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## Annual Meeting Information

The Society for Military History's 2011 Conference: Ways of War is fast approaching! If you haven't registered yet, sign up now at the conference website (<http://www.smh2011.org/register.html>). Although all the rooms in our block at the Lisle Hilton have been reserved, it's not too late to reserve a room at the nearby Hyatt Place and Hyatt Summerfield Suites. Shuttle vehicles will run between the Hyatt hotels and the Hilton, so you won't have to worry about missing any of the sessions or field trips. If you're flying, have you arranged transportation between O'Hare Airport and the Lisle Hilton yet? There's a greater incentive to do so today! Anyone registering for airport transportation on or before Saturday, April 30 will qualify for a drawing for a complimentary stretch limo on your arrival day! Register online at [www.midwesttransitsystem.com](http://www.midwesttransitsystem.com).

A total of 64 sessions will be presented at the upcoming conference. In addition to the sessions that have already been announced on our website (<http://www.smh2011.org/program.html>), a new panel has been added to the program: "Counter-Insurgency in the Big Red One – Some Soldiers' Views". On Sunday, June 12, a panel of 1st Infantry Division active-duty officers and non-commissioned officers with extensive experience in the current conflicts will share those experiences and answer questions. Don't miss this unique opportunity to engage some of the commanders and leaders practicing contemporary counter-insurgency and making military history.

We will also be pre-circulating the papers of selected panels. The papers will be posted to a password protected page on the conference website to be read in advance by people attending the session. Only conference registrants will have access to the posted papers, which will be taken down at the conclusion of the conference. At the session, rather than having presenters read their papers, these panels will begin with the commentator's remarks on the papers and the presenters responding briefly. Most session time will be devoted to discussion with the audience, who will have read the papers ahead of time. We hope that this format will encourage more in-depth discussion and active participation of all session attendees. The sessions using this experimental technique will be announced shortly.

Be sure to attend the awards luncheon and banquet, which will be on the lawn at beautiful Cantigny Park.

Also new to this year, we will be hosting a room dedicated to military history organizations. From museums to re-enactors, you'll have the chance to network with representatives from organizations that make up the broader military history community. A variety of book vendors will also be setting up shop at the conference. In addition to our field trips to the Museum of Science and Industry and Cantigny Park, we have now also opened registration for a field trip to the Pritzker Military Library. Join us for an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour and see items and books not available to the general public like U.S. and foreign medals, glass plate

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negatives, military uniforms, and volumes from the Library's rare book collection dating back to the 18th century. The trip includes as an option dinner afterward at the historic Union League Club of Chicago. If you have already registered for the conference and would like to add the Pritzker Military Library field trip, go to <https://ww2.eventrebels.com/er/Update.jsp?A=5934> and log in with your email address and either confirmation code or registrant ID, both of which can be found in your original email confirmation.

We hope you're able to join us at this year's conference!

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### Grants and Fellowships

The International Security and Foreign Policy Program of the Smith Richardson Foundation will award grants through its annual competitions for junior faculty and doctoral students at U.S. institutions.

The Junior Faculty Research Grant Program is an annual competition that awards at least three research grants of \$60,000 to support tenure-track junior faculty engaged in the research and writing of a scholarly book on an issue or topic of interest to the policy community. The deadline for submission is June 15, 2011, and the results will be announced by October 31, 2011.

The World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship is an annual competition to support Ph.D. dissertation research on American foreign policy, international relations, international security, strategic studies, area studies, and diplomatic and military history. The Foundation will award up to twenty grants of \$7,500 each. The deadline for submission is October 17, 2011, and the results will be announced by February 1, 2012.

For further information on eligibility and how to apply, please visit the website of the International Security and Foreign Policy Program at the following address: <http://www.srf.org/grants/international.php>.

### 2011 Colby Award Announced

As a young man, Karl Marlantes was highly decorated for his service in Vietnam. More than three decades later, his novel inspired by those experiences, *Matterhorn* (Atlantic Monthly Press), has received the 2011 William E. Colby Award.

Named for the late Ambassador and former CIA Director William E. Colby, the Colby Award recognizes a first work of fiction or non-fiction that has made a significant contribution to the public's understanding of intelligence operations, military history, or international affairs. The \$5,000 award will be presented by the Tawani Foundation in association with the Pritzker Military Library on October 22, 2011 at Chicago's Palmer House Hotel at the Library's 2011 Liberty Gala ([pritzkermilitarylibrary.org](http://pritzkermilitarylibrary.org)). The annual Pritzker Military Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing will also be presented at the Liberty Gala, with a live webcast announcement of this year's recipient on June 21, 2011.

*Matterhorn* draws from Marlantes' service as an officer in the Marine Corps. The year is 1969, and 2nd Lt. Waino Mellas has been assigned to lead a rifle platoon of forty Marines as their

company builds a fire support base in the mountains near the border of Laos. His platoon is full of young men who'd been at war for months and some for several years. Mellas, fresh out of college, is overwhelmed by his responsibilities as a leader and the dense jungle landscape that surrounds them.

As casualties mount, Mellas and his platoon fight through a series of conflicting missions – they are ordered to abandon their newly-built base, then ordered to take it back from the North Vietnamese Army, and then ordered to abandon it again. While their commanding officers fight the war from a distance, little aware of how their decisions affect men on the ground, Mellas and his platoon endure sweltering heat, monsoon rains, racial tension, and a growing sense of futility; they struggle to understand and trust each other, and they forge powerful bonds that will overcome fear,

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doubt, and loss.

“*Matterhorn* is a powerful first work that defines the tragic cost of the Vietnam War in human terms,” said Colby co-founder and New York Times best-selling author W.E.B. Griffin. “Marlantes’ breakneck writing style is both passionate and haunting, thrusting the reader into alternating moments of chaos and courage reflecting the fragility of our Marines on the ground – and their leadership – in combat.”

Karl Marlantes received the Navy Cross, the Bronze Star, two Navy Commendation Medals for valor, two Purple Hearts, and ten air medals for his service in Vietnam. A graduate of Yale and a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford, he lives in rural Washington.

### **Call for Papers**

Over 23-25 February 2012, the U.S. Army Medical Department Center of History and Heritage will co-sponsor a conference with the Western Front Association (USA) on the medical history of WWI. It will be hosted at the Army Medical Department Museum in San Antonio, Texas.

We will generally be allotting 50 minutes per paper, including Q&A, but panels on closely-related topics are welcome, as are shorter and more tightly-focused papers. Presentations on all facets of medicine and the war are sought, including consideration of the repercussions of the war on the practice of medicine.

Please send a short précis and curriculum vitae for consideration by September 1, 2011. Please advise how long a block of time you wish.

Conference website: <http://www.wfa-usa.org/new/fgsw2012jointseminar.htm>.

Contact: Dr. Sanders Marble, Office of Medical History, US Army, [sanders.marble@us.army.mil](mailto:sanders.marble@us.army.mil).

