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The Society of Military History will convene its 76th Annual Meeting April 2-5, 2009 in Murfreesboro, Tennessee with the theme, "War and Culture." Located just 30 minutes southeast of "Music City, USA" (Nashville, TN), Murfreesboro sits in the geographic center of the state and witnessed one of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War, the Battle of Stones River. Today, Murfreesboro is one of the nation's fastest growing areas and is home to Middle Tennessee State University, the largest undergraduate institution in Tennessee. Registration will be available beginning November 1, 2008 at smhconference.org.

Members traveling by air to Murfreesboro should use Nashville International Airport (BNA) and then use a rental car or shuttle service to get to Murfreesboro via I-24. The SMH will have special shuttle service rates and additional transportation information available on the conference website.

The new Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center will serve as the headquarters for the event. Each Embassy Suite room offers a wide-range of amenities including high-speed internet, refrigerator, and microwave.

Additionally, each guest is offered a complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast and nightly manager's reception. Adjacent to the Conference Center is Tennessee's largest open-air shopping/restaurant complex, The Avenue-Murfreesboro. Please make your reservations ASAP online at embassysuites.com and remember to place "MIL" in the special Group/Convention code box to receive the special SMH room rate of \$119/night + tax.

The alternate hotels are the recently constructed Hampton Inn and Suites (\$124/night + tax) and the Comfort Suites (\$95.99/night + tax) located a short distance away from the Embassy Suites Conference Center. A shuttle service will be provided to the Conference Center from both alternate hotels. Reservations at the alternate hotels can be made by calling the Hampton Inn and Suites at (615) 890-2424 or Comfort Suites at (615) 869-0950. Please request the "Society of Military History Conference" rooms to receive the SMH special conference rate.

A very special offsite activity will be offered this year: a tour and BBQ dinner at the world famous Jack Daniels Distillery on Friday, April 3. The Jack Daniels Distillery tour/dinner will be \$45/person and includes bus transportation, tour, bluegrass band, and an "all the fixins" BBQ dinner and drinks at the fabulous BBQ Hill pavilion overlooking historic Lynchburg and the distillery. Also, scheduled to appear at our event will be the newly-appointed Jack Daniels Master Distiller, Jeff Arnett. Opportunities to explore the shops in Lynchburg, purchase special commemorative bottles at the Distillery Bottle Shop, and the chance to play horseshoes or shuffleboard will also be available. For an additional \$10, guests will be offered a brand tasting event that allows a sampling of three Jack Daniel's brands (the legendary black label, Gentleman Jack, and Single Barrel) led by an experienced Jack Daniels' distiller. Please make your reservations early for this event as space is limited.

Officially registered with the U.S. government in 1866, Jack Daniel Distillery, Lem Motlow, Proprietor, is the oldest registered distillery in the United States and is on the National Register of Historic Places. Based in Lynchburg (Pop. 361), Tenn., the



"Cannon at the Stones River Battlefield"

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Jack Daniel Distillery is the maker of world-famous Jack Daniel's Old No. 7 Tennessee Whiskey, Gentleman Jack Rare Tennessee Whiskey, Jack Daniel's Single Barrel Tennessee Whiskey and Jack Daniel's Country Cocktails. Your friends at Jack Daniel's remind you to drink responsibly.

The Combat Studies Institute Staff Ride Team will also conduct staff rides of the Stones River National Battlefield, Murfreesboro, and the Tullahoma Campaign during the conference.

The 2009 Call for Papers is located on the SMH website and the program will be available at smhconference.org in late January. All participants in the program must be SMH members.

If you have any questions, please contact Derek Frisby at Middle Tennessee State University: (615) 494-8620 or at dfrisby@mtsu.edu. Also, please refer to smhconference.org beginning November 1 for more information and additional updates.

NOTES...from the Executive Director

By Robert H. Berlin

Annual Meetings

The SMH 2009 meeting is April 2-5 at the new Embassy Suites Conference Center in Murfreesboro, Tennessee hosted by Middle Tennessee State University. Murfreesboro is thirty minutes from the Nashville airport. SMH has arranged for a rate of \$119.00 plus tax which includes full breakfast buffet and manger's evening reception. SMH has reserved 200 rooms. To take advantage of this rate and stay at the meeting hotel I urge you to make reservations now by phone or online using group code **MIL**. You may call 1-800-EMBASSY, the hotel directly at (615) 890-4464 or make reservations on line at www.murfreesboro.embassysuites.com.

The 2010 meeting will be in Lexington, VA hosted by the Virginia Military Institute and the George C. Marshall Foundation, May 20-23, 2010. The meeting will be held in the new Leadership and Ethics Center on the VMI campus. Several Lexington hotels will provide accommodations and bus transportation will be provided to the VMI campus. Casey Brower at VMI and Brian Shaw Director of the Marshall Foundation are coordinating the meeting.

The Cantigny First Division Foundation (CFDF) near Chicago, Illinois will host the 2011 Society for Military History (SMH) Annual Meeting in June at a hotel in Lisle, IL. Paul Herbert, museum executive director is the meeting coordinator. The meeting will include a reception and museum visit in downtown Chicago.

The 2012 meeting will be in Arlington, Virginia (Crystal City) at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, May 10-13, hosted by the Army Historical Foundation. Matt Seelinger, Chief Historian of the Army Historical Foundation, is the meeting coordinator

Election

Two thousand nine is an election year. The Nominations Committee is headed by past SMH president Tim Nenner and includes Ed Drea and Geoffrey Megargee. Due to the constitutional amendment approved in the last election the serving vice president will run unopposed for president. The election for vice president and trustees will be by printed ballot mailed to members in early January.

Archives

Kansas State University Hale Library Special Collections now has, to my knowledge, all relevant SMH archives per the SMH KSU memorandum of agreement. Thanks to Tim Nenner, Harold Langley and Don Bittner for providing KSU with archival materials in their possession.

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Using SMH funding, KSU hired Paul A. Thomsen, a KSU graduate student and SMH member, as History Archives Assistant to arrange and catalog the SMH archive. Paul and Professor Tony Crawford, University Archivist, are creating a coherent archival structure for SMH records that will provide for arranging and easy access to the records.

George C. Marshall Lecture

Professor Paul Kennedy of Yale University will present the lecture at the American Historical Association meeting at the New York Hilton on Sunday, January 4, 2009, 5:00 to 6:30 PM. His topic will be: "History from the Middle? The Case of the Second World War." The lecture is jointly sponsored by SMH and the George C. Marshall Foundation and is open to all SMH members, guests and AHA attendees. A reception will follow the lecture.

