

**Paul J. Springer, Ph.D.**

**Biographical Statement:**

I was born in Iowa, and attended Texas A&M University to study physics—a plan that did not survive contact with the third semester of calculus. I shifted to psychology, before realizing that while I was interested in people, the dead complained a lot less than the living. Thus, the study of history became my home, and my passion, for the remainder of my adult life. I have had the wonderful opportunity to work with incredible students and faculty at Air Command and Staff College as well as West Point. The highlight of my professional year is always exchanging ideas with colleagues from around the world through the SMH annual meetings, and I have done as much as I can to promote a collegial and welcoming atmosphere to all members and potential members. I have had the fortune to host an SMH annual meeting (Montgomery, 2015), and to serve in a variety of roles on behalf of the society, on the belief that I must pay back the organization for all of the benefits it has conferred upon me. My chief purpose within the society has gradually changed to one of supporting authors in their endeavors to publish, particularly those working on a first book manuscript. As such, I founded two different series that helped to support that mission, and have mentored dozens of authors through their projects over the past two decades, whether they were in my series or publishing elsewhere.

**Candidate statement:**

I have been a member of the SMH for most of my professional career, and have devoted an enormous amount of time and effort to expanding its reach and membership. One of the biggest motivators for me has always been to create opportunities for other scholars, whether it was by organizing panels, coauthoring publications, or creating a pair of book series supporting first-time authors. I learned the importance of helping junior members of the profession largely through the assistance that I received from members of the SMH, and have spent decades trying to pay back that debt. As a trustee, my goal will be to maintain the wonderful aspects of the society—the supportive nature, the ability to debate important issues in a professional manner, and the creation of opportunities for all of its members to share their love and knowledge of military history with one another. Likewise, I hope to increase our partnerships with other subdisciplines of history, all with the needs and desires of our students and professional peers in mind.

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**Education**

<b>Ph.D. Texas A&amp;M University</b>	2006
<b>M.A., University of Northern Iowa</b>	1998
<b>B.S., Texas A&amp;M University</b>	1997

***Published Books***

*America's Captives: The History of U.S. Prisoner of War Policy.* Lawrence, KS: University Press of Kansas, 2010.

*Military Robots and Drones: A Reference Handbook.* Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2013.

*Transforming Civil War Prisons: Lincoln, Lieber, and the Politics of Captivity.* Co-authored with Glenn Robins. New York: Routledge, 2014.

*Cyber Warfare: A Reference Handbook.* Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2015.

*9/11 and the War on Terror: A Documentary History.* Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2016.

*The Encyclopedia of Cyber Warfare.* Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2017.

*Outsourcing War to Machines: The Military Robotics Revolution of the Twenty-First Century.* Westport, CT: Praeger Publishers, 2018.

*Civil War Propaganda: A Documentary History.* Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2019.

*Daily Lives of U.S. Soldiers.* Coedited with Christopher Mortenson. 3 volumes. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2019.

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### **Series Editorships**

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Albertson, Trevor. *Winning Armageddon: Curtis LeMay and Strategic Air Command, 1948-1957*. (2019)

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Pavelec, S. Michael. *Airpower Over Gallipoli, 1915-1916*. (2020)

Tovy, Tal. *Tomcats and Eagles: The Development of the F-14 and F-15 in the Cold War*. (2022)

Vlaun, Brian D. *Selling Schweinfurt: Targeting, Assessment, and Marketing in the Air Campaign Against German Industry*. (2020)

Ziarnick, Brent. *To Rule the Skies: General Thomas S. Power and the Rise of Strategic Air Command in the Cold War*. (2021)

***Transforming Warfare, Naval Institute Press***

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- Libicki, Martin. *Cyberspace in Peace and War*. (2016)
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- Marion, Forest L. *Standing Up Space Force: The Road to the Nation's Sixth Armed Service*. (2023)
- Meilinger, Phillip. *Limiting Risk in America's Wars: Airpower, Asymmetrics, and a New Strategic Paradigm*. (2017)
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- Sobchak, Frank. *Training for Victory: U.S. Special Forces Advisory Operations from El Salvador to Afghanistan*. (2024)
- Venable, Heather. *How the Few Became the Proud: Crafting the Marine Corps Mystique, 1874-1918*. (2019)

**Books Under Contract**

*America's Wars: American Military History, 1500-Present*. Co-authored with S. Michael Pavelec. Annapolis, MD: U.S. Naval Institute Press, 2025.

*In Peace and War: Robert E. Lee, Joseph E. Johnston, and the West Point Class of 1829*. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2025.

*Oxford Handbook of Aviation History*. Co-edited with S. Michael Pavelec. New York: Oxford University Press, 2026.