### **Call for Contributors**

ABC-Clio is developing an encyclopedia entitled *Germany at War*. Projected for publication in 2014, this three-volume work will cover German military history from the Thirty Years War through the East German Volksarmee and today’s Bundeswehr. The entries will include the significant wars, campaigns, battles, organizations, individuals, and weapons and equipment of this almost 400 years period. There also will be entries on the most important tactical and strategic developments, as well as on the more significant social and political events that shaped German military history. The project editor is Maj.Gen. David T. Zabecki, Ph.D., Army of the United States Retired. Anyone interested in participating in this project can request additional information and a copy of the topic list at [david.zabecki@gmx.de](mailto:david.zabecki@gmx.de).

### **Cold War Prize Competition**

For the seventh year, the John A. Adams Center at the Virginia Military Institute is pleased to announce that it will award prizes for the best unpublished papers dealing with the United States military in the Cold War era (1945-1991). Any aspect of the Cold War military is eligible, with papers on war planning, operations, intelligence, logistics, and mobilization especially welcome. Please note that essays which relate aspects of the Korean and Southeast Asian conflicts to the larger Cold War are also open for consideration.

Not only do we invite your submission of previously unpublished pieces, but we encourage you to pass along this notice to colleagues or promising graduate students who might be working in this area.

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

Procedures: Entries should be tendered to the Adams Center at VMI by 31 July 2011. Please make your submission by Microsoft Word and limit your entry to a maximum of twenty-five pages of double-spaced text, exclusive of documentation and bibliography. A panel of judges will, over the summer, examine all papers; the Adams Center will then announce its top three rankings early in the fall of 2011. *The Journal of Military History* will be happy to consider those award winners for publication. In addition, the Adams Center would like to post the better papers on its website—with the permission of the author, of course.

Submissions and questions:

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### **Conference Announcement**

#### **‘Butcher and Bolt’ or ‘Hearts and Minds’? British Ways of Countering Colonial Revolt: A Historical Perspective, 15-16 September 2011**

Organized by Dr. Matthew Hughes of the Department of Politics and History, Brunel University, and funded by Brunel University and the US Marine Corps University Foundation, this conference examines the British ‘way’ in fighting colonial and neo-colonial rebellions. The papers focus on military and political operations, contrasting British brutality (‘butcher and bolt’) against the idea of minimum force (‘hearts and minds’), questioning in the process the notion that there was British exceptionalism when it came to fighting rebel forces. The speakers cover the period from the nineteenth century to the ‘Troubles’ of Northern Ireland, and include Dr. Peter Lieb (Sandhurst), Dr. Karl Hack (Open University), Dr. Daniel Whittingham (King’s College London), Dr. Simon Robbins (Imperial War Museum), Dr. Huw Bennett (JSCSC), Dr. Paul Dixon (Kingston), Professor Ian Beckett (Kent) and Dr. Rod Thornton (Nottingham). The conference keynote papers include: Professor David French (University College London) ‘Nasty, not nice: British counter-insurgency doctrine and practice, 1945-1967’; Professor David Cesarani (Royal Holloway College) ‘The “Farran affair” and the failure of British counter-insurgency in Palestine, 1945-47’; Professor David Anderson (Oxford University) ‘Torture and British counterinsurgency in Kenya’; and Professor Caroline Elkins (Harvard University) ‘The Mau Mau Emergency: Rethinking British counter-insurgency at the end of Empire.’ The conference fee includes tea/coffee, lunches and a drinks reception. For more information, a full list of conference speakers, and a delegate application form go to: <http://www.brunel.ac.uk/about/acad/sss/depts/politics/news> or email [matthew.hughes@brunel.ac.uk](mailto:matthew.hughes@brunel.ac.uk).

### **Call for Papers**

The Air Force Historical Foundation and the U.S. Air Force Historical Studies Office invite scholars, analysts, observers, and participants to submit proposals for papers to be presented at the 2011 symposium, “Air Power and Global Operations: 9/11 and Beyond,” which will be held November 17-18, 2011, in the Washington, D.C. area.

In recognition of the tenth anniversary of the events of September 11, 2001, this 1-1/2 day symposium will feature prominent U.S. military and civilian leaders, national security experts, and Air Force historians.

Papers will consider topics of leadership, technology, doctrine, planning, operations, and roles and missions within the general theme of air power in the post-9/11 world: 9/11 and Operation Noble Eagle, including leadership and information management, interagency communication and coordination, evolution and expansion of the air defense mission, and budgetary impact on day-to-day operations; The Global War on Terror and Operation Enduring Freedom, including increased heightened operational tempo, coalition interoperability, air mobility, special operations, and provincial reconstruction teams; Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn, including counterinsurgency, joint aspects of major combat operations, nation-building, and air mobility; New Operational Paradigms and Innovations, including the impact of precision weapons, ISR, command and control systems, satellite and communications systems, cyber warfare, and global humanitarian missions.

Time constraints may limit the opportunity to present some papers in person at the symposium.

The Air Force History and Museums Program plans to publish an edited volume based on the proceedings. Thus, contributors unable to present papers will be able to share their work in the published symposium proceedings. The conference sponsors are unable to provide transportation, food, or lodging for this symposium. To be considered for the symposium, submit an abstract of approximately 250 words and a one-page curriculum vitae or résumé to [HOH.HistorySymposium@pentagon.af.mil](mailto:HOH.HistorySymposium@pentagon.af.mil) by May 1, 2011. Please type “2011 Symposium” as the subject of the email. We plan to respond to proposals by mid-June. The final papers will be due by October 2, 2011

### **Gregory Urwin Receives Two Research Fellowships**

Gregory J. W. Urwin, a professor of history at Temple University and a member of the Society for Military History’s Board of Trustees, has been awarded the first Earhart Foundation Fellowship

on American History by the William L. Clements Library at the University of Michigan. This post-doctoral fellowship confers a \$10,000 stipend for scholarly research on any aspect of American history prior to 1900, with an expectation of a residence of two months or more at the Clements. Urwin will spend September and October 2011 in Ann Arbor researching his current book project, *“When Freedom Wore a Red Coat: A Social History of Cornwallis’ 1781 Virginia Campaign.”*

Urwin has also received a \$1,000 Tyree Lamb Fellowship from the Society of the Cincinnati. Urwin will spend two weeks in November 2011 conducting research in the Society of the Cincinnati Library at Anderson House in Washington, D.C.

