenter@vmi.edu

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Call for Chapters Air Force Advising and Assistance

Donald Stoker of the U.S. Naval War College's Program at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, and Edward Westermann of Texas A&M University-San Antonio, are editing a book on air force advising and assistance for British publisher Helion & Company. They are looking for historical studies of air force advisory missions, first-hand accounts of advisors, analytical "lessons learned" pieces, and any other interesting material that will help chart the history, development, and effects of air force advising or air force-related aspects of Foreign Internal Defense (FID). We will also consider previously published material if the author or authors obtain permission to reprint these works. We are also looking for contributors who will deliver their work in a timely fashion.

Interested parties should email a one paragraph description of the proposed work, a one paragraph biographical sketch, and a CV or description of education and/or relevant military experience of no more than two pages in length to Donald Stoker at: djstoker@nps.edu and Edward Westermann at: ebwester@tamusa.tamus.edu. Please include the submission material in the body of the email with "Air Force Advising Volume" in the subject line.

Call for Papers 2017 Symposium on Cryptologic History

Introduction:

The Center for Cryptologic History invites proposals for papers to be delivered at the biennial Symposium on Cryptologic History which will take place on 19–20 October 2017. The Symposium will be held at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory's Kossiakoff Center in Laurel, Maryland. Following the Symposium, on Saturday, 21 October, participants will be given an opportunity to tour the National Cryptologic Museum and participate in a workshop on sources for research in cryptologic history.

The theme for the 2017 Symposium will be "Milestones, Memories, and Momentum." There are many milestones to mark in 2017: the 160th anniversary of the first attempt to span the Atlantic with a telegraph cable, 100 years since both the entry of the United States into World War I and the Russian October Revolution, and 75 years after the World War II battles of Coral Sea and Midway. Our Symposium will take place just a few months before the 50th anniversary of the Tet Offensive in Vietnam, and during the 25th year after the fall of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War. Papers looking at these milestone events in cryptology and considering how we remember their significance are particularly encouraged, as are those examining how cryptologic advances from these times provided momentum to create the systems of today and the future.

We are also eager to have proposals on cryptologic topics that diverge from the theme. Submissions from those who are new to the field, particularly graduate students, are very welcome. This will ensure the variety and diversity of exchange that has been the hallmark of this event.

There will be a World War I-specific track to mark the centennial of American participation in that war and the birth of modern signals intelligence.

Purpose:

The Symposium is an occasion for historians (and others) to gather for reflection and debate on relevant and important topics from the cryptologic past. Regular participants include historians from the Center for Cryptologic History, the Intelligence Community, the defense establishment, the military services, scholars from American and foreign academic institutions, veterans of the cryptologic profession, graduate and undergraduate students, and the interested public. Past symposia have featured scholarship that set out new ways to consider our cryptologic heritage, and this one will be no exception. The conference will provide many opportunities to interact with leading historians and other distinguished experts. We encourage an interdisciplinary approach. The mix of practitioners, scholars, and interested observers always guarantees a lively debate promoting an enhanced appreciation for past events.

Proposals:

The proposals and papers must be unclassified. We encourage proposals for single presentations and full panels; the program committee may form panels from single presentations with like topics. Presenters should be prepared to speak for 15–20 minutes; proposals for a longer time slot should include a strong justification.

Your proposal package should include an abstract of no more than one page, a complete CV, a short biographical sketch (not to exceed 150 words) to be used in the program, the amount of time you require for your paper, and full contact details. Panel proposals should include the above for each presenter and a short explanation of the panel's theme.

Please submit your proposal by noon on Monday, 6 February 2017, to Program Chair Betsy Rohaly Smoot at history@nsa.gov or to her care at The Center for Cryptologic History, Suite 6886, 9800 Savage Road, Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755. Please note that correspondence that does not include the suite number may not be delivered in a timely manner. Proposals received after noon on 6 February will be considered on a space-available basis. The program committee will notify you about the final status of your proposal by 9 June 2017, but may engage you in discussions before that date.

Costs:

Registration costs for 2017 have not yet been set, but for planning purposes, the costs for 2015 were as follows: \$70/day (\$140 for 2 days, no cost for the museum visit); \$35/day (\$70 for 2 days) for full-time students with ID. The fee includes lunch and snacks. In the past, we have been able to waive the fees for non-government speakers on the day they present their paper. We hope to have final registration costs available at the time you are notified about the status of your proposal.