THE OBERSALZBERG CONFERENCE

This past summer, from 29 July through 2 August 2008, the Society for Military History, in partnership with King's College London, the Obersalzberg Institute e.V., and the Institute for Historical Justice and Reconciliation at the University of Salzburg hosted the first Obersalzberg Conference in Berchtesgaden. Multinational and interdisciplinary in scope, the conference focused on the famous and infamous occupants of this beautiful yet tragic alpine idyll nestled in the south-east corner of Bavaria as well as the history of the Obersalzberg's changing fortunes from the 19th Century to the present day. Over forty delegates attended the conference, which combined twelve academic presentations with guided historical walks of the Obersalzberg and the Eagle's Nest, along with a number of lively social activities including a boat ride on the Königssee, a welcome reception in Berchtesgaden at the Goldener Bär Restaurant and a formal conference dinner with a delightful country Bavarian theme at the Echo Stüberl on the Königssee. Delegates were also able to visit the Dokumentation Obersalzberg, a permanent exhibition on the history of Obersalzberg and the National Socialist Dictatorship.

All of the papers were presented at the Nationalpark-Haus in Berchtesgaden, courtesy of Dr Michael Vogel, the Director of the Berchtesgadener Land National Park, who kindly made his excellent facilities available to the conference. For three days, delegates were treated to a series of excellent papers at the Nationalpark-Haus by a distinguished list of international speakers presenting their latest research results. Among others were Vienna historian Dr. Anna Sigmund, Professor Julius Schoeps, Director of the Moses Mendelssohn Center at the University of Potsdam, Professor Arthur Mitchell, from the University of South Carolina, and Irmgard Hunt, the author of *On Hitler's Mountain*, an account of her childhood years spent on the Obersalzberg during the Nazi period. Two members of the SMH, Dr. Mary Kathryn Barbier (Mississippi State University) and Dr. Oliver Haller (King's College London) also presented papers on Allied wartime operations directed against the Nazi leadership on the Obersalzberg. Finally, Johanna Renoth, a local student from Berchtesgaden who has just started a degree in political science at the University of Vienna, presented an exceptional paper on "Aryanization and Restitution: the Jewish population of Berchtesgaden at the time of the National Socialist regime". A full list of presenters and the titles of their papers appears at the end of this report.



"Kehlsteinhaus (the Eagle's Nest) at Obersalzberg"

Graduate student participation was also a key feature of the Obersalzberg Conference. The Conference Organizing Committee set aside funds for two graduate fellowships, covering the full registration costs of the conference. The two winners of these fellowships were Fräuline Sylvia Kunitz and Fräuline Felicita Ratti, both Ph.D. students at the University of Salzburg.



"Conference Group at the Berghof Ruins"

The conference also proved to be of considerable local and national interest, and it received substantial media attention in both Austria and Germany. In Berchtesgaden, the regional newspaper, the *Berchtesgadener Anzeiger*, provided favourable coverage noting the impressive list of presenters, and both the international stature and the historic importance of the conference. Austrian radio and television out of Salzburg also

covered the entire conference and conducted extensive interviews with many of the presenters.

The combination of academic presentations, outdoor exploration of historic sites, and evening social activities seemed to have worked rather well. Presenters and delegates alike left Berchtesgaden happier and wiser than when they arrived. Herr Stefan Gauer, President of the Obersalzberg Institute e.V., was so delighted with the success of the conference that he and his organization are already planning to run another conference in either 2009 or 2010.

Financial support for the conference came from the Society for Military History, King's College London, and the Obersalzberg Institute e.V. The Berchtesgadener Land Tourist Association provided much useful material for the Conference Welcome Packs, and the Nationalpark-Haus provided excellent conference facilities as well as morning coffee and afternoon tea. Local restaurants and hotels, particularly the Goldener Bär Restaurant, the Echo Stüberl, the Hotel Wittelsbach and the Hotel Bavaria, all provided excellent service at very reasonable prices. And the Berchtesgadener Land, with its majestic mountains, crystal-clear alpine lakes, and brooding pine forests, provided the most exquisite backdrop for a conference further distinguished by both the high quality of the papers presented and the fellowship enjoyed by all of the participants.

The conference organizers for the Obersalzberg Conference 2008, Dr. David Hall (SMH Regional Coordinator, Europe and Senior Lecturer, Defence Studies Department, King's College London) and Florian Beierl (Vice-President of the Obersalzberg Institute) wish to thank the Society for Military History for its generous support.

List of Presenters:

Dr. Michael Vogel, Nationalpark-Haus: 'History of the Berchtesgadener Land Nationalpark'

Frau Irmgard Hunt, Washington DC: 'Berchtesgaden before Hitler'

Dr. Anna Sigmund, Vienna: 'Hitler's early years on the Obersalzberg'

Dr. Othmar Plöckinger, University of Salzburg: 'The origin of Hitler's book *'Mein Kampf'* in the light of new research results'

Professor Dr. Julius Schoeps (Director of the Moses Mendelssohn Center at the University of Potsdam) and Dr. Timothy Ryback (Deputy Secretary General of the Academie Diplomatique International, Paris): 'Toxic historical Sites: the Obersalzberg in comparative context'

Johanna Renoth, University of Vienna: 'Aryanization and Restitution: the Jewish populations of Berchtesgaden at the time of the National Socialist regime'

Herr Stefan Gauer, President of the Obersalzberg Institute e.V., Berchtesgaden: 'De-Nazification, Democracy and Education on the Obersalzberg after 1945'

Dr. Mary Kathryn Barbier, Mississippi State University: 'Operation Foxley: Can Reality Imitate Fiction?'

Dr. Oliver Haller, King's College London: 'Bombing Hitler's Mountain: RAF Bomber Command Operations on 25 April 1945'

Martin Morgan, World War II Museum, New Orleans: 'Stephen E. Ambrose: Fact or Fiction in History'

Professor Arthur H. Mitchell, University of South Carolina, Salkehatchie: 'Myth of the National Redoubt'

Captain Monika Stoy, US Army (retired): 'The Marne Trail II: World War II History and Memory in Berchtesgaden'

RETURN TO THE PHILIPPINES

By **RADM Dan McKinnon, SC, USN (ret)**

It was May 20 1968 that I sailed into historic Subic Bay in the Philippines on board USS PRINCETON (LPH-5). With us were Marine Corps CH-46 helicopters of HMM-161 that we had ferried across the Pacific and would soon take on to Vietnam. Like hundreds of U.S. Navy ships before and after, our brief stop was for re-supply and R&R. The beautiful harbor surrounded by mountains had in 1886 become a Spanish arsenal and ship repair station and in 1905 an American naval station following annexation of the Philippines from Spain. Between the two world wars its fame would center on the Dewey Dry Dock, a sea going monster that took over six months in 1906 to tow from Virginia to repair ships of the Asiatic fleet. During the Japanese occupation Subic became an Imperial Navy wooden shipyard.