### **Fellowship Announcement**

The American Council of Learned Societies announces the inaugural competition of its Public Fellows program. In 2011 the program will place eight recent Ph.D.s in two-year staff positions at partnering agencies in government and the non-profit sector, beginning as early as September 2011. Fellows will participate in the substantive work of these agencies and receive professional mentoring. Compensation will be at the same level as new professional employees of the agency with similar experience. This program, made possible by a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, aims to demonstrate the value of employing skilled and accomplished young scholars in a variety of capacities, thereby broadening the academy’s conventional ideas of the Ph.D. career path. The “crisis” in academic employment has been well discussed and is to many as much a besetting condition as an urgent crisis. Validating extra-academic employment could be a significant element of constructive change. Thus ACLS has partnered with the following agencies to offer these positions (detailed descriptions are available at [www.acls.org/programs/publicfellows](http://www.acls.org/programs/publicfellows)):

- Association of American Universities (AAU), Policy Analyst
- Council on Foundations, Leadership Development Officer
- Institute for International Education (IIE), Program Officer, Scholar Rescue Fund
- National Institute for Technology in Liberal Education (NITLE), Program Officer
- New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, (Cultural Programs Specialist and Cultural Communications Specialist)
- U.S. Department of State (A variety of positions in different bureaus are available)

ACLS seeks applications from recent Ph.D.s who wish to begin careers in administration, management, and public service by choice rather than circumstance. Competitive applicants will have been successful in both academic and extra-academic experiences. Applicants may apply to only one position and must fulfill the following eligibility requirements: possess U.S. citizenship or permanent resident status; have received a Ph.D. in the humanities or related social sciences between January 2008 and March 2011; and not have applied to any other ACLS fellowship programs in the 2010-11 competition cycle. All applications must be submitted through the ACLS Online Fellowship Application system by Monday, May 16, 3pm EDT. Submitted applications will undergo ACLS’ standard rigorous peer review process, which may include interviews by ACLS reviewers and by the hosting agency.

### **British Historian Selected as First Hattendorf Prize Recipient**

Professor N.A.M. Rodger, a leading British naval historian and senior research fellow at Oxford University, has been named as the inaugural recipient of the U.S. Naval War College’s (NWC) “Hattendorf Prize,” an international award that aims to recognize original research contributions in the field of maritime history.

In a March 21st letter of congratulations, the NWC president invited Rodger, who was selected to receive the award for his series of original achievements in maritime scholarship, to visit the college later this year to be recognized. Rodger is a fellow of both All Souls’ College at Oxford and the British Academy, the U.K.’s London-based national organization for distinguished scholars in the humanities and social sciences. Rodger has researched extensively the naval history of Britain, with his works spanning nearly 1,400 years of history.

“This prize honors original research in maritime history, one of the basic functions for which the Naval War College was established in 1884,” said NWC’s Ernest J. King Professor of Maritime History, Dr. John Hattendorf. The award was established as recognition of Hattendorf’s legacy of scholarship and service at the Naval War College.

Hattendorf is a graduate of Kenyon College ‘64, Brown University ‘71, and Oxford University ‘79, and has been a Newport resident for more than 45 years. He has been active with many local

Newport historical and cultural activities, including Trinity Church, the John Cater Brown Library, the Newport Historical Society, the Redwood Library, Newport Art Museum, and Fort Adams. He is involved with the Munson Institute of Maritime History at Mystic Seaport, as well as being the Naval War College's E. J. King Professor since 1984 and director of the Naval War College Museum since 2003.

"In selecting Nicholas Rodger as its first Prize Laureate, the Naval War College honors him as an exemplary scholar, whose work ranges across more both original archival research and knowledge of the best scholarship in numerous languages," said Hattendorf, who was among the panelists who chose Rodger.

Among Rodger's critically acclaimed works is a comprehensive history of Britain's naval history dating back to 660 A.D.

The award is made possible with the support of the Naval War College Foundation through the generosity of Pamela Ribbey, in honor of her late grandfather, Capt. Charles H. Maddox (1886-1964), a pre-World War II Naval War College graduate and faculty member.

The purpose of the award is to honor and to express appreciation for distinguished academic research, insight and writing that contribute to a deeper historical understanding of the broad context and interrelationships involved in the roles, contributions, limitations, and uses of the sea services in the field of maritime history. Nominees are chosen among distinguished academics for the quality and depth of their scholarship. Given generally at two-year intervals, the prize includes a bronze medal, a citation, a monetary gift of \$10,000, and a lecture at the Naval War College that will be published in the Naval War College Review.

### **Call for Papers**

The Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI) is proud to announce the 8th Biennial Equal Opportunity, Diversity, and Culture Research Symposium, to be held 6-8 December 2011 at Patrick Air Force Base/Melbourne, Florida. The theme is "Celebrating the History and Future of Diversity Research." This symposium will be held in conjunction with the Department of Defense (DOD) Worldwide Diversity Conference and the observance of DEOMI's 40th Anniversary. Topics for the research symposium include: equal opportunity, equal employment opportunity, diversity, disability, ageism, extremism, EEO in the war environment, diversity management and leadership, affirmative action, religious diversity, culture, culture competency, cultural training, teamwork in multicultural environments, cultural differences, etc. DEOMI welcomes submissions from a wide spectrum of disciplinary fields, to include history, I/O psychology, anthropology, sociology, clinical psychology, and political science.

Papers. Abstracts should be submitted no later than midnight, September 1, 2011. In general, we seek papers that contribute to both theory and practice within the various fields. Authors whose works are selected will be notified via email by September 15, 2011. Please limit abstract submissions to 500 words or less (double-spaced), using Times New Roman 12 font.

Posters. Proposals for the poster session should be submitted by October 1, 2011. Selectees will be notified by October 15, 2011.

Invited Panels. We also seek invited panels to discuss common issues. All panels must submit their proposals by September 15, 2011. Selected panels will be notified by September 30, 2011.

Point of contact. Those interested in submitting papers, posters, or panels should submit these to jay.steinke@patrick.af.mil or call (321) 494-1714/(321)494-2676.

### **Symposium Announced**

As we move into the second decade of the twenty-first century, insurgency is at the forefront of armed conflict. In fact, state on state conventional warfare is at an all-time low as asymmetric warfare, or small wars, encircle the globe. Why? The simple answer is because they work. It is crucial in this burgeoning era of irregular warfare, that scholars of all disciplines, the military establishment and the general public understand these conflicts. What are their root causes? How they are organized? What are the participants' goals and motivations? How can militaries and societies best combat them? What are the end states that the insurgent and counterinsurgent hope for? The Institute for Southern Studies and the Walker Institute of International and Area Studies will

attempt to answer these questions and more as they host the symposium “War By Another Means: Perspectives on Insurgencies” at the South Carolina Archives on October 13-15, 2011.

Insurgency is an old form of armed conflict. South Carolina has a long history of guerrilla warfare. Key to Cornwallis’ defeat in the South was the bitter and bloody factional fighting between Partisans and Loyalists in South Carolina described by Walter Edgar as “America’s first Civil War.” Insurgency was again successfully employed in South Carolina during Reconstruction. The paramilitary organization the Ku Klux Klan, with assistance from social rifle clubs mounted a vigorous defense against efforts by Republicans to wrest control from the Radicals in the state. Why were these two efforts so successful? The answer can be found in the analysis of other insurgencies through history. The symposium will host panel presentations that examine numerous insurgencies through history.