LTC John William Whitman Research Grant

The Army Heritage Center Foundation is pleased to announce the LTC John William Whitman Research Grant. This grant of up to \$1,750 is designed to provide monetary support to unfunded independent researchers who are working on under-explored topics of military history. Funded research is to be conducted at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center (USAHEC) in Carlisle, Pa. Funds to support a grantee's research is calculated on the following basis – up to \$1,750 to cover lodging and meals for any nights spent in the local area when conducting research, mileage reimbursement or airfare to USAHEC and an allowance for photocopying. Upon the submittal of vouchers and receipts, the Foundation will reimburse grantee for expenses related to research. Grantees retain intellectual property rights for the materials develop as a result of this research. The Foundation may use your name and likeness on our website and in promotional materials for the Army Heritage Center Foundation and the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center.

Applicants interested in the LTC John William Whitman Research Grant should submit the attached applications including a proposed project budget, to the Army Heritage Center Foundation not later than March 1, 2017. Awarding of the grant will occur not later than April 1, 2017. The application packet is available on the Army Heritage Center Foundation website at www.armyheritage.org.

Competitive proposals will evidence a clear understanding of the existing research in the field and how the proposed work examines an under explored topic of military history. Applicants are expected to demonstrate both an analytical and descriptive grasp of the project and its ability to use the resources of the U.S. Army Heritage and Education collection. Application packages must include the following:

- Completed Research Grant application
- Curriculum Vitae (3 pages maximum)
- Project description and justification (2 pages maximum)
- A list of specific holdings that might support on-site research
- Two letters of reference from persons familiar with the applicant's scholarly work; Letters must be received by the deadline and mailed or emailed directly to the Army Heritage Center Foundation.

New Press

Lever Press, a peer-reviewed, open access press sponsored by leading liberal arts colleges, issues call for works and series. The Lever Press, a peer-reviewed, open access publisher of scholarly monographs in the humanities, the arts, and the humanistic social sciences, has officially launched.

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- J. Aaron Simmons, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Furman University
- Lisa Trivedi, Professor of History, Hamilton College
- Josephine Wright, Professor of Music, The Josephine Lincoln Morris Professor of Black Studies, and Chair, Department of Africana Studies, The College of Wooster

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1. Exhibit the deep commitment to interdisciplinarity that is native to smaller academic communities where faculty members daily collaborate across field boundaries. We are particularly interested in projects that connect perspectives from the sciences, arts, and humanities.
2. Engage with major social issues facing our communities. Founded on strong ethical and

religious principles, liberal arts colleges are the location of important debates about the grand challenges that face our society which we hope to manifest in our publications.

3. Blur the traditional lines between “research” and “teaching,” creating resources ideally suited for experiential learning environments. Liberal arts colleges have reinvented the pedagogy of engagement and our publications will reflect that commitment. Among other things, we are interested in projects curated by faculty members that involve undergraduates in the process of creation and highlight their contributions.

Proposals for new works and new series are now being welcomed at the Lever Press website. Information and instructions for submissions may be found at <http://www.leverpress.org/authors/>.

Call for Entries **SHFG Thomas Jefferson Prize**

The Society for History in the Federal Government (SHFG) seeks entries for its 2017 Thomas Jefferson Prize for documentary histories published in 2015 or 2016. 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 2017. See 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 2017 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, 2016:

- 1 Jennifer Ross-Nazzal, Ph.D., 2003 Seakale Lane, Houston, TX 77062
- 2 Alisa Whitley, 5212 Leeward Lane, Alexandria, VA 22315
- 3 Lincoln Bramwell, Ph.D., 1410 Woodman Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20902

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.

Grant Announcement **2017 Dissertation Grant, Cold War Military History**

The John A. Adams '71 Center for Military History & Strategic Analysis at the Virginia Military Institute will award a \$3,000 grant to a graduate student in history or related field working on a dissertation in the area of Cold War military history. The award is intended to promote innovative scholarship on Cold War topics. The Adams Center invites proposal in all subject areas—including international security affairs, military strategy, leadership, and operations. All periods of Cold War history are welcome. The prize is made possible through the generous support John A. Adams and George J. Collins Jr.

To be considered, graduate students must submit a brief proposal (prospectus) describing their doctoral research, a project timeline, and curriculum vitae with list of references. Applications should be delivered, electronically, to the Adams Center at adamscenter@vmi.edu by 4:00 p.m. Eastern, Friday, March 3, 2017. Direct questions to Adams Center director Bradley Lynn Coleman.