By 1968 and for several years afterward, Subic was the Navy's largest overseas base. Naval Air Station Cubi Point opened in 1956 and became home to several squadrons and the jumping off place to Vietnam and all of Asia. To construct it Seabees literally moved mountains and more dirt than building the Panama Canal. The Ship Repair Facility (SRF) was famous for its high quality industrial work. Established in 1955 the Naval Supply Depot (NSD) was second in size only to the center in Norfolk, held Pacific Fleet war reserves including battleship cannon barrels, and was the Navy's largest petroleum "filling station". The Public Works Center (PWC) was the Navy's largest. The Naval Station had recreation facilities second to none, and along with the city of Olongapo, offered Sailors and Marines an unequaled place to unwind. A twenty dollar liberty could get a sailor cold beer, great music, and a dancing partner. Nearby mountains and beaches provided both Marine ground troops and Navy aviators perfect places to train. Numerous commands and hundreds of families called Subic home. And aboriginal Aetas, or Negritos as the Spanish named them, trained Americans in jungle survival techniques that proved invaluable in Vietnam. I had arrived to a bay full of ships. There was a war on.

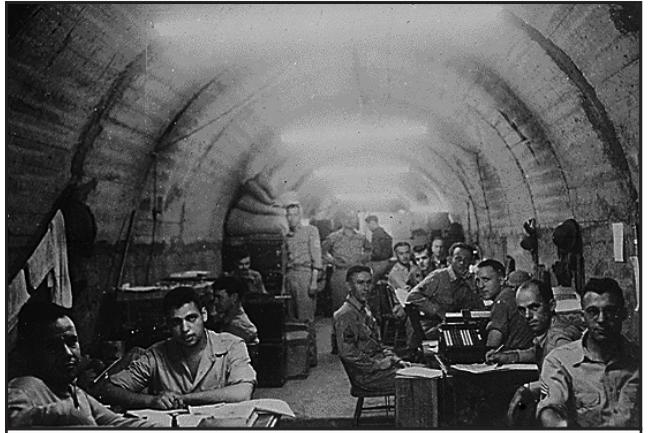
Forty years later in January of this year (2008) I came back to Subic, this time by bus. The Navy had left in 1992 following a Philippine decision to not renew the bases agreement. The gate we came upon on a paved highway with packed trucks on all sides was not the one we once used crossing a bridge over a river made famous by its smell. This gate welcomed us to the Subic Bay Freeport Zone. As we came down into the former naval base around us were industrial parks and office buildings. We passed the previous Navy Exchange and Commissary which is now a duty free shopping mall. Ahead was Cubi Point and instead of Navy aircraft the field was full of Federal Express planes departing for points in Asia. Containers were being off-loaded at a marine terminal. A restaurant was near the old fuel office and nearby sea planes were taking tourists aloft. We passed a yacht club and hotel with elegant boats nearby. George Dewey High School and the Cubi Point O-Club had become convention centers. Change was everywhere. Barracks had been turned into hotels, and where the famous Chuck Wagon once served beer and sandwiches, the Legenda Resort now welcomes world visitors to its casino. Across the street on the waterfront beach the old Officers Club is also a casino. Former Chief and enlisted clubs are restaurants and night clubs. Beach areas have become mini-resorts and part of the ship repair facility is used for schools. A new Korean shipyard has opened across the bay to build tankers and the old ship repair area has condos in its future plans. The waterfront NSD headquarters building where as Commanding Officer in 1980 I could observe the world pass my window had burned and in its place is the new three story office of the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority. The jungle has been preserved and former government housing are now civilian homes. My old quarters is owned by a Philippine movie star. Who says you can't go back?

Perhaps the biggest change for anyone returning to Subic is the transformation of the City of Olongapo. Streets are paved and the town has long shed its "sin city" image. An award winning city in government and community service, it shares with Subic the improvements to the entire area economy. There are more Filipinos working in the Freeport Zone than on the former naval base. Subic and Clark are now connected by a superhighway. With Subic an international sea port and Clark an international air hub, the two former bases are fast becoming the economic backbone of a country that too long relied on the congested city of Manila.

Returning to Subic was an emotional moment in an even bigger adventure.

My January visit was really all about leading two dozen veterans, historians, and writers back to the Philippines to study military history. Coming home to Subic was just the icing on the cake. The

island of Luzon is a show case of U.S. military history and our early colonial experiment. My group began in Manila studying the events of the Spanish Intramuros and Fort Santiago of the Galleon era; the Manila Hotel McArthur suite; and Bilibid prison, a former Japanese concentration camp. Then to Corregidor and two days at the sites of its five month defense that many believe upset the Japanese time table of conquest and changed the course of the war. Studying the ordeal of living and fighting from the Malinta Tunnel, the famous PT boat departure by reluctant General McArthur; to the Americans return by parachute became emotional moments. After Corregidor we followed the track of the infamous Bataan Death March from Mariveles to San Fernando and to Camp O'Donnell, marching the last kilometer in reverence to the



"Inside Malinta Tunnel during the siege of Corregidor"

thousands of Americans and Filipinos who had been tortured and died. Then to the Cabanatuan concentration camp. With me was retired Chief Warrant Officer Ray Harper, a yeoman on Cavite at the outbreak of the war, who moved to Corregidor where he helped in the defense, and was captured and interned in both the camps at Bilibid and Cabanatuan before being transported by an infamous "Hell Ship" to Japan. A sharp 90 year old, Ray helped us understand the POW experience. Cabanatuan is maintained by the U.S. Battle Monument Commission. Other study stops included Mount Samat, a center of fighting on Bataan; Lingayen Gulf where American forces returned; the battle for Zigzag pass; Japanese Kamikaze air fields; historic Fort Stotsenburg; jungle training by aboriginal Aetas or Negritos from Jungle Environmental Survival Training (JEST)); and the old bases, Subic and Clark. The Angeles City VFW hosted a luncheon and Olongapo threw an evening party; lots of good food, great music, and San Miguel beer.

Our remarkable and emotional odyssey reached a climax on the final day. Like its sister cemetery in the Punch Bowl of Hawaii, the beautiful Manila American Cemetery and Memorial is a place for every American. The battles of the Pacific are displayed in colorful mosaics. With ages from 40 to 90, we stood at attention and laid a wreath to honor 17,206 U. S. military, including 570 Filipinos, interred there. With our heads bowed, we understood the words inscribed on The Philippine Pacific War Memorial atop Corregidor, *"Sleep my son, your duty done. Sleep in the silent depths of the sea or in your bed of hollowed sod until you hear at dawn the clear low reveille of God."*

If you would like to join me next January, e-mail themckinnons@aol.com.

RUSSELL F. WEIGLEY TRAVEL GRANTS FOR SMH ANNUAL MEETING

The Russell F. Weigley graduate student awards are given to facilitate travel for those students whose papers have been accepted for the national meeting of the Society for Military History. Documents submitted should include a statement of need, a letter of recommendation from the student's adviser, and a copy of the paper proposal submitted.

Applications should be sent to: kreist@pitt.edu or mailed to:

Katherine Reist
Krebs Hall
University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown,
Johnstown, PA 15904.

Application deadline is February 2, 2009.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Call for Contributors: Advancing Military History

ABC-CLIO, award-winning publisher of historical reference works including recently published multivolume encyclopedias of the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Cold War, is currently developing a wide-ranging and definitive project on U.S. military history. This scholarly, comprehensive project consists of authoritative encyclopedic entries centered on the major wars of American history, including the current conflicts in the Middle East. It covers not only the military aspects of the conflicts, but also the political, social, economic, and technological developments that impacted or were impacted by the conflicts.