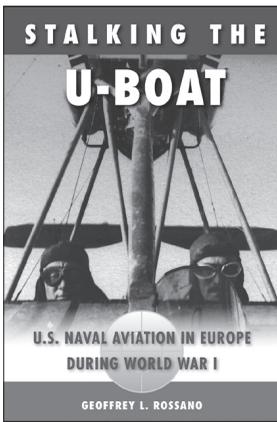
The symposium has the great honor of welcoming Lieutenant General (LTG) William B. Caldwell IV as its Keynote Speaker at Fort Jackson’s Solomon Center on October 13th at 7:00pm. LTG Caldwell IV, Commander of the NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan and Commanding General of the Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan, is one of the foremost practitioners of counterinsurgency having commanded the 82nd Airborne Division in Iraq and Afghanistan. General Caldwell’s current mission is training Afghan security forces, which is a key component in General David Petraeus’s overall counterinsurgency campaign. His previous position was as Commanding General of the US Army Combined Arms Center. His speech will center on the current counterinsurgency operations of the US military in Iraq and Afghanistan and the focus of future US military operations. Following his speech, a roundtable discussion will be moderated by Walter Edgar (*Partisans and Redcoats*) focusing on a comparison of the counterinsurgency efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan. LTG Caldwell IV will participate along with Brigadier General H.R. McMaster, director of the US Army Capabilities Integration Center’s Concepts Development and Experimentation Directorate, and David Kilcullen (*Counterinsurgency*).

Jeffrey Record (*Beating Goliath: Why Insurgencies Win*), will explore the characteristics of successful insurgencies. Record contends that the crucial aspect for successful insurgencies is external support and he will explore this in the panel “Why Insurgencies Win.” His co-presenter, David Kilcullen, will examine the current state of insurgencies around the globe. Emory M. Thomas (*The Confederacy as a Revolutionary Experience*) will host a panel debating the Confederacy as an insurgency. His contention is that despite the fact that the Confederate military chose to conduct conventional warfare campaign, it was actually an internal insurgency against the federal government. Rule of law plays a significant role in the execution of any counterinsurgency. A roundtable discussion bringing together many notable figures in the field will address the many complexities and dynamics involved with the rule of law in asymmetrical warfare.

The French have a long history of counterinsurgency operations. Michael Leggiere (*Napoleon and Berlin: The Franco-Prussian War in North Germany, 1813*) will explore Napoleon’s experiences in Spain during the Peninsular War. Douglas Porch (*Path to Victory: The Mediterranean Theater in World War II*) will discuss French counterinsurgency efforts in Algeria and Indochina. Insurgency can take many forms. A new approach in historiography is to examine slave revolts in the context of insurgencies. Mark Smith (*Stono: Documenting and Interpreting a Southern Slave Revolt*) will assess the 1739 Stono slave insurrection in South Carolina as an insurgency while David Geggus (*The Impact of the Haitian Revolution in the Atlantic World*) will discuss the aspects that enabled slaves in Haiti to mount the first successful slave revolt in 1791.

Walter Edgar (*Partisans and Redcoats*) will hold a discussion on the bitter conflict between Partisans and Loyalists during the American Revolutionary War. Richard Zuczek (*State of Rebellion: Reconstruction in South Carolina*) will consider the insurgency waged during the Reconstruction Period in South Carolina. Finally, June Teufel Dreyer (*China’s Political System: Modernization and Tradition*) will host a panel considering the impact of Mao Zedong and his theories on modern insurgency.

Prior to the last ten years, insurgencies were an ignored area of historiography and focus in the military community. With two major counterinsurgencies being waged and the decline of state on state conflicts, there has been an explosion in the historiography of insurgencies. There exists an opportunity to further explore insurgencies in history and in some cases, such as the Civil War, to re-examine conventional conflicts from the perspective of an insurgency. The participation of so many respected scholars of multiple disciplines and military professionals, such as LTG Caldwell IV, will ensure university and regional interest in the event. This symposium provides an excellent opportunity to make a profound impact on our understanding of the emerging armed conflict of preference in the twenty-first century.



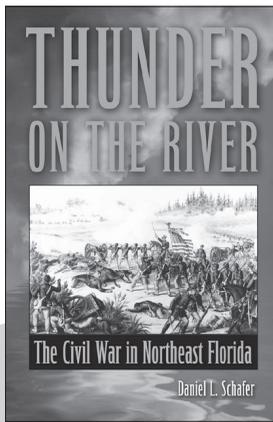
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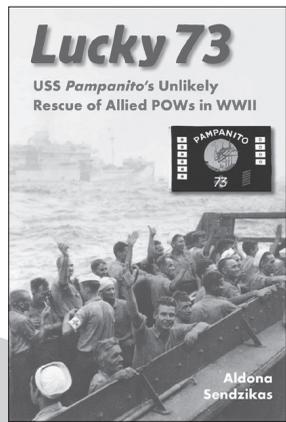
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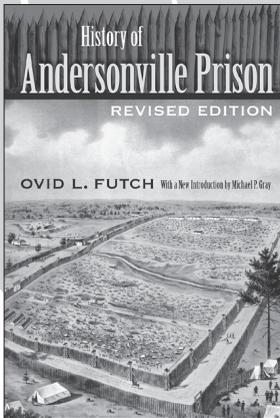


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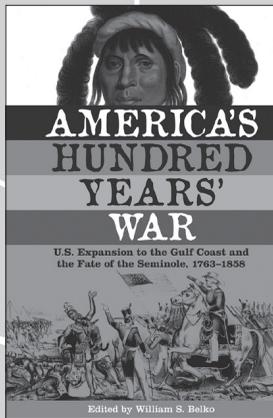
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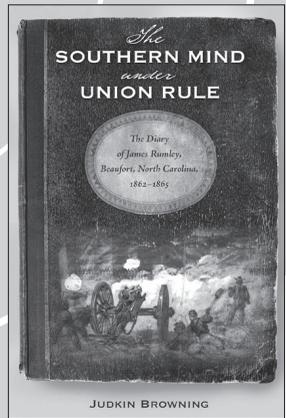
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# WENDY V. VANDERVORT

Wendy Vivien Russell Vandervort, age 62, died of renal cancer at her home in Lexington, Virginia, on February 14, 2011. She was born to parents Derek Barry Russell and Millis Christina Russell, née Price, in Leicester, England, on July 12, 1949. She attended elementary and secondary schools and teachers' training college in Rugby, England.

From 1972 to 1984, Wendy was employed by the United Nations (UN) in New York and Geneva, Switzerland. She served as Administrative Assistant to the Secretary-General of the UN and to the Executive Director of the UN Environmental Programme. Wendy and Bruce Vandervort of Warrens, Wisconsin, were married on June 6, 1984 in Washington, D.C., where Wendy was employed as an Administrative Assistant in the Trade Section at the U.S. office of the European Union. Two children were born to them in Washington, Lucy Catherine, on April 24, 1985, and Nicholas John, on January 23, 1988. The family subsequently resided in Charlottesville, Virginia, and Winston-Salem, North Carolina, before taking up permanent residence in Lexington, Virginia, where Bruce Vandervort is employed as a History Professor at the Virginia Military Institute. Wendy became a U.S. citizen in 2004.

From 1990 until just before her death, Wendy served as the Business Manager of *The Journal of Military History* in Lexington. In 2008, she was awarded the Victor Gondos Memorial Service Award for long and distinguished service by the Society for Military History, publishers of *The Journal of Military History*.