Deadline for submissions: March 3, 2017
Submissions to: adamscenter@vmi.edu

Questions to:

Dr. Bradley Lynn Coleman

Director, John A. Adams '71 Center for Military History & Strategic Analysis

Department of History

Virginia Military Institute

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540-464-7447

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On Facebook at: <http://www.facebook.com/acmhsa>

Fellowship Announcement

The Society of the Cincinnati is offering four research fellowships for 2017: The Tyree-Lamb Fellowship, two Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati Fellowships, and the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Maryland Fellowship (the latter specifically for a scholar whose work is focused in the American colonial period, 1607-1775). Each fellowship provides \$1,500 to support the cost of travel, housing, and per diem expenses for a scholar wishing to use the Society's library for a period of at least five days. The fellowships are open to graduate students and other scholars who are conducting research that may benefit from the library's holdings.

The Society of the Cincinnati library collections include contemporary books, manuscripts, maps, and works of art on paper which support the in-depth study of 18th-century naval and military history and the art of war in the age of the American Revolution. The library also houses books and archives related to the formation and history of the Society of the Cincinnati, as well as materials related to the life of Larz and Isabel Anderson, whose Gilded Age home now serves as a museum, and the headquarters of the Society.

Recipients will be required to fulfill their fellowship research in the library within a period of one year from the date of the award. Further, the recipient will be required to submit a two-to-three-page written report and summary of research findings, which may be published in the Society's journal, *Cincinnati Fourteen*. In addition, the library requests a single copy of any subsequent publication (article, thesis, dissertation, or book) that may result.

The recipients of each of the four research fellowships will be chosen from a single round of applications. Applicants should submit the following:

- A curriculum vitae, including educational background, publications and professional experience
- A brief outline of the research proposed (not to exceed 2 pages)
- (For current graduate students only) Two confidential, sealed letters of recommendation from faculty or colleagues familiar with the applicant and his or her research project. Note: If letters are to be mailed independently, please include the names of recommenders when submitting the application.

Applicants are encouraged to cite specific holdings of the library that would benefit their research.

Applications for the 2017 fellowships must be received by November 11, 2016. Applicants will be notified by January 10, 2017.

Applications should be mailed to:
Ellen McCallister Clark, Library Director
The Society of the Cincinnati
2118 Massachusetts Ave, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

For further information about the collections, please visit the Society's website at www.societyofthecincinnati.org or contact Rachel Jirka, research services librarian at (202) 785-2040, x424; or rjirka@societyofthecincinnati.org.

Call for Papers
From Colonial Encounters to the Iraq War:
Prisoners of War and Their Place in History
October 26 -28, 2017, Filson Historical Society, Louisville, KY

Conference Conveners:

Lorien Foote, Texas A & M: lfoote@tamu.edu

Daniel Krebs, University of Louisville: daniel.krebs@louisville.edu

The Filson Historical Society's Institute For Advanced Study proposes a three day academic conference that will explore the experience of POWs in all American conflicts since the colonial period. The conference aims to advance our understanding of the integral role prisoners of war played in the economic, cultural, political and military waging of American wars. In commemoration of the centennial of World War I, the conference conveners are particularly interested in presentations that focus on this era. We would also like to encourage research on the history of the Ohio Valley. We encourage graduate students to apply.

Too often prisoners of war have been considered by historians to be a special, separate topic. If discussed at all, POWs make only a brief appearance in legal histories or in the history of POW policies or histories of POW camps. They show up as sums in casualty lists or are discussed as a burden on military resources, creating more mouths to feed, house and guard. This conference proposes to consider prisoners of war as more than simply casualties, losers or victims by examining the range of ways in which POWs played an active role in the conduct and outcome of America's military encounters.

We are interested in the way the handling of POWs decided campaigns and operations, the range of roles that POWs filled both on and off the battlefield – as hostages, consumers, laborers, propaganda tools, and means of communication, to mention only a few. At the same time we will be looking to move toward an integration of the POW experience into the larger narratives and problems of political, military and social history.

The organizers of the conference seek paper and panel proposals that explore a variety of questions related to expanding the definition of the place of POWs in the waging of war:

- POWs and Military Campaigns
- POWs and Strategy
- POWs and Diplomacy
- POWs and the Economy
- POWs and Post-War Memory
- POWs and the Politics of Warfare
- POWs and Gender
- POWs and Race
- POWs and Community Studies
- POWs and Propaganda
- POWs and Consumer Culture
- POWs and Empire
- POWs and Globalization
- POWs and Migration
- POWs and Labor
- POWs and Health Care

A selection of revised essays from the conference will be published in an anthology that will be co-edited by Lorien Foote and Daniel Krebs.

Please send a proposal of no more than one page clearly outlining the subject, arguments and relevance to the conference topic, along with a CV of no more than two pages to LeeAnn Whites, Director of Research, The Filson Historical Society, (lwhites@filsonhistorical.org).