ABC-CLIO has assembled a team of top historians to work on this ground breaking project, and we are currently seeking additional qualified contributors to give this study the depth and broad interpretation that it deserves. For more information on this project, including a project description, list of entries for this year, compensation information, and sample entries, please email Dr. Paul Pierpaoli, ABC-CLIO Fellow of Military History and Diplomatic History, at ppierpaoli@abc-clio.com. When contacting Dr. Pierpaoli, please indicate your affiliation, areas of interest, and attach a copy of your curriculum vitae.

Call for Presentations

American Culture, American Democracy: The One Hundred and Third Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, Wednesday, April 7 to Saturday, April 10, 2010, Hilton Washington, Washington, DC.

With the theme of “American Culture, American Democracy,” the 2010 Organization of American Historians program committee seeks a wide-ranging program that will highlight the culture and cultures of the United States and how those have shaped the practice of American democracy. We look for proposals that cover the full chronological sweep of the American past, from pre-Columbian years to the twenty-first century, and the rich thematic diversity that has come to characterize contemporary American history writing and teaching. The program aims to include those teaching at universities, colleges, community colleges, and secondary schools, public historians, and independent scholars. Meeting in the nation’s capital, the program should feature sessions on the shaping of the federal government and its domestic and foreign policies, as well as sessions that emphasize museums, archives, and American politics. Appropriate for a conference in a cosmopolitan city and a global age, we particularly encourage international participation.

The program committee invites the submission of panels and presentations that deal with these and other issues and themes in American history. We welcome teaching sessions, particularly those involving the audience as active participants or those that reflect collaborative partnerships among teachers, historians, and history educators at all levels. We urge presenters to continue the ongoing transition from simply reading papers to more actively “teaching” the topic of their sessions. We prefer to receive proposals for complete sessions, but will consider individual paper proposals as well.

The program should reflect the full diversity of the OAH membership in the United States and abroad. Wherever possible, proposals should include presenters of both sexes and members of ethnic and racial minorities. Panels should also represent a range of historians (public and academic) and history professionals, wherever they are employed and at varying levels of seniority in the profession. We encourage more senior historians in particular, to present their own research. We welcome debate on challenging and controversial issues.

Registration and Membership Requirements

All participants must preregister for the meeting. Participants who specialize in American history and support themselves as American historians are also required to be members of the OAH. Participants representing other disciplines do not have to be members.

Repeat Participation

OAH policy prohibits individuals from participating in two consecutive annual meetings in the same role and limits individuals to appearing only once on the program in a given year. If you have questions about this policy, please email the OAH meetings department.

Submission Procedure

Proposals should be submitted electronically to the OAH Proposal System - <http://db.oah.org>.

org:8080/dbproject/login.jsp - beginning October 1, 2008. Please download proposal system instructions - <http://www.oah.org/meetings/2009/instructions.rtf> - before beginning your submission. Complete session proposals most often include a chair, participants, and, if applicable, one or two commentators (chairs may double as commentators, and commentators may be omitted in order for the audience to serve in that role). Session membership should be limited by the need to include substantial time for audience questions and comments. All proposals must include the following information: a complete mailing address, e-mail address, phone number, and affiliation for each participant, an abstract of no more than 500 words for the session as a whole a prospectus of no more than 250 words for each presentation; and a vita of no more than 500 words for each participant. The deadline for proposals is February 15, 2009.

2010 Program Committee

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Research Collection Donated

Dr. Charlotte Marie Kinch, PhD, has donated her collection of World War I and German Social Democratic Party materials to the Institute of Historical Survey Foundation in Las Cruces, New Mexico. The collection includes microfilm of GSDP annual conventions from 1801-1925, as well as materials related to gas warfare during World War I. This collection is now available to scholars. A bibliography of the collection is available upon request. Use by appointment.

For information regarding Dr. Kinch's collection, please contact: IHSF, PO Box 36, Mesilla Park, NM 88047; Phone: (575) 525-3035; Email: ihsf@zianet.com.

Call for Proposals

Proposals are sought for papers to be presented in the 4th annual ICOHTEC symposium on "The Social History of Military Technology," which will take place in Budapest, 28 July–2 August 2009. The 2009 meeting of ICOHTEC (International Congress of the History of Technology) will be held as part of the XXIIIrd International Congress of the History of Science and Technology (ICHST). The First Circular was issued last fall. The Second is due to be posted 30 September 2008. To read the circulars and for further details about the conference, see the ICHST homepage: <http://www.conferences.hu/ichs09/>.

As part of the program, Bart Hacker is once again organizing the symposium that has proved so popular at the last three meetings of ICOHTEC. The following description of the symposium will appear in the ICHST Second Circular and on the conference website. The history of military technology usually centers on weaponry, warships, fortifications, or other physical manifestations of warfare, emphasizing how they were made or how they worked. Historians have also tended to assume a strictly utilitarian and rational basis for military technological invention and innovation. However necessary, such approaches largely ignore some very important questions. What are the contexts of social values, attitudes, and interests, non-military as well as military, that shape and support (or oppose) these technologies? What are the consequences of gender, race, class, and other aspects of the social order for the nature and use of military technology? Or, more generally: How do social and cultural environments within the military itself or in the larger society affect military technological change? And the indispensable corollary: How does changing military technology affect other aspects of society and culture? In brief, this symposium will address military technology as both agent and object of social change, taking a very broad view that encompasses not only the production, distribution, use, and replacement of weapons and weapon systems, but also communications, logistic, medical, and other technologies of military relevance. It seeks papers about: (1) representations of weapons as well as weapons themselves, about ideas as well as hardware, about organization as well as material; (2) ways in which social class, race, gender, culture, economics, or other extra-military factors have influenced and been influenced by the invention, R&D, diffusion, or use of weapons or other military technologies; (3) the roles that military technologies play in shaping and reshaping the relationships of soldiers to other soldiers; soldiers to military, political, and social institutions; and military institutions to other social institutions, most notably political and economic; and/or (5) historiographical or museological

topics that discuss how military technology has been analyzed, interpreted, and understood in other fields, other cultures, and other times.

Each proposal should include: (1) a short descriptive title; (2) an abstract of no more than 250 words; (3) a 1-page CV (200 words) with your educational history, professional employment history, list of significant publications and/or presentations, and current contact information (including email address). You may include other relevant information in the CV, as long as you do not exceed the 1-page limit. Proposals must reach the organizer no later than 1 December 2008. Send your proposals to symposium organizer Bart Hacker:

Bart Hacker, Smithsonian Institution
NMAH-4013, Washington, DC 20560-0620
(202) 633-3904
Email: hackerb@si.edu

Call for Papers

“The Silhouette of War: The Role of War and the Military in Shaping Society”

On 21-22 February 2009, the University of Southern Mississippi’s Center for the Study of War and Society, in conjunction with USM’s Phi Alpha Theta chapter, will host the 2009 International Security and Internal Safety (IS/IS) Conference in Hattiesburg, MS. This conference seeks scholars and graduate students from diverse fields including History, International Security, and Political Science. Topics should focus on the role of the military and warfare in shaping and defining society and culture throughout history.