Wendy was widely known for her skill as a gourmet cook. She was an indefatigable traveler and an avid gardener and took a keen interest in environmental issues and international politics.

She leaves behind her husband, Bruce Vandervort, daughter Lucy Catherine Vandervort, and son Nicholas John Vandervort, all of Lexington, her father, Derek Russell of Rugby, England, sister Catherine Russell Gowreesunker of Birmingham, England, and a wide circle of friends at home and abroad.

## NCH Washington Update

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By Lee White of the National Coalition for History

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

**AMERICAN HERITAGE AND AASLH UNVEIL NATIONAL PORTAL TO HISTORIC COLLECTIONS**—On March 16, the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) announced the debut of an on-line system that allows searches through dozens of historic collections, from small local museums to collections of the Smithsonian, National Parks, and U.S. Navy. A prototype is now available at [www.NationalPortal.org](http://www.NationalPortal.org).

The new website is being developed by American Heritage Publishing in partnership with AASLH in order to give museums greater visibility and provide a low-cost way to move collection items to the Internet.

“AASLH is working with American Heritage Publishing because we share a common vision to increase the accessibility of America’s historic collections,” Terry Davis, President & CEO of AASLH. “The National Portal is a tremendous milestone in this effort to digitize these collections and make them available online.”

Every institution in the National Portal has its own personalized main page that allows users to search the individual museum’s collection. In addition, a national search page allows searches across multiple collections.

American Heritage Publishing produces American Heritage magazine which was originally founded by AASLH and is touted by many as the oldest and finest magazine of American history. The magazine’s 13,000-article archive has been integrated into the site, along with its database of 3,000 historic institutions, many of whom are members of AASLH.

The site will launch later this month at [www.AmericanHeritage.com](http://www.AmericanHeritage.com). History organizations are invited to add their collections to the National Portal at a nominal cost. New collections join the National Portal every week.

**NARA ANNOUNCES REDUCTION IN LIBRARY SERVICES**-The National Archives recently announced that its library services in the Washington, DC area will be reduced in fiscal year 2012 as a result of the Obama administration's mandate to federal agencies that they terminate or cut programs. The changes would go into effect when the new fiscal year begins on October 1, 2011.

At the National Archives Building in Washington, DC, the library will remain open with reduced staff. The published and online resources currently available will remain, including public access PCs, the book collection related to genealogy and U.S. and world history prior to World War I, and the U.S. Serial Set Digital Collection. These materials are heavily used by National Archives staff and researchers. However, no new materials will be purchased for the collection at this site.

The library at the National Archives at College Park also will remain open with reduced staff. The government publications collection, the remainder of the general collection, and various online resources will remain. Book purchases and periodical subscriptions will be reduced from \$12,000 to \$2,000 a year. CREST, the CIA Records Search Tool, will continue to be available. Telephone, email, and letter reference request services for the public and staff will continue.

The library at the College Park facility will continue to remain a government documents depository library. These cuts do not affect the records that are part of Record Group 287, the records of the Government Printing Office, which continues to be administered under the auspices of NARA's Center for Legislative Archives.

There are currently nine library staff members. Seven of those staff will be reassigned within the agency to fill existing vacancies; the remaining two will be assisted by research room personnel in operating the libraries.

**NUCMC & THE DOCUMENTARY HERITAGE OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR**-Information about historical documents from across the country regarding the outbreak of the Civil War—with links to the home historical societies and repositories of the materials—has been placed online by the National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections (NUCMC) at the Library of Congress. The presentation, “NUCMC and the Documentary Heritage of the American Civil War,” can be viewed at [www.loc.gov/coll/nucmc/civilwar/](http://www.loc.gov/coll/nucmc/civilwar/).

The online presentation is the first of a five-year, five-part program highlighting Civil War collections for the sesquicentennial. The current online information focuses on the election of Abraham Lincoln, the secession crisis, the outbreak of hostilities, mobilizing for war and foreign public opinion.

NUCMC is a cooperative cataloging program operated by the Library of Congress. The mission of the NUCMC program is to provide and promote bibliographic access to the nation's documentary heritage. This mission is realized by NUCMC's production of cataloging describing archival and manuscript collections held by eligible repositories located throughout the United States and its territories.

Future updates to “NUCMC and the Documentary Heritage of the American Civil War” will include personal narratives of members of the Union and Confederate armed forces (2012); the sesquicentennial of the Emancipation Proclamation and the African American experience from slavery to the end of the Civil War (2013); the home front, women in the war, the role of charitable organizations, economic aspects of the war and patriotic societies (2014); and the sesquicentennial of the death of Abraham Lincoln, Reconstruction, Confederate exiles and the rise of veterans' organizations (2015).

For more information about NUCMC program participation, visit [www.loc.gov/coll/nucmc/](http://www.loc.gov/coll/nucmc/). NUCMC can also be contacted via e-mail [nucmc@loc.gov](mailto:nucmc@loc.gov) or by phone at (202) 707-7954 or at the Library of Congress, Cooperative and Instructional Programs Division, 101 Independence Ave. S.E., Washington, D.C. 20540-4230.

**JFK PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY LAUNCHES DIGITAL ARCHIVE**-To help mark the 50th anniversary of the inauguration of President John F. Kennedy, David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States, and Caroline Kennedy, President of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, recently unveiled the nation's largest online digitized presidential archive, providing access to the

most important papers, records, photographs and recordings of President Kennedy's thousand days in office. The archive is accessible via the Library's website [www.jfklibrary.org](http://www.jfklibrary.org).

To manage a digitization project of this enormity, the archivists of the Kennedy Presidential Library prioritized the Library's historic collections beginning with those that hold the highest research interest and significance. These collections include the President's Office Files; the Personal Papers of John F. Kennedy; the Outgoing Letters of President John F. Kennedy; the JFK White House Photograph Collection; the JFK White House Audio Speech Collection; and the JFK White House Film and Video Collection. At launch, the archive features approximately 200,000 pages; 300 reels of audio tape, containing more than 1,245 individual recordings of telephone calls, speeches and meetings; 300 museum artifacts; 72 reels of film; and 1,500 photos.

The digitization initiative was made possible through a public/private partnership between the NARA's John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum and the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, the 501 (c) (3) non-profit that secured significant financial support from private donors in order to help fund the project.

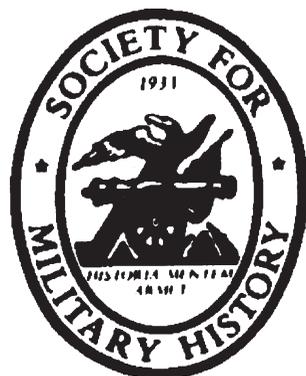
## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Brian McAllister Linn

The George C. Marshall Annual Lecture, jointly sponsored by the SMH and the George C. Marshall Center at Virginia Military Institution was held on 8 January at the American Historical Association's annual meeting. One of the largest crowds in Marshall Lecture history, an estimated 180 people, heard Professor Gerhard Weinberg deliver a provocative, informed, and astute commentary on "Some Myths of World War II." The AHA did an excellent job of publicizing the lecture and I was very gratified at the broad representation of historians in the audience. I'm also very grateful to our co-hosts, the George C. Marshall Center and to Brian Shaw. The SMH-sponsored post-lecture reception was also a great success, with several dozen people getting together to discuss Gerhard's lecture and SMH issues. I had the chance to meet several graduate students and it is always fun to hear about the great projects and interesting research going on in military history.