Proposal deadline is January 30, 2017, email submission preferred. Single papers or conference panels are welcome. For panel proposals please provide a one page summary of the panel in addition to paper proposals and vitas from each participant. A keynote address will take place on Thursday evening; the conference will meet in consecutive plenary sessions, with three sessions each day. Papers will be placed on line on the The Filson Historical Society's website prior to the conference. Funds will be available to help defray some travel costs for presenters.

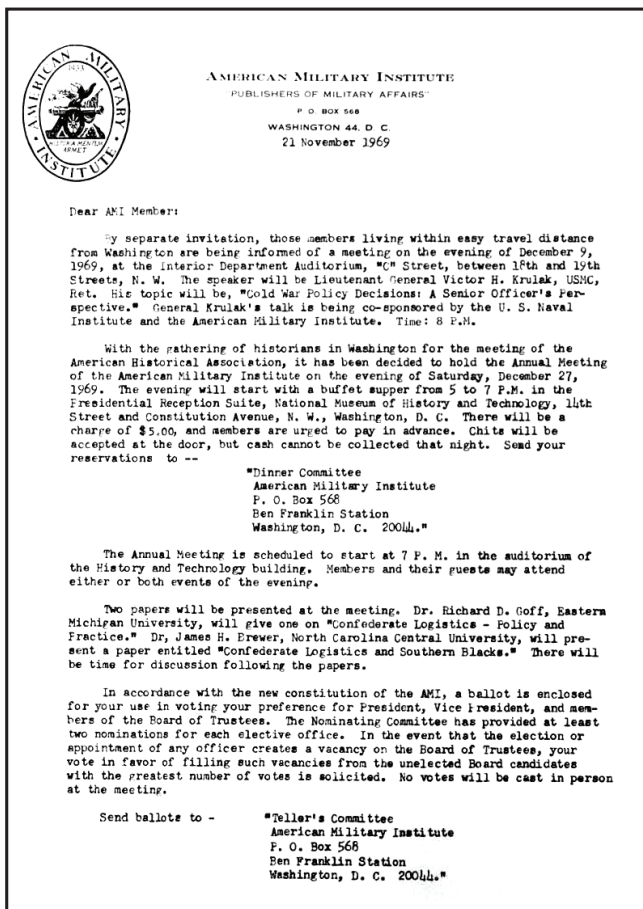
For questions concerning the conference, please contact Dr. LeeAnn Whites at the email address above or consult the Filson website at: <http://filsonhistorical.org/education-programs/call-for-papers>.

From the Archives: An AMI Cold Warrior

By Paul A. Thomsen

For more than three quarters of a century, the Society for Military History has endeavored to aid research, analysis, and debate towards a greater understanding of military history. During the American Military Institute (AMI) era, the organization frequently engaged the public in the scholarly process by providing venues for the discussion of controversial issues and, for the 1960s, few topics were more controversial in military history than the war over Vietnam. In November, 1969, AMI announced that a meeting would be held in the Department of the Interior's auditorium to listen and discuss the Cold War fighting perspective of a controversial (and now legendary) figure, United States Marine Corps General Victor "Brute" Krulak.

Born in 1913, Denver, Colorado, Victor Krulak graduated the Naval Academy in 1934 with the nickname of "Brute" (allegedly for his 5ft 4in stature). Over the next several years, he served the Marines on missions in Central America. In World War II, he first stood post as an intelligence officer in Shanghai, then aided in the development of the Higgins Boats for mass amphibious landings, and, later, led a raid to divert attention away from the American invasion zone to seize Bougainville. During that raid, Krulak, wounded and refusing to be evacuated until his mission was completed, earned the respect and friendship of a naval patrol boat commander, then-Lieutenant John F. Kennedy. In the war's aftermath, Krulak rapidly rose through



Society for Military History Records, Morse Dept. of Special Collections, Hale Library, Kansas State University.

the ranks working myriad assignments, including fighting in the Korean War, battling congress for budget appropriations, and leading Marine instruction in San Diego. Yet, his time serving as the Joint Chiefs of Staff's counterinsurgency specialist during the early stages of the Vietnam War (1962-1964) and his opposition to the Johnson Administration's handling of the later war made him a legend. He advocated mining the harbor of Haiphong. He tenaciously argued for the rapid deployment of small units to paralyze enemy units and win popular support over General William Westmoreland's mass deployment of troops. Krulak also vehemently opposed the establishment of an American position at Khe Sanh. For these and other acts of perceived disloyalty, Victor Krulak was passed over for promotion to Marine Corps Commandant by President Lyndon Johnson. As a result, Victor Krulak abruptly retired in 1968.