Individual paper proposals should include a 250-word abstract and a one-page CV. Panel proposals are welcome and should include a 150-word panel abstract detailing the theme, as well as 250-word paper abstracts and CVs for each presenter. The deadline for proposal submissions will be 30 November 2008. Final papers should be submitted to commentators by 1 February 2009. Anyone interested in chairing or commenting on a panel may submit their CVs for consideration by 15 December 2008.

Final papers should be drafted for a presentation no longer than 20-25 minutes.

All proposals and final papers as well as any questions should be submitted electronically to the conference committee at USMConference@gmail.com.

Call for Papers

The Liberty University History Department and the National D-Day Memorial Foundation announce a call for papers on topics related to the preparation for, the execution of, and the impact of D-Day, June 6, 1944. The conference organizers welcome a wide array of paper topics and/or panel proposals and aim to create a forum for collegial discourse with scholars from various perspectives and academic disciplines. Graduate students are welcome to submit proposals as well. The conference will feature addresses by Dr. Gerhard Weinberg, author of *A World at Arms*, and Alex Kershaw, author of *The Bedford Boys*. Additionally, there will be separate sessions where D-Day veterans will present their remembrances. The conference will be held at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia on Thursday and Friday, June 4-5, 2009. A commemorative celebration honoring the 65th Anniversary of D-Day will be held at the National D-Day Memorial (<http://www.dday.org/>) in Bedford, VA on Saturday, June 6.

Scholars interested in presenting papers should electronically submit a title, brief abstract and a brief vita to ddayconference@liberty.edu. Those interested in forming a panel should submit a title of the proposed panel along with each presenter’s paper title/abstract and vita. Please include the name and vita of a chair and/or paper commentator as well. All proposals should be received no later than December 15, 2008. The conference organizers will notify of participation status by January 15, 2009. For inquiries about the conference or to submit an individual or panel proposal in a non-electronic format, please write to:

Dr. David L. Snead, Department of History, Liberty University, 1971 University Blvd., Lynchburg, VA 24502; (434) 592-4366; fax: (434) 522-0491.

Fellowship Announcement

The Society of the Cincinnati invites applications for the Tyree-Lamb Research Fellowship. The fellowship is named in honor of two members of the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Virginia, Lewis Tyree, Jr., and John K. Lamont Lamb. It is intended to provide \$1,000 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 fellowship is 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 during that period. 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.

The recipient will be required to complete his or her fellowship research within a period of one year from the date of the award. Further, the recipient will be required to submit a three-to-five-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.

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.

Applications must be received by November 14th, 2008. Applicants will be notified by January 16th, 2009. 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 library's website at <http://www.societyofthecincinnati.org/lib.htm> or contact Elizabeth Frengel, Manager of Reader Services, at (202) 785-2040, x411; efrengel@societyofthecincinnati.org.

Call for Papers

The History Department of the United States Naval Academy invites proposals for papers to be presented at its 2009 Naval History Symposium in Annapolis, Maryland, from 10-12 September 2009. The 2007 symposium was extremely successful, with over 250 in attendance and 138 papers presented.

Proposals on any aspect of naval and maritime history are welcome. Paper proposals should include an abstract not exceeding 250 words and a one-page vita. Panel proposals are also encouraged and should contain an abstract and vita for each panelist. Please mail proposals to Commander C.C. Felker, History Department (12C), 107 Maryland Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21402-5044. Send electronic proposals to felker@usna.edu. The deadline for submitting proposals is 10 January 2009. The program committee expects to finalize the program in February 2009. Final versions of papers are due by 1 August 2009.

A limited number of travel stipends are available to scholars residing outside the United States and graduate students within the United States. Please indicate your desire to apply for a travel stipend in the cover letter or email that contains your proposal.

The program committee will award prizes to the best papers presented at the Symposium. As in the past, we will publish selected papers at a later date.

Information on the 2009 symposium can be found online at www.usna.edu/History/symposium. Specific inquiries should be directed to CDR C.C. Felker at email felker@usna.edu.

Call for Papers

HISTORICON, "Historical Miniature Gaming's Biggest Summer Vacation" - www.historicon.org - invites military historians to present papers at the 25th anniversary convention of 16-19 July 2009. The theme of this convention is "Napoleon's 1809 Austrian Campaign and the Spanish Ulcer (Peninsular War, 1807-14)."

HISTORICON has a great Military Seminar Series which welcomes papers on all aspects of Napoleon and his contemporaries in 1809 - or - any other period of military history, from Ancients to Modern. Seminar participants are very interested in your take on a specific battle, tactical systems, army organization, the development and deployment of weapons, or military biography. Past presenters include military professionals, academics, government policy makers, and part-time historians (see the following link for the 2007 Military Seminar Series, as an example - http://www.historicon.org/HIST2008/files/PEL_Military_Seminar_Series.pdf).

Papers, with time for questions and answers, should be no longer than an hour. PowerPoint shows work very well, but note - as cool as they are - we cannot support Macs (IBM only).

If your paper is selected for presentation at HISTORICON 2009, you will obtain a free pass (admission) to attend all convention events (a \$35 value). If you have not previously attended HISTORICON, or never considered historical miniature war games as a hobby, you will probably find the convention intriguing. Lancaster, PA hotels within 5-10 minutes of HISTORICON can be found for under \$100, while the United States Army Heritage and Educational Center is within an hour drive, and bound to provide you with interesting research material.

Paper proposals considered until 30 January 2009. For more information, contact John Dunn, History, Valdosta State University, Valdosta GA, 31698-0035, or jdunn@valdosta.edu.

[Note: HISTORICON is run by the Historical Miniature Gaming Society - HMGS East chapter (HMGS East), a non-profit educational (501c3) organization. See www.hmgs.org for more information about HMGS East.]

New Journal Starting Up

Marine Corps University Journal is a new scholarly, peer-reviewed forum for the advancement of knowledge of strategy, international security, and warfighting concepts. This multidisciplinary journal will feature both contemporary and historical studies. Its goal is to stimulate thinking and discussion that are useful and relevant for education and preparation for all forms of military operations.

The journal welcomes scholarly submissions from any related discipline. Prospective authors need not be scholars, but they should be aware that their work will be held to scholarly standards and evaluated for publication by scholars. Submission of an article manuscript by no means guarantees that it will be published. Manuscripts will undergo a rigorous review process, and only some will be chosen for publication. For others, rewriting and resubmission may be recommended.

Manuscript Format and Length

The journal welcomes article manuscript submissions of approximately 4,000 to 8,000 words. These should be original, unpublished works that reflect research in primary sources and grounding in relevant secondary literature, all of which should be fully documented in footnotes. Articles should be accessible for multiple audiences, avoiding military and technical jargon and explaining specialized concepts. Papers originally written for specialized groups should be revised before submission. Works for publication will be expected to follow the style of the *Chicago Manual of Style* (15th edition). Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary (11th edition) is the journal's source for questions of spelling and hyphenation.