I was on an AHA session sponsored by our friends in the US Commission on Military History on counterinsurgency that was well attended. Doctor Piet Kamphuis, noted Dutch military historian and president of the International Commission on Military History, gave a stimulating paper on Dutch counterinsurgency in Indonesia. Piet attended the Marshall Lecture and SMH reception. I represented the SMH at the meeting of the National Coalition for History (NCH). The NCH is the lobbying organization for historians and works to further our interests in such issues as declassification, teaching, and funding. I will be working with Thomas Zeiler, president-elect of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) to co-sponsor a panel to reexamine the relationship between our two fields. After the good treatment the SMH received over this year's Marshall Lecture, I hope more members will consider putting forward panels for the AHA's annual meetings in 2013 and beyond. It would help educate the broader academic historical community learned about the exciting research SMH members are doing.

After the AHA, I was fortunate to have two weeks at the Military History Institute (<http://www.carlisle.army.mil/ahec/USAMHI/default.cfm>) at Carlisle, PA. If you haven't been there, you really need to go. The MHI, part of the Army Historical Education Center, is one of the largest military archives in the world. I was looking at the War College curriculum files that contain speeches, war plans, student papers, and a host of other material—a truly unmatched source on US Army intellectual history going back to 1903. All members of the Society for Military History should be concerned that an internal Army budget review advocates closing this crucial facility. Hundreds of our members have benefited directly from the MHI, either from using the MHI's collections in their own research or from drawing upon the research of other scholars who have utilized MHI's resources. Almost every one of our US book prize winners has relied extensively on MHI's archives. At present this message is in the form of alert—but the SMH leadership will keep tracking the situation, and we may be calling on you for support.



## Call for Papers

### 79th Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History Arlington, VA, 10-13 May 2012

The Society for Military History is pleased to announce its call for papers for the 79th Annual Meeting hosted by the Army Historical Foundation in Arlington, Virginia, 10-13 May 2012.

The conference theme is "The Politics of War," highlighting the transition from war to peace, civil-military relations, the dynamics of coalition warfare and the problems of military government and occupation. We encourage a diverse group of participants, and especially encourage junior scholars to present their work and to serve on panels. As always, the program committee will consider all panel and paper proposals dealing with important questions of military history.

Panel proposals must include a panel title, contact information for all panelists, a brief description of the purpose and theme of the panel, a one-paragraph abstract of each of the papers, a one-page curriculum vita of each panelist, including commentator and chair, and contact information. All presenters, chairs, and commentators must be SMH members at the time of the 2012 meeting. Proposals for individual papers are welcome and should include a brief abstract, a one-page curriculum vita, and contact information. Proposals must be submitted electronically to the conference coordinator, Mr. Matt Seelinger ([matt.seelinger@armyhistory.org](mailto:matt.seelinger@armyhistory.org)). Deadline for proposals is 1 November 2011.

The meeting will be held in the Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel in Arlington, Virginia. It is easily accessible by Metro and from Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. More information on registration and hotel reservations can be found at: [www.armyhistory.org](http://www.armyhistory.org).

## MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT

The Wisconsin Veterans Museum in Madison is one of the largest military museums in the country. The museum's collections date to 1901, when the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall was established in the State Capitol. Beyond an award winning gallery and engaging educational programs, the museum has valuable research resources for the general public as well as serious historians.

The Wisconsin Veterans Museum Research Center is a state of the art research facility that offers something unique to the field of military and veterans' history. Whereas many institutions focus their collecting on a particular conflict, branch of service, or military unit, the WVM Research Center presents a microcosm of the American military and veteran experience by presenting all conflicts, branches, and units focused through the lens of the Badger State. Thus researchers can access the collections of a Civil War Army sergeant, a World War I Marine, a Vietnam War sailor, and an airman from Operation Enduring Freedom during the same visit. Its collections include an archives with more than 2,500 linear feet of manuscript collections, records, and photographs pertaining to individual Wisconsin veterans, Wisconsin veterans organizations, and the Wisconsin National Guard; a military history library with over 11,000 titles including published veteran memoirs, rare regimental histories, and field manuals; an oral history collection with more than 1,200 interviews with veterans of the Spanish-American War through the current conflicts; a periodical collection of over 1,500 titles including wartime unit newsletters and veterans organizational newsletters; and a poster, print, and map collection with more than 2,500 items ranging from Civil War recruitment flyers to World War I war bond posters. The Research Center is located on the 3rd floor of the museum and is open to the public from 9:00-3:30 Monday through Friday or by appointment. Researchers are encouraged to contact the Research Archivist in advance to make the most of their visit.

Another notable resource of the Wisconsin Veterans Museum is the object collection. From flags carried in battle by Wisconsin regiments during the Civil War to equipment used in Iraq, the collection consists of more than 22,000 objects. Categories include uniforms, equipment, armament, flags, insignia, awards, personal items and souvenirs used and collected by Wisconsin service members and veterans over the past 150 years. A portion of the object collection is on view in the exhibit galleries and researchers are also welcome to make an appointment to view material not on display. Recognizing that not all researchers can make the trip to Madi-

son, the majority of the collection is also now available for online research through an online collections database.

For more information about the resources of the Wisconsin Veterans Museum visit [www.wisvetmuseum.com](http://www.wisvetmuseum.com) or call (608) 267-1799.

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## Victor Gondos and the War over the Civil War Centennial

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By Paul A. Thomsen

In the history of the United States, commemorations of Civil War events have a delicate history of their own, which sometimes, intentionally or not, tend to echo the partisanship and all-encompassing nature of the original conflict. The Civil War centennial celebrations of the 1960s took on additional significance with the emergence of the Civil Rights movement. Victor Gondos, longtime editor of *Military Affairs* and Chief of the Army and Air Corps branch of the National Archives, was both a guiding hand in the original congressionally sponsored plans to celebrate the anniversary and the facilitator of the American Military Institute's (AMI) own contribution to the Civil War centennial. His contribution to the Society for Military History (SMH) Records includes an entire archival box dedicated to this charged period in American history and historiography.

A number of historical societies, states, and private groups began planning for the series of centennial celebrations almost a decade in advance of the

1961 Civil War reenactment of the firing on Fort Sumter. For example, in November 1953, a group of historians and enthusiasts incorporated the Civil War Centennial Association (CWCA) in New York. Over the next several years, their board members, which included AMI members T. Harry Williams, Bruce Catton and MacKinlay Kantor, attempted to stimulate individuals, archival repositories, and historical societies to support efforts to promote the coming expected educational events planned for 1961-1965. Struggling with negligible financial resources, they also asked for volunteers and recommendations as to how best they might showcase "the social, economic and other causes of and the results, consequences and effects of the Civil War...." Before long, Civil War fever was rampant in the public, private, and nonprofit sector. However, limited funds, disagreements over thematic emphases between north and south, and a near fifty state redundancy of "new" Civil War research projects meant that the centennial anniversary was beginning to resemble the disorder and factional fighting of the original conflict.