Shortly thereafter, AMI and co-sponsor "United States Naval Institute" asked Victor Krulak to speak before the organization and the public. According to open source press, Krulak's official topic was announced as "Cold War Policy Decisions: A Senior Officer's Perspective" at Interior, but, interestingly, a note in *Military Affairs* reveals that the meeting, originally scheduled to be co-sponsored with the "Naval History Foundation" and held at the Museum of Natural History, was supposed to be entitled "A Marine's View on Military Leadership in the Twentieth Century." The venue and the topic were changed for some unspecified reason. Given the busy nature of the year (AMI had already provided no less than four other meetings that year) and the transfer of *Military Affairs* operations from Washington, D.C. to Kansas, it is likely that confusion at the publication led to the venue change and hosting error. Oppositely, the political climate, the polarizing nature of Krulak's military views, and the desire to be fair to all legitimate sides likely led AMI and Krulak to refocus the talk towards a broader historical context.

The AMI internal press also gives a clue at the talk's content, leading researchers to believe the AMI event served as a first draft to the Victor Krulak's 1984 memoir, entitled "First to Fight: An Inside View of the U.S. Marine Corps." A *Military Affairs* reviewer has since explained that Krulak dwelt on "heroism and skill in combat, a commitment to efficiency and excellence, a talent for improvisation, no little political savvy, and, above all, a sense among Marines of loyalty to each other, their Corps, and their country..." Simply put, Victor Krulak intoned that "the Marines are an assemblage of warriors, nothing more..." After a follow-up career in political commentary and publishing, in December 2008, the retired Marine general died in La Jolla, California.

The joint session of the American Military Institute-American Historical Association will be a luncheon meeting in the Continental Room, Sheraton Park Hotel, Washington, D. C., on Tuesday, December 30, 1969, at 12:15 P.M. The theme of the papers will be "Allied Strategy in the Mediterranean During World War II: Differing Interpretations." The two papers will be given by Dr. Richard Leighton, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, and Dr. Trumbull Higgins, City College of New York. Dr. Howard McGaw Smyth of the Department of State will preside over the session.

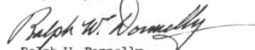
AMI members who do not belong to the American Historical Association may attend without registering for the Convention and provided they purchase their luncheon tickets in advance. Due to the need to plan the luncheon in advance, it will not be possible to purchase tickets at the door. Mail your request for reservations at \$6.00 each with check made out to the American Military Institute to -

"Luncheon Committee
American Military Institute
P. O. Box 568
Ben Franklin Station
Washington, D. C. 20044."

Your luncheon ticket will be held for you at the door.

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Very truly yours,


Ralph W. Donnelly,
Assistant Secretary and
Treasurer.

Society for Military History Records, Morse Dept. of Special Collections, Hale Library, Kansas State University.

The 1969 General Victor Krulak talk stands as one of the American Military Institute's most cutting-edge Cold War events. In the twenty-first century, it, likewise, demonstrates that the study of counterinsurgency and the American military's preparedness have always been controversial topics in military history.

U.S. House of Representatives Designates the National George C. Marshall Museum and Library

Congressman Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) received bipartisan support for a resolution to designate the National George C. Marshall Museum and Library as recognition of the unique position of the Marshall Foundation in protecting, preserving and promoting Marshall's legacy. The measure passed the House on July 11 and now moves to the Senate for consideration.

Passage marks a significant moment for the Foundation. "This Congressional designation provides de facto recognition of the role this institution has played in keeping alive the memory and the legacy of one of the greatest Americans of the twentieth century, General George C. Marshall," said Marshall Foundation President Rob Havers.

Beginning in 1953, with President Truman's support, and, since 1964 with the opening of the permanent facility on the post at VMI, the Marshall Museum and Research Library in Lexington has built a solid record of scholarship and programming to earn this designation. It remains a unique resource and a national treasure: the keeper of the flame of the Marshall legacy.

The national designation also marks the beginning of a new and concerted effort by the Foundation to bring Marshall to life for new generations, across this country and beyond. The completion, in 2016, of the seven-volume documentary editing project, *The Papers of George Catlett Marshall*, a monumental undertaking that spanned thirty-seven years, means that the scholarly record of what Marshall did and how he did it is assured. "Our task now is to build on this achievement and ensure that all Americans know Marshall and have the opportunity to be inspired by his life of selfless service," said Dr. Havers.

The George C. Marshall Foundation, when finally designated by the full Congress as America's National Marshall Museum and Library, will celebrate Marshall's life and legacy with renewed vigor in 2017, the 70th anniversary of the Marshall's history-making address at Harvard that announced the first ideas for European recovery that became known as the Marshall Plan. "The challenge remains: to ensure that every American knows exactly who George C. Marshall was, what he did and what his career represents," he added.