Manuscript Submission

Prospective authors should submit four nonreturnable, double-spaced hard copies of their article manuscript (for peer review) to:

Kenneth H. Williams, Senior Editor, Marine Corps University Press, 3079 Moreell Avenue, Quantico, VA22134

E-mailed submissions will not be accepted, and prospective authors also need not send files on disk at the time of initial submission. It is not our policy to return manuscripts, nor do we retain these materials after consideration, so please do not send originals. Manuscripts making the initial cut with the journal staff are sent out to scholars with expertise related to the article topic for double-blind peer review. This means that the scholars are not told the identity of authors, and authors are not informed who has critiqued their manuscript. This process can take a few months.

Prize Awarded

This year's winner of the Oliveira Marques Prize Award for the best article on Portuguese history published in 2007 is Lorraine White, an independent scholar currently residing in Scotland. The winning entry was entitled: "Strategic Geography and the Spanish Habsburg Monarchy's Failure to Recover Portugal, 1640-1668." It appeared in the *Journal of Military History*, volume 71 (April 2007), pp. 373-409. One member of the prize committee described Lorraine White's article on the geo-strategic factors in the military campaigns of the Portuguese Restoration, 1640-1668, as "well written, well-researched, well-analyzed" and "compelling in its readability." The rest of the committee enthusiastically agreed, with the chair noting that "this article is a major contribution to understanding the success of the Portuguese struggle against Spain's efforts to regain the kingdom. It should be required reading for all historians studying the Iberian Peninsula, 1640-1668."

Book Published

Henry Gole's book, *General William E. DePuy, Preparing the Army for Modern War*, was published by The University Press of Kentucky in September 2008 and is available at Amazon, Borders, and B&N. The one line summary: DePuy fixed the broken post-Vietnam US Army. Henry wants his colleagues to know that Steve Wrinn, the Director, and his staff at Kentucky are easy to work with and very professional.

Western Front Association Tomlinson Book Award Winner Announced

The winner of the 2007 Norman B. Tomlinson, Jr. Book Award is Edward G. Lengel for his book *To Conquer Hell: The Meuse-Argonne, 1918* (Henry Holt). Professor Lengel teaches at the University of Virginia. He receives a check for \$3,000.

The winner of this annual award is selected by a panel chaired by Dennis Showalter of Colorado University. The other members of the panel are Holger Herwig of the University of Calgary, Hew Strachan of Oxford University, Robert Cowley former editor of *The Military History Quarterly*, and Brigadier General (retired) Robert Doughty former Chairman of the Department of History at West Point.

Call for Papers

The Local Culture of New Orleans section of the American Culture Association announces a call for papers on New Orleans and Popular Culture at for the 2009 Annual National Popular Culture/American Culture Association's conference in New Orleans on 8-11 April. Please submit a proposal for a panel of four presenters or individual panelist proposals on any themes concerning San Francisco history, politics, religion, architecture, art, literature and popular culture. Panels run 90 minutes, each panelist has 20 minutes for presentation with questions and answers. Proposals must not be more than one page, include a one page curriculum vitae, make sure to include name, mailing address, institutional affiliation, phone number, and email address. *Do not send proposals via electronic mail.* Send a paper copy of proposals to Jean-Paul Benowitz, ACA Local Culture of New Orleans, Chair, Elizabethtown College, Department of History, 1 Alpha Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022. Deadline for proposal submissions is 30 November 2008.

Book Published

The Gun and the Pen: Hemingway, Fitzgerald, Faulkner, and the Fiction of Mobilization, by Keith Gandal.

In this groundbreaking work of literary and historical scholarship, Keith Gandal shows that Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald, and William Faulkner were motivated, in their famous post-war novels, not by their experiences of the horrors of war but rather by their failure to have those experiences.

These "quintessential" male American novelists of the 1920s were all, for different reasons, deemed unsuitable as candidates for full military service or command and the result was, Gandal contends, that they felt themselves emasculated—not, as the usual story goes, due to their encounters with trench warfare, but because they got nowhere near the trenches or the real action. By bringing to light previously unexamined archival records of the Army, *The Gun and the Pen* demonstrates that the frustration of these authors' military ambitions took place in the forgotten context of a whole new set of methods employed in the mobilization for the Great War—unprecedented procedures that aimed to transform the Army into a meritocratic institution, indifferent to ethnic and class difference (though not racial, or black-white, difference). For these Lost Generation writers, the humiliating failure vis-à-vis the Army became a failure to compete successfully in a rising social order and against a new set of people. And it is that social order and those people—these effects of mobilization, and not other effects of the war—that the novels considered here both register and re-imagine.

Gandal's incisive readings of the famous fiction of this era against the backdrop of ethnicity, meritocracy, and sexuality closes with a coda on selected works from the 1930s, including prose by Djuna Barnes, Nathaniel West, and Henry Miller. Provocative and original, *The Gun and the Pen* restores these seminal novels to their proper historical context and proffers a radical revision of our understanding of the impact of World War I on twentieth-century American literature.

Call for Papers

"Whither the Revolution: How the Early Republic Retained and Remolded the Legacy of the Revolution," the 31st annual meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic will be held July 16-19, 2009, in Springfield, Illinois.

For the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth, the program committee, mindful of Lincoln's role in interpreting and reinterpreting the nation's founding, has determined to seek explorations about the fate of the Revolutionary inheritance in the early republic. The years of Lincoln's rise to political prominence focused attention specifically on the meaning of the founding generation's legacy. It would be appropriate to assess the power of the Revolution to mold the expectations and directions of the next three generations of Americans. In the varied areas of American life political, social, intellectual and economic, scholars should define where the Revolutionary tradition was sustained, where it was modified, and where it was replaced. One of the many understandings that might result from such an enterprise is determining whether Lincoln maintained, modified, or replaced the Revolutionary heritage. Although the program committee is seeking sessions on the inheritance of the Revolution in the age of Lincoln, its members in no sense want to discourage scholars from presenting the results of their research on other topics in the history of the early republic.

The Program Committee welcomes the submission of individual papers and full sessions; it as well invites sessions employing formats other than presentation of papers. Proposals should include a brief abstract for the panel/session (maximum 600 words) as well as an abstract for each paper (maximum 300 words) and a brief (maximum one page) vita for each participant, including chairs and commentators. Every session proposal must include a single coversheet that lists for every participant a complete and updated mailing address, e-mail, phone number, and current affiliation. All interested participants are encouraged to send their submissions by e-mail attachments; the format can be in MS Word, WordPerfect, or pdf (Adobe Acrobat). Please note that all program participants must be members of SHEAR or register at the nonmember fee. The deadline for submissions is December 1, 2008. Send submissions to:

Professor Jim Huston, Chair, SHEAR Program Committee, History Department, Oklahoma State University, 501 LSW, Stillwater, OK 74078-3054, email: james.huston@okstate.edu.