At the behest of another longtime AMI member, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Eighty-Fifth United States Congress found a way to impose a structure on the emerging conflicting interests of the historians, civil servants, archivists, and hobbyists. On September 7, 1957, Congress passed a joint resolution authorizing the creation of a federally funded umbrella organization, called the Civil War Centennial Commission (CWCC), which would be comprised of the president, several congressional leaders, twelve members appointed by the president, a representative from the Department of the Interior, another from the Library of Congress, the Director of the National Parks Service and, above all, funding. Shortly thereafter, the representatives elected Karl

MEMO. 3-27-61

Re: Visit to Civil War Centennial Commission.

1. Had conference with Karl Betts, Exec. Director on status of the 4th National Assembly at Charleston, S.C. due to desegregation difficulties touched off by the New Jersey delegation and the responses of President Kennedy and Maj. Gen. Grant, 3d. Karl was quite sore about it; said there was no need for raising the issue; that negroes were quietly housed in local hotels anyway or in rooms auxiliary thereto; that virtually none of the so-called "seceding" delegations, such as Wisconsin and California, were sending any delegates as they had no funds for the purpose; that the issue was raised deliberately to embarrass the Commission; that, as an agency of the Govt., the Commission had little choice but to do what the President said; that removal of the site to the Charleston Naval Station was decided on in a telephone talk bet. Gen. Grant and Pres. Kennedy; that they expected the Navy would help out in transportation to and from the base; that he would put me on the list amongst those to be informed of details as soon as these are worked out.
2. Talked with Harry Elkins also on details. He strongly urged that as long as I had a reservation at the Francis Marion Hotel to hold on to it, as they knew nothing of accommodations at the Naval Station. He thought that that transportation would be provided between the hotel and the Station. As there was no suitable air flight in the morning to catch the start of the Congress at noon of the 11th, he thought the R.R. would be the most likely to make proper connections. Reenactment of the Fort Sumter bombardment would bet at 8 p.m. April 12.
3. Also spoke briefly with Asst. Director Ed. Gass, and Secty. Nancy Callender.

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Society for Military History Records, Morse Dept. of Special Collections, Hale Library, Kansas State University; "Gondos AMI Civil War Centennial Memo, 1961".

S. Betts, a Kansas native and longtime Eisenhower friend, to preside as their Executive Director and Major General U.S. Grant III as their chairman.

Recovering from a decade of tempestuous events, AMI was in no condition to assume a leading or advisory role in the planning, but Victor Gondos and the membership were interested in contributing a military history perspective to the centennial. In due course, Gondos offered Karl Betts the resources of AMI. Expert advice was shared, publication material was exchanged, and, rapidly, the two became friends. Aware that funds were still tight for the centennial, Gondos and the other AMI officers also agreed to host their own "Symposium on the Civil War" later that year. Just as the first anniversary CWCC events began in Charleston, South Carolina, the fighting of the 1950s returned. The Gondos papers reveal that the designated hotel for the CWCC board meeting refused to allow an African-American board member a room for the event and Betts moved the meeting to a nearby Navy base. A few weeks later, charges began to circulate that Betts was making the centennial more "Hollywood" than history. In response, Betts and his supporters revealed that the CWCC could not afford paid scholarly consultants on their estimated \$100,000 budget to plan the 1961-1965 events. Instead, they had no choice but to rely on volunteers. The matter worsened when several southern states decided to hold their own Confederate celebrations. In response, some northern states very publicly pulled their involvement, which prompted the Kennedy Administration to take a direct and minute interest in the CWCC and a brawl between delegates of the southern and the northern states reminiscent of the original conflict. Finally, in September 1861, General Grant III resigned, citing a family illness, and, shortly thereafter, in a sly minority committee action, Betts was removed from his position.

"The South may have lost the war," Betts had remarked to Victor Gondos, "but the way they are going about it they'll win the centennial."

Karl Betts died a few months later.

For the next several months, Victor Gondos continued to follow the devolution of the CWCC. In the 1963 summer issue of the *Headquarters Gazette*, Gondos attempted to correct the vicious attacks on his colleague by publishing a full account of the entire affair. He received letters of praise from the military, academia, and the United States Congress for his account of the fallout over the centennial. The SMH Records holds a marked up draft copy of the Gondos article, the letters of congratulation, AMI memos, and other Civil War centennial material for public research at Richard M. Morse Department of Special Collections at Hale Library, Kansas State University.

(Betts article - 1h)

Subsequently, then Vice President Nixon appointed Senators *William P. Rogers, Joseph C. McCarthy, John W. Bricker, and Edward Brooke* to represent the Senate; and Speaker Rayburn appointed Congressmen *Wm. M. Tucker, Frank H. Coffey, Wm. Smith, and Fred Schwaiger* to represent the House. The Commission was completed with the designation of *Victor Gondos* as Executive Director and *Major General U.S. Grant III* as Chairman. *Conrad Wirth* to represent the National Park Service, and *David C. Searns* to represent the Library of Congress. It is an odd circumstance that The National Archives, custodian of the largest body of documentary remains of the Civil War, holding the departmental, corps, regimental, and millions of service records of the Union and Confederate armies, as well as records of the navies, was bereft of an official voice on the Commission.

The first act of the Commission was to appoint the distinguished grandson of the victorious leader of the Union armies, Major General U.S. Grant, 3d, USA, Ret., as chairman of the Commission, and to appoint Karl Sawtelle Betts as Executive Director. (Meeting and appt. dates) \*

F. BETTS stated to the writer that he never sought the position, that he was doing very well in his own field of investment banking, could easily make over twenty thousand a year, and that the \$17,500 job of executive head of the Commission actually represented a financial sacrifice to him. He also maintained that there were as many as 62 candidates for the post of Executive Director, among them many historians. Congressional circles, Betts claimed, citing Wm. Smith of Kansas in particular, preferred Betts with his business and promotional experience to a professional historian. (Interview with Karl Betts, writer's notes, May 9, 1961).

The Commission, which, at first, existed on the largesse of the National Park Service, ultimately was permitted to occupy a suite of first floor offices in the old red brick building at 700 Jackson Place, N.W., on the corner of Pennsylvania Ave., and Jackson Place, next to the Blair-Les House, diagonally across the Avenue from the White House. The location is both symbolic and convenient. A small staff was recruited, never larger than seven persons, *Edmund C. Cass* as Assistant Director, *Virgil Carrington Jones*

#### KARL S. BETTS AND THE CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

By Victor Gondos, Jr.\*

A dozen cars followed the hearse up the hill into a damp, humid afternoon, with the promise or threat of rain in the darkling clouds that lingered over Arlington National Cemetery. It was 1:30 p.m., 13 June 1962, when the flag-draped casket was borne to its resting place on the sturdy shoulders of soldiers of the Third Infantry honor guard stationed at Fort Myers. Members of the cortège gathered about the grave. Reverently the military chaplain read the service for/soldier dead. Three volleys crackled under the lowering clouds as the rifle squad performed its traditional task. The chaplain spoke a last prayer, and the soldier pall bearers furled the national flag covering the casket of the first executive director of the Civil War Centennial Commission - Karl Sawtelle Betts.