SMH Award Applications

The Society makes a number of awards each year associated with the annual meeting. Please submit applications for any that might apply to you!

Russell F. Weigley Graduate Student Travel Awards

The Russell F. Weigley Awards are given to outstanding graduate students to help defray costs associated with presenting a paper or poster at the annual meeting of the Society for Military History. The award provides \$1,000 to each recipient.

Only students whose proposal for a paper or poster has been formally accepted for inclusion in the program are eligible for these awards. Applications will be evaluated based on the quality and originality of the proposed work and its likelihood to contribute to the development of the field of military history.

Applicants should submit a brief cover letter, curriculum vitae, and a copy of their paper/poster proposal as a single document. A letter of recommendation from the student's primary academic advisor should be sent separately.

Applicants should be aware that this amount may not cover all travel costs. The committee does not consider financial need in making these awards.

Students enrolled in graduate programs outside of North America may also apply for the Jeffrey Grey Memorial Travel Grant. Applicants will be considered for both awards, but may only receive one in a given year.

Application material should be sent electronically to Adam Seipp (aseipp@tamu.edu). The application deadline is January 15, 2017. Awards will be announced in early February. Awardees will be honored at the Society's awards luncheon and will receive a complimentary ticket to this event.

Jeffrey Grey Memorial Travel Grant

In honor of the late Dr. Jeffrey Grey, the Society for Military History is pleased to announce the inaugural Jeffrey Grey Memorial Travel Grant. This grant will be awarded to an outstanding graduate student who is enrolled in a graduate program located outside of North America. Funds are intended to defray costs associated with presenting a paper or poster at the annual meeting of the Society for Military History.

The award will not exceed \$3,000 and will be based on a reasonable estimate of the cost of travel, accommodation, and registration.

Only students whose proposal for a paper or poster has been formally accepted for inclusion in the program are eligible for this award. Applications will be evaluated based on the quality and originality of the proposed work and its likelihood to contribute to the development of the field of military history.

Applicants should submit a brief cover letter, curriculum vitae, detailed budget, and a copy of their paper/poster proposal as a single document. A letter of recommendation from the student's primary academic advisor should be sent separately.

Students may also apply for the Russell F. Weigley Graduate Student Travel Grant. Applicants will be considered for both awards, but may only receive one in a given year.

Application material should be sent electronically to Adam Seipp (aseipp@tamu.edu). The application deadline is January 15, 2017. The winner will be announced in early February. The awardee will be honored at the Society's awards luncheon and will receive a complimentary ticket to this event.

ABC-Clio Research Grants

In partnership with ABC-Clio, the Society for Military History will award two grants of \$500 to support research in military history by graduate students or historians without a doctoral degree. Funds are intended to support specific research tasks, including but not limited to archival/field work, the purchase of research materials, and fees associated with the use of digital collections.

Applicants must be current members of the Society for Military History, and either: a) a graduate student currently enrolled in a doctoral program, or, b) employed full-time as a professional historian without having obtained a doctoral degree.

The prize committee will consider the originality and quality of the proposed research, the cost-effectiveness of the proposal, and the likelihood that the research will contribute to the development of the field of military history.

Application packets will consist of a brief cover letter outlining the specific research needs to be addressed by this funding, CV, and a budget. A letter of reference from the applicant's doctoral advisor or another individual familiar with the applicant's scholarship should be sent separately.

Material should be sent to Adam Seipp (aseipp@tamu.edu) by January 15, 2017. The winners will be announced in early February. Awardees will be honored at the Society's annual awards luncheon and will receive a complimentary ticket to this event.

The Allan R. Millett Dissertation Research Fellowship Award Submission Guidelines

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 14, 2016.

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 on February 1, 2017.

The Society for Military History First-Manuscript Prize

The Society for Military History First-Manuscript Prize is awarded annually to an author who has not previously published a scholarly book-length manuscript. The competition is open to scholars whose work blends military history with social, political, economic, and diplomatic history and to authors of studies centering on campaigns, leaders, technology, and doctrine. The winning author receives a cash award, a plaque, and, after successful editorial review, a publication contract with the University of North Carolina Press. The winner also will be recognized at the Awards Luncheon at the Society for Military History annual meeting.

Eligibility:

1. The author must be a member in good standing of the Society for Military History.
2. Only English-language manuscripts will be considered; U.S. citizenship is not required.
3. The text of a submitted manuscript must be at least 250 pages in length.
4. Translations are not eligible for consideration unless the author both translated and annotated the manuscript.
5. It is recommended that recently-defended dissertations be revised with publication in mind.
6. Manuscripts under consideration by other presses may be entered into this competition, but if the work is accepted for publication elsewhere during the Prize Committee's deliberations, the author is obligated to notify the committee chair immediately.

