

Bryon Greenwald, Ph.D. Vice Presidential Candidate Statement

I am honored to apply and be chosen by the Trustees as a Vice-Presidential finalist. Our Society is full of excellent historians and amazing, welcoming people, many of whom I have worked with over the last 20 years. As VP, I want to maintain our welcoming atmosphere, expand our membership among different communities, and ensure our Society retains the admiration of other professional societies.

As the last Society member to coordinate an Annual Meeting before we employed an event company, I believe we lose something intangible when we are not also allied with a local history department and will work to reinvigorate partnerships with military and civilian institutions. I will also work with our event company and corporate/philanthropic sponsors to improve the “bang for the buck” members get for their conference registration fee.

One of our Society’s most important responsibilities is to grow its next generation of members and leaders. I will champion our interaction with young scholars and practitioners and grow the next generation of senior civilian and military leaders who call our Society home.

In closing, thank you for considering me for the SMH Vice Presidency. I want to grow our Society, expand our audience, solicit external financial support, and provide you with more “bang for your conference buck.” I take these responsibilities seriously, but am humble enough to know that your ideas, feedback, and support are the foundation of any sustainable effort. So, let’s team up, move our Society forward, and have a great time while doing it.

Bryon Greenwald, Ph.D. SMH Vice Presidential Candidate Bio

After West Point, I spent 27 years in the Army during which I commanded a Patriot Battalion and the Garrison at Fort Bliss, Texas. As the military mayor at the tippy point of Texas, I led 2,600 personnel; managed a \$300 million budget; trained, equipped, and deployed over 32,000 people to the GWOT; and most notably, convinced the 2005 BRAC decision-makers to move 30,000 soldiers and family-members to Fort Bliss and commit over \$4 Billion in new facilities construction.

The greatest blessing of my Army career, however, was to attend graduate school and teach military history at West Point. That experience exposed me to a universe of talented scholars, many of whom—as my cv clearly illustrates—I strive to emulate still. It also set the stage for my second career. Upon retiring, I removed my rank, boxed up my awards, and taught military history at a Defense Department war college as a civilian, a profession I take as seriously as I did my Army service.

Throughout, I have built cohesive teams with high morale that achieved considerable success. That ability served me well as my college's Dean of Academics and as the University's Deputy/Acting Provost, where I helped resurrect the academic operations of both offices. Along the way, I championed inclusivity and gave everyone a seat at the table. While I owned the responsibility, I gladly shared the task, welcomed the support, and cheered the team's accomplishments. I hope to do the same for you as your SMH VP.

BRYON GREENWALD, Ph.D.
NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Doctor of Philosophy in History, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Masters of Science in National Security Strategy, The National War College

Masters of Military Art and Science (MMAS), The School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS), The Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

Master of Arts in History, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Bachelor of Science, The United States Military Academy, West Point, New York

CURRENT POSITION and DUTIES

Professor of Military History and Theory, Joint Advanced Warfighting School,
Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2021 – 2023 Deputy University Provost/Acting Provost, National Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington, DC

2013 – 2021 Professor of Military History and Theory, Joint Advanced Warfighting School,
Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia (2013 - 2021)

2012 (Mar) – 2013 (Sep) JFSC Dean of Faculty and Academic Programs & JAWS faculty

2008 – Assistant (2008-2011) & Associate Professor (2012-13), Military History and Theory,
Joint Advanced Warfighting School, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA

2002 – 2003 Student, National War College, Washington, DC
Wrote and presented: *Understanding Change: An Intellectual and Practical Study of Military Innovation*, 518 pp.

1991 – 1993 Assistant Professor and Executive Officer, Department of History, United States
Military Academy (USMA), West Point, NY

PREVIOUS MILITARY LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

2005 – 2008 Chief of Staff, US Joint Forces Command, J8, Norfolk, VA

2003 – 2005 Garrison Commander (Military Mayor), Fort Bliss, TX

1999 – 2001 Patriot Battalion Commander (2-43 ADA), Fort Bliss, TX

RELATED ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITIES

Director of Research, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia (2018 – 2021)

Editorial Board Member, *Joint Force Quarterly* (2016 – present)

Trustee, Society for Military History (Term: 2017-2021)

Conference Coordinator, Society for Military History 2021 Conference, Norfolk, VA May 2021

NDU Culture and Climate Advisory Council (2024 – present)

TEACHING and RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

JFSC/JAWS Courses Taught:

- JAWS Theory and History of War (semester block)
- JAWS Civil-Military Relations
- JAWS *Recognize, Anticipate, Respond, & Lead: Historical Perspectives on Innovation & Change*
- JAWS Normandy Staff Ride (led AY 09-10, 10-11, & 11-12; team taught AY 12-13 to AY 19)
- Led JAWS expansion of outcomes-based assessments

Masters Theses chaired: 73 (*26 college award winners*) (2008 – 2021)

SMH Student Presentations Mentored: 32 (2008-2021)

2019, 2010 Received the JFSC Faculty Excellence Award

2015 - 2021 Elective on Innovation and Change, *consistently the most sought-after JAWS elective*
& 2024