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Prize Awarded

The recipient of the first annual Western Front Association High School Essay Award is Nicholas Vogelgesang, a home-schooled sophomore of Kempton, Pennsylvania. His essay on Air Power in The Great War will be published in *Camaraderie*, the journal of the United States Branch of the Western Front Association. Mr. Vogelgesang wins a prize of \$500.

2008-2009 U.S. Army Center of Military History Dissertation Year Fellowships Announced

Three graduate students—Sara Berndt of The George Washington University, Catharine Franklin of the University of Oklahoma, and Abbie Salyers of Rice University—have been named the recipients of the U.S. Army Center of Military History's Dissertation Year Fellowships for 2008-2009. Each Fellow will receive a \$10,000 stipend to support her research; the National Museum of the U.S. Army is funding Ms. Salyers' fellowship. The three dissertations focus on varied topics on the history of the U.S. Army. Ms. Berndt's dissertation, "Conflict and Change during the U.S. Occupation of Cuba, 1898-1902," undertakes a thorough investigation of the U.S. Army's four black troop units stationed in Cuba during postwar occupation. Ms. Franklin's dissertation, "Sherman's Lieutenants: The Army Officer Corps and Federal Indian Policy, 1862-1890," examines the efforts of Army officers to conquer Native Americans while addressing the competing visions of political authorities and other citizens who divided over the "Indian question." Through its analysis of traditional and nontraditional memorials, Ms. Salyers' dissertation, "The Internment of Memory: Forgetting and Remembering the Japanese-American Experience during World War II," will offer new perspectives on how the military contributions and wartime confinement of Japanese-Americans has been remembered and interpreted.

The CMH Dissertation Year Fellowship program awards up to three yearly grants of \$10,000

each to graduate students finishing their dissertations on topics of military history, especially on the history of landpower. The program is open to all graduate students who are civilian citizens of the United States. The annual deadline for applications is January 15. For more information, visit the CMH website at www.history.army.mil/ Click on “About CMH,” then click on “CMH Fellowships and Awards,” and finally click on “General Information.”

Call for Papers

The Center for Cryptologic History announces a call for papers for its biennial Symposium on Cryptologic History. The Symposium will occur on 15-16 October 2009 in Laurel, Maryland, at the Johns-Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory located in the Baltimore-Washington corridor. The theme for the Symposium will be “Global Perspectives on Cryptologic History”. While we will consider all proposals relating to any aspect of cryptologic history, we are especially interested in presentations from international scholars. The deadline for submission of proposals, to include a minimum two-page topic prospectus, a brief source list, and a biography, is 10 January 2009. Selected presenters will receive notification by 1 March 2009. For further information, contact Dr. Kent Sieg, Symposium coordinator, at (301) 688-2336 or kgsieg@nsa.gov.

Excellence in West Texas History Fellowships for 2009-2010

The West Texas Collection at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas, a member of the Texas Tech University System is proud to announce the Excellence in West Texas History Fellowship Program. Applications are now being accepted for two fellowships of \$40,000 each to be awarded in April 2009. Application deadline is February 27, 2009. Fellowships are for a full academic year. In addition, a \$5,000 publishing subvention will be provided to an academic press for each completed manuscript accepted for publication.

Research must focus on the western half of Texas and utilize regional archives. Applicants must have completed a Ph.D or be ABD in a field of the humanities. Fellows will be expected to spend the 2009-2010 academic year utilizing the regional archives in West Texas.

Applicants should send the following information:

- Curriculum vita
- Description of the research topic
- A sample chapter or extract of previous work
- Three letters of reference from individuals who can attest to the importance of the work proposed and to the ability of the individual to fulfill the stated goal.

Send applications to: Excellence in West Texas History, ASU Station #11043, San Angelo, Texas 76909.

For more information contact: Suzanne Campbell, West Texas Collection, 1910 Rosemont San Angelo, Texas 76909; Phone: (325) 942-2164; Email: Suzanne.Campbell@angelo.edu; <http://www.angelo.edu/services/library/wtcoll/index.html>.

Prizes Announced

The John A. Adams '71 Center for Military History and Strategic Analysis at the Virginia Military Institute is pleased to announce the following prizes for its fourth Cold War essay contest:

First prize: \$2000

“The Genesis of the Sixth Fleet: The U.S. Navy and Early Cold War Foreign Policy in the Mediterranean, 1946 - 1948” by Michael A. Palmer, East Carolina University

Second prize: \$1000

“In a Foreign Land: GIs, West Germans, and Refugees in Franconia, 1945 - 1960” by Adam Seipp, Texas A & M University

Third prize: \$500

“The Atomic Air Offensive and the Change in American Military Tradition, 1945 - 1950” by John M. Curatola, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College

Honorable mentions (in alphabetical order)

“The Quiet Death of Universal Military Training: How America Lost an Opportunity to Close the Civil-Military Gap”, by Robert K. Dean, Norwich University

“Lessons of the Korean War and the Public Debate over Containment and American National Military Strategy, 1950 - 1955”, by Hal M. Friedman, Henry Ford Community College

“Detachment Number 1: African-American Prisoners at Camp 5 during the Korean Conflict” by Thomas J. Ward, Jr., Spring Hill College

We are also happy to announce that the Adams Center will sponsor a fifth round, with submissions due 15 June 2009. For information, contact: Dr. Malcolm Muir, Jr., Director, John A. Adams '71 Center for Military History and Strategic Analysis, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA 24450; (540) 464-7447; Email: muirm@vmi.edu.

Conference Program Announced

International history conference: 1918 Year of Victory, Australian War Memorial, Canberra 27-28 November 2008

Members of the Society for Military History might like to know that the Australian War Memorial in Canberra has announced the program for our international history conference: 1918 Year of Victory. The program is now available on the Australian War Memorial's website at: <http://www.awm.gov.au/events/conference/>. More information will follow soon and the website will be updated regularly.

Research Posted

Master Sergeant Jan Klebukowski, a retired 22 year veteran of the New York Air National Guard, and member of the Society for Military History has spent over 13 years of research putting together a complete history of Roslyn Air National Guard Base formerly located in Roslyn, NY. His research has been inducted into various military and civilian libraries and historical research institutes such as the Library of Congress (Catalog Card Number 2007369304), the New York State Military Museum in Saratoga Springs, NY, and the New York City Public Library. In addition, a copy of his work was also donated to his local High School in Glen Cove, Long Island to be used as a guide to help all future students choose the right careers for themselves as well as be a good recruiting tool for the Air National Guard. You can also find his complete work online simply by googling his full name excluding the rank designation and all his online work will come up.

2001 Journal of Military History article Attracts New Interest

The April 2001 issue of the *Journal of Military History* contained an article by Harry A. Jacobs titled “Operation Strakonice,” which described the venture of a small US Military Intelligence Team attached to the Fourth Armored Division in May 1945. The Team was ordered to cross the Line of Demarcation in Czechoslovakia in order to proceed to an area near Prague to seize documents at the German Army Headquarters which had retreated there from the Eastern Front. The Team located the site and took charge of a truckload of data. After overcoming numerous obstacles, the Team succeeded in bringing the captured materials to US lines.