Submission Instructions:

1. No later than 1 January 2017, the author must submit a full manuscript, a 3-5-page précis of the same, and a current curriculum vitae to Dr. Samuel Watson, chair of the 2017 Coffman Prize Committee, at Samuel.Watson@usma.edu. The précis must include a statement of the work's thesis and conclusions, its place in the relevant historiography, and any new or underutilized primary source materials or innovative methodologies that shape it.
2. All submissions must be double-spaced and submitted in PDF format.
3. The Committee will designate the winner on or about March 1, 2017.
4. The Society for Military History will present the Coffman Prize at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Society, March 30-April 2, 2017, in Jacksonville, Florida.

Point of Contact:

Dr. Samuel Watson

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United States Military Academy

West Point NY 10996

Samuel.Watson@usma.edu

SOCIETY FOR MILITARY HISTORY
Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting Hotel
South Ballroom
Ottawa Marriott, Ontario, Canada
Friday April 15, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Jeffrey Grey called the meeting to order at 1709 PM. on Friday, April 15, 2016 in the South Ballroom of the Ottawa Marriott in Ottawa, Canada.

2. APPROVAL of the MINUTES of the PREVIOUS MEETING

President Grey reported that the minutes of the 2015 Business Meeting were published in the Fall 2015 edition of the *Headquarters Gazette*. President Grey asked for approval of last year's Business Meeting minutes. The approval motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

President's Report. President Grey announced that the time for this Business Meeting and format have been changed to make open time more available to the membership for discussions at the Annual Meeting. He reported that the Society was in good health with more than 700 registrants for this Annual Meeting including a good number of graduate students.

This coming year the Society will be at a crossroads with the search for a new Executive Director to be headed up by Vice President Jennifer Keene. Other challenges will be the examination of some of the Society's rules and procedures. The 2017 Annual Meeting is set for Jacksonville, Florida for next year; however, Annual Meetings for 2018 and 2019 are under review. The 2020 Annual Meeting is set for the Washington, DC/Arlington, VA. One of the aims of the Society is to make the endowment funds more fully sustainable and funds will be solicited for that in the future. President Grey will use the *Headquarter Gazette* to keep everyone informed.

The President's report elicited no questions or comments from the floor.

Vice President's Report. Jennifer Keene reported that a social media policy had been developed and she is working on an initiative promoting the teaching of military history. She will be furthering cooperation between SMH and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The Vice President's report elicited no questions or comments from the floor.

Executive Director's Report. As Treasurer Graham Cosmas was absent, Robert H. Berlin addressed the Society's finances. He reported that as of March 21, 2016 there were 2798 individual Society members of whom 274 are student members and 120 are sustaining members. Overall membership is constant from last year except for a decline of 80 sustaining members. There were 680 non-renewals in 2015, up from 644 in 2014. The SMH has enabled members to renew for two years if they choose.

The finances are in excellent shape. Including funds, the total assets of the Society are \$1,028,133, an increase of over \$4000 from last year. He stated that SMH will have a fund raising campaign to increase the Weigley, Coffman, and Millett Funds. He highlighted the need to raise additional funds to make the existing funds more self-sustaining. The work of the various Society committees is operating successfully and performing on time. The Society Constitution is still under revision with Parliamentarian Bill Allison to bring it into the digital age and that the revised Constitution will be on the ballot at the next election. There will be an election at the end of next year.

Our publishing agreement with EBSCO Publishing is very successful and provided an important source of income (\$143,000) last year to the Society. Our Webmaster and newsletter editor Kurt Hackemer deserves kudos for continually expanding news and updating the website. The 2015 Annual Meeting made about \$25,000 and was very successful. Berlin praised Dean Oliver, Francine LaPointe, and Andrew Burtch for this year's Annual Meeting that exceeded all expectations. Our host for the Annual Meeting in 2017 in Jacksonville, Kurt Pehler, has announced the conference theme as "Global War: Historical Perspectives." Award winning author Rick Atkinson gave the George C. Marshall Lecture in Atlanta, Georgia on 9 January 2016. Eminent Naval historian Craig Symonds will give the Marshall Lecture in Denver at the AHA Meeting in January 2017.

Bob Berlin will retire on 30 April 2017 after next year's Annual Meeting and after 17 years as the Executive Director.

The Executive Director's report elicited no questions or comments from the floor.