2013 - 2024 Guest Lecturer -- US Army Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation

2010 - 2024 16 Normandy Staff Rides for JAWS, WHINSEC, and other groups

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Current Projects:

The Struggle for Legitimacy: Antiaircraft Artillery and the U.S. Army, 1917-1941

Clear the Skies: American Antiaircraft Artillery and the Fight for the Heavens, 1941-1945

Publications:

Forthcoming: “*Admiring, Desiring, and Requiring: The Growing Acceptance of African American Soldiers in World War II*” in Chuck Allen and John Nagl eds, *A More Perfect Union: Maximizing America’s Warfighting Potential*, (Carlisle, US Army War College Press), 2025

“What the World War II Black Cannoneer Can Teach Us about Diversity, Inclusion, and Combat Readiness,” U.S. Army Field Artillery Association, 22 February 2024, [What the World War II Black Cannoneer Can Teach Us about Diversity, Inclusion, and Combat Readiness - United States Field Artillery Association](#)

“What the WWII Black Combat Soldier can Teach us about Diversity and Inclusion today,” *Joint Force Quarterly* Winter 2023.

“Where Did All the WWII US Army Black Combat Soldiers Go?,” for the Dale Center blog, *Reflections on War and Society*. September 15, 2021, <https://dalecentersouthernmiss.wordpress.com/2021/09/15/where-did-all-the-wwii-us-army-black-combat-soldiers-go/>

“Like Any Invasion, the Pentagon Should Have Seen This Coming,” *RealClearDefense.com*, January 26, 2021, [Like Any Invasion, the Pentagon Should Have Seen This Coming | RealClearDefense](#)

“Why Normandy Still Matters: Seventy-five Years On, Operation Overlord Inspires, Instructs, and Invites Us to Be Better Joint Warfighters,” *Joint Force Quarterly* Vol 95. 4th Quarter, (2019): 58-69.

“Defending the A.E.F.: Combat Adaptation and Jointness in the Skies over France,” *Joint Force Quarterly*, Vol. 90 (3rd Quarter, 2018): 92-100.

Bryon Greenwald, Ph.D., National Defense University

“Learning to Fight from the Ground Up -- American Antiaircraft Artillery in World War II,” *Army History*, Vol 24, Issue 1, (Summer 2018): 36-45.

“Thucydides’ History of the Peloponnesian War: The Thinking Man’s Guide,” *Marine Corps Gazette*, Vol 100, no. 11, (November 2016): 75-79.

“Joint Capability Development” *Joint Force Quarterly*, Issue 44, National Defense University Press, January 2007.

The Anatomy of Change: Why Armies Succeed or Fail at Transformation LWP No. 35. The Institute of Land Warfare, Association of the United States Army, September 2000.

SCUD ALERT!: The History, Development, and Military Significance of Ballistic Missiles on Tactical Operations (Revised edition), LWP No. 22, The Institute of Land Warfare, Association of the United States Army, October 1995.

Presentations:

“All the Time and No Money: The Slow-Fast Innovation Dilemma of American Antiaircraft Artillery in the Interwar Period,” Society for Military History Conference, 21 April 2024, Crystal City, VA.

Chair & Moderator, DoD Human Resources Agency, Diversity and Inclusion Expert Panel, Washington, DC. 23 August 2022 and DoD-wide conference 23 February 2023 at Andrews AFB.

“Absent from the Front: What the Case of the Missing World War II Black Combat Soldier can Teach us about Diversity and Inclusion,” Lesley J. McNair Colloquium, National Defense University, 15 April 2022 and The Society for Military History Conference, San Diego, CA, 23-26 Mar 23

“Cultivating Intellectual Capital – Linking Deterrence Practitioners to Academicians,” Roundtable during US STRATCOM Deterrence Symposium 2021, conducted virtually, 13 Sept 2021

"Racial Policy by Other Means: The Promise of Equality and the Segregated Reality of WWII Black Soldiers," The Society for Military History Conference, Norfolk, VA, May 2021

“Learning to Fight from the Ground Up -- American Antiaircraft Artillery in World War II, The Society for Military History Conference, Louisville, KY, April 2018

“Defending Up There, O’er There: World War I American Antiaircraft Artillery,” The Society for Military History Conference, Jacksonville, FL, March 2017

“American Civil-Military Relations and the Changing Nature of War in the 21st Century,” International Studies Association Annual Conference, Baltimore, 2017. Roundtable with Gen Anthony Zinni, Keith Dickson, Greg Miller, S. Mike Pavelec

“Teaching War and Peace to National Security Professionals” International Studies Association, Atlanta, Georgia, March 2016.

Additional Guest Lectures, Radio/Internet Interviews, and Book Reviews

AWARDS, PRIZES, & RESEARCH GRANTS

NDU Sabbatical, 2023-2024

Faculty Recognition of Excellence Award, Joint Forces Staff College, 2019, 2010

Finalist, Army Historical Foundation Distinguished Writing Awards, 2018

LTC John William Whitman Research Grant, U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center, 2016.

Defense Communities, Military Leadership Award, 2005.