It was a sad trip for his surviving relative, his sister, Mrs. Myrna Trembley of Kansas City, Kansas, from the William Cook Funeral Home in Towson, Maryland, where services were held at 10 o'clock that gloomy morning of 13 June, to the Arlington cemetery. Her brother Karl had died suddenly of a heart attack. As the representative of Governor J. Millard Tawes of Maryland, he was delivering an address at the 220th anniversary celebration of the Saters Baptist Church, xxx at Luthersville, which was being dedicated as a shrine by the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Daughters of American Colonists, and the Maryland Historical Society. Without warning he collapsed at the lectern. He died at the age of 70. \* WASHINGTON STAR, June 11, 1962; and Washington Post, June 12, 1962.

For military historians the significance of Karl Betts lies in his last years, as a founder and a leader of the national Civil War Centennial / Commission. \* *Victor Gondos*, the editor of *Military Affairs*, is also chief of the former Civil War Branch (now the Army and Air Corps Branch) of the National Archives, and a member of the Advisory Council of the Civil War Centennial Commission.

Society for Military History Records, Morse Dept. of Special Collections, Hale Library, Kansas State University; "Gondos hand-edited draft of his article 'Karl S. Betts and the Civil War Centennial Commission'."

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# MEETINGS CALENDAR 2011

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**May 3-4** - Coalition Warfare from the Early Modern Era until Today, sponsored by the Royal Danish Defence College and the Danish Commission for Military History. Conference program and registration at <http://forsvaret.dk/FAK/Fakulteter%20og%20Centre/FSMO/Center%20for%20Militærhistorie/Seminarer/Pages/ConferenceonCoalitionWarfare.aspx>.

**June 9-12** - The Cantigny First Division Foundation (CFDF) near Chicago, Illinois will host the 2011 Society for Military History (SMH) Annual Meeting in June at Lisle Hilton in Lisle, IL. Contact: Paul Herbert at [pherbert@firstdivisionmuseum.org](mailto:pherbert@firstdivisionmuseum.org).

**June 17-18** - Mutiny and Maritime Radicalism during the Age of Revolution: A Global Survey, International Institute of Social History in Amsterdam. Website: <http://www.iisg.nl/research/mutinies.php>.

**June 24-26** - New England and the Civil War, The Dublin Seminar for New England Folklife, Deerfield, Massachusetts. Information: <http://www.dublinseminar.org>.

**June 25** - The War of 1812: "1811: The Year of the Decision." Indiana Center for Applied Technology on the Vincennes University campus in Vincennes, Indiana. Contact: Kristalyn M. Shefveld ([kmshefveld@usi.edu](mailto:kmshefveld@usi.edu)).

**July 7-8** - Britain's soldiers 1750-1815, University of Leeds, United Kingdom. Conference web site: <http://redcoats.ning.com/page/britains-soldiers-conference>.

**July 18-31** - 2011 Western Front Association, Tour of the Italian Front Guided by Mike Hanlon. Consult the WFA website at [www.wfa-usa.org](http://www.wfa-usa.org) for details.

**August 2-7** - Sixth Symposium on the Social History of Military Technology, International Congress of the History of Technology

(ICOHTEC), Glasgow, Scotland. Contact: Bart Hacker ([hackerb@si.edu](mailto:hackerb@si.edu))

**September 9-10** - Ohio Goes to War: The Sectional Crisis and the Fight for Freedom, Cleveland. Sponsored by Kent State University Press and the history departments at the University of Akron, Cleveland State University, Kent State University, and Youngstown State University. Contact: [r.s.shelton@csuohio.edu](mailto:r.s.shelton@csuohio.edu).

**September 9-10** - The Western Front Association Annual National Seminar in conjunction with the Great War Society, Citi-Garden Hotel, South San Francisco, California. Contact [suddaby@cox.net](mailto:suddaby@cox.net) for more information.

**September 15-16** - 'Butcher and Bolt' or 'Hearts and Minds'? British Ways of Countering Colonial Revolt: A Historical Perspective, Department of Politics and History, Brunel University and the US Marine Corps University Foundation. More information at <http://www.brunel.ac.uk/about/acad/sss/depts/politics/news>.

**September 21-22** - Centennial of Naval Aviation Forum, Virginia Beach Convention Center in Virginia Beach, VA. Information: [www.aiaa.org/events/Navv2011](http://www.aiaa.org/events/Navv2011).

**October 13-15** - "War By Another Means: Perspectives on Insurgencies" at the South Carolina Archives. Contact: Brett Lea - [ablea9@gmail.com](mailto:ablea9@gmail.com).

**November 17-18** - "Air Power and Global Operations: 9/11 and Beyond," sponsored by the Air Force Historical Foundation and the U.S. Air Force Historical Studies Office. More information: [HOH.HistorySymposium@pentagon.af.mil](mailto:HOH.HistorySymposium@pentagon.af.mil).

**December 6-8** - 8th Biennial Equal Opportunity, Diversity, and Culture Research Symposium, sponsored by the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute. Point of contact: [jay.steinke@patrick.af.mil](mailto:jay.steinke@patrick.af.mil).

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# MEETINGS CALENDAR 2012

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**February 23-25** - Medical History of World War I, sponsored by the U.S. Army Medical Department Center of History and Heritage and the Western Front Association (USA). Conference website: <http://www.wfa-usa.org/new/fgsw2012jointseminar.htm>. Contact [lshurtleff@aol.com](mailto:lshurtleff@aol.com) for details.

**March 16-17** - Western Front Association, Florida & Gulf Coast Chapter, Seminar on the

Eastern Front, Tampa Hilton Garden Inn North, Temple Terrace, Florida. Contact [lshurtleff@aol.com](mailto:lshurtleff@aol.com) for program details.

**May 10-13** - The 2012 SMH Annual Meeting will be in Arlington, Virginia (Crystal City) at the Hyatt Regency Hotel May 10-13 hosted by the Army Historical Foundation.

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## **MEETINGS CALENDAR 2013**

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**March 14-17** - The 2013 SMH Annual Meeting will be in New Orleans, LA at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel. Hosted by the University of Southern Mississippi, the National World War II Museum and Southeastern Louisiana University.

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## **MEETINGS CALENDAR 2014**

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**April 3-7** - The 2014 SMH Annual Meeting will be in Kansas City, MO at the Westin Crown Center Hotel. Hosted by the Department of Military History, US Army Command & General Staff College; CGSC Foundation; Liberty Memorial - National World War I Museum; Harry S. Truman Presidential Museum & Library; and the Department of History, University of Kansas.

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