Editor, *The Journal of Military History*. Bruce Vandervort reported that the April 2016 issue of the *JMH* was out. The last few issues of the *Journal* have had a reduced pages. As a result, printing costs are down by \$4000 since 2014. The *Journal* has ended a season of commemoration with special issues devoted the War of 1812, World War I, and the 200th anniversary of the end of the Napoleonic Wars. The *Journal* has inaugurated the **JMH Tracker** system administered by EventRebels to digitally receive manuscripts and account for them through the review and publication system. The *Journal* has also hired a part-time editorial/business assistant. SMH continues to contract with EventsRebel to manage the SMH membership data management system. Bruce Vandervort requested SMH to examine the costs and possibilities of adding health benefits for *JMH* employees.

The *JMH* Editor's Report elicited no questions or comments from the floor.

OLD BUSINESS. None

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation of Approved 2016-2017 Budget. The Operating Budget as approved by the Council is habitually conservative.. The lower than expected deficit for 2015-2016 resulted from increases in some categories of income notably the dues and subscription price hikes, and from some major budgeted expenditures were not made. In particular, the expenditures for Professional Services and Office Equipment (software for committees) have not yet occurred. Neither has the Annual Meeting subsidy been called for. Therefore, they are included in the 2016-2017 budget. If fully spent, this budget will result in an Operating deficit of more than \$65,000; however, an actual \$8000 deficit has occurred and the net worth of the organization has gone up \$4000. Since the Society is not a profit-making organization, the deficit is sustainable, given the Society's large operating reserve. The Council approved a 2.3% cost of living increase for all employees. The Society is audited by a CPA and its taxes are paid on time according to its 501c (3) incorporation rules. There were no further questions or comments.

Announcement of SMH Activities. Executive Director Berlin announced that the new Guidebook Android/Apple App initiative for the Annual Meeting was well-received as shown by his asking for a show of hands of those using the app. Guidebook charged \$2800 for development and deployment of the app. Poster sessions for Graduate Students are featured in next year's Call for Papers. The Council approved the Army Historical Foundation (AHF) proposal for the SMH Annual Meeting in 2020 in Arlington, VA. There were no comments or questions.

Announcement of JMH activities. Bruce Vandervort requested more Letters to the Editor to stimulate a better dialogue. There were no comments or questions.

Other New Business. The Society is looking for programs that will encourage younger members to join the Society. There was a comment from the floor that expressed appreciation to the Society for welcoming independent scholars to the Annual Meetings.

OPEN FORUM.

Just as the President was opening the meeting for discussion at about 1740 hrs., the hotel fire alarm sounded and the meeting hall was evacuated, thus concluding the annual business meeting

Thomas D. Morgan
Recording Secretary
April 2016



MEETINGS CALENDAR 2016

November 2-4 – The Royal Military College of Canada will host a conference on The Education of an Air Force, 1914-2014. More information at <https://www.rmcc-cmrc.ca/en/history/call-papers-symposium>.

November 17-19 – The National World War II Museum will host its latest International Conference on WWII at the Museum in New Orleans, Louisiana. This year's theme is "1946: Year Zero, Triumph and Tragedy." For more details, see the Museum's website at <http://www.ww2conference.com/splash/>.

MEETINGS CALENDAR 2017

January 5-8 – The American Historical Association will hold its 131st annual meeting at the Colorado Convention Center and other sites in Denver, Colorado. This year's theme is "Historical Scale: Linking Levels of Experience." For registration information and other details, see the Association's website at <https://www.historians.org/annual-meeting/registration>.

March 2-4 – Missouri Valley History Conference in Omaha, Nebraska, which includes a full slate of sessions sponsored by the SMH. Contact: George Eaton, smhatm-vhc@gmail.com.

March 7-9 – The American Astronautical Society will host its 55th Robert H. Goddard Memorial Symposium at the Greenbelt Marriott in Greenbelt, Maryland. For more information as it becomes available, see the Society's website at <http://astronautical.org/events/goddard/goddard2017/>.

March 23-24 – 8th Annual Baltic Military History Conference. Web: <http://www.baltde->

fcol.org/milhistconf/. Conference organisers: Douglas Ford, douglas.ford@baltdefcol.org Zdzislaw Sliwa, zdzislaw.sliwa@baltdefcol.org.

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.

April 6-9 – The Organization of American Historians will hold its annual meeting at the New Orleans Marriott in New Orleans, Louisiana. This year's theme is "Circulation." For further info, see the Organization's website at <http://www.oah.org/meetings-events/meetings-events/call-for-proposals/>.

April 20-22 – The Centre for Military, Security and Strategic Studies at the University of Calgary will host a conference titled Vimy 2017: Both Sides of the Ridge. Contact: njmackie@ucalgary.ca.



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