In February 2008 the author was interviewed on the operation by two Czechs who were familiar with the 2001 article. In April 2008 the author received a telephone call from a producer for the Dutch TV network VPRO. He was producing a program on the liberation of Prague. He had met one of the Czechs who conducted the February interview while on a site visit to Prague for the documentary.

Richard C. Maguire Scholarship Awarded

The Richard C. Maguire Scholarship was awarded to Cpl. Dana L. Cushing USMC (retired) of Grand Island, NY for the 2008 competition.

Cpl. Cushing is currently enrolled as a Masters Degree candidate in History at Royal Holloway College, University of London in Egham, Surrey, England. Her major is in Crusades History. In 1995 she received her Bachelors Degree in Medieval History, with a minor in Art History (Fine Arts) at the University of Toronto in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Cpl. Cushing served as a logistician with the Marine Corps in Africa and Iraq during the period 1 February 2003 through January 2005. She received two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals and the Iraq Campaign Medal along with numerous other awards. She has a notable list of published articles, papers at respected conferences and a book, *A Middle English Chronicle of the First Crusade: The Caxton Eraclies* (Mellen Press, 2001).

The Richard C. Maguire Scholarship fund was established after Mr. Maguire's death in 1985. Since 1987, the scholarship has been awarded annually to an individual studying for a Master's or

Doctoral degree in History or a related field. Mr. Maguire was a charter member of the Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society when it was founded in 1972. He served in many capacities as elected officer and volunteer. In 1974 he was elected President and served for eleven years until his death in 1985. Mr. Maguire was an Armament Engineer for the US Government for 38 years. He helped design tank cupolas, turrets and gun mounts, crew served weapons, and the M16 rifle. He worked for the Detroit Tank Arsenal, for Rodman Laboratory at Rock Island Arsenal, and for the Industrial Based Engineering Agency (IBEA) at Rock Island Arsenal.

Ship Reunion

USS *Monticello* LSD 35 Reunion will be held September 16-19 in Branson, MO at the Branson Grand Plaza Hotel. Contact: Robert Behm, 3011 Dunn Road, Valley Springs, CA 95252; Phone: (209) 772-0543; Email: beamer@ussmonticello.com; Web: www.ussmonticello.com.

Upcoming Conference

The Department of History, the Centre for Military and Strategic Studies, and the History Graduate Students' Union at the University of Calgary are pleased to announce that they are hosting a conference titled *Seventy Years On: New Perspectives on the Second World War*, which will be held August 31 – September 2, 2009 at the University of Calgary in Alberta, Canada.

In recent years the Department of History has hosted a number of international conferences, including the annual Society for Military Conference, 2001; *The Global Victorians*, 2006; and the Congress of the Canadian Association of Latin American and Caribbean Studies, 2006. Additionally, the Centre for Military and Strategic Studies recently organized and hosted *Preparing for the Next Century of Canadian Sea Power*, 2008. The CMSS also organizes the annual Ross Ellis Memorial Lecture, as well as an annual graduate student conference and numerous on-campus speaker series.

Student participation is an important goal of the conference. Graduate students are playing a leading role in the organization of the conference. Also, graduate students are encouraged to submit papers to present at the conference. We are dedicated to making this possible by offsetting some of the travel costs for qualified students and are offering reduced fees to student presenters. We are also working with the University of Calgary's Undergraduate History Club and its counterpart at the Centre for Military and Strategic Studies to offer undergraduates experience in conference work.

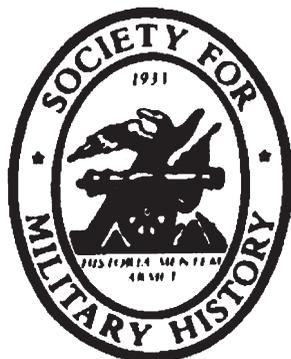
The main objectives of the conference are twofold: first, to encourage revision of established narratives. Military and diplomatic historians will be integral to the conference. Indeed, some of the most enduring traditional interpretations of the Second World War have recently been subjected to important and convincing revisionist treatment over the last several years. This will be an ideal forum in which to re-examine past interpretations and offer brand new ones.

Second, we encourage the application of diverse and interdisciplinary methods to what has hitherto been the almost exclusive domain of military and diplomatic historians. Therefore papers and panels from, for example, Anthropology, Sociology, Communications and Culture, and from social or environmental historians are strongly encouraged.

In order to keep the conference focused yet inclusive, applicants are invited to submit proposals on one of three conference themes: coalition warfare, turning points revisited, and tertiary theatres. "New Perspectives" may be used to analyze these broad topics, or applicants may offer revised analyses on established debates. Some possible perspectives include:

- *Operational/Tactical
- *Inter-allied Diplomacy
- *Civil-Military Relations
- *War and Culture
- *Allied Economic Mobilisation
- *War and the Environment
- *Terrorism in the Second World War
- *War and Society
- *Women and War
- *Urban Warfare/Civilians

The best papers from the conference will be compiled into a book to be published by an academic press.



NCH Washington Update

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.

HOUSE PASSES REVOLUTIONARY WAR & WAR OF 1812 BATTLEFIELD PROTECTION BILL- On September 23, the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 160, the “Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Protection Act,” legislation to establish a federal grant program specifically for preserving and protecting battle sites associated with the American Revolution and the War of 1812.

The bill would authorize \$10 million in grants annually in fiscal 2009-13 from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for the preservation and protection of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 battlefields and related historical sites, as is currently done for Civil War sites. The bill would allow officials at the American Battlefield Protection Program to collaborate with state and local governments and non-profit organizations to preserve and protect the most endangered historical sites and to provide up to 50 percent of the costs of purchasing battlefield land threatened by sprawl and commercial development.

According to a 2007 National Parks Service (NPS) “Report to Congress on the Historic Preservation of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Sites in the United States,” 170 of 677 nationally significant sites associated with the two wars are in danger of being destroyed in the next 10 years. At least 33 states could benefit if the bill becomes law. The bill now awaits a vote in the Senate.

In addition to the 170 sites in danger of being destroyed within the next 10 years, the NPS found that 99 have already been lost forever and 234 are in poor condition. The Senate has yet to act on its version of the bill.

FEDERAL AGENCIES ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES TO DIGITIZE HISTORICAL MATERIALS- This week, the Library of Congress announced that a dozen federal agencies are launching an initiative to establish a common set of guidelines for digitizing historical materials. Basing its efforts on a combination of collaborative research and combined experience, the Federal Agencies Digitization Guidelines Initiative will address a variety of issues related to the complex activities involved in the digitization of cultural heritage items.

Two working groups have been formed, one addressing content that can be captured in still images, the other involved with content categorizing sound, video, or motion-picture film. The initiative includes a just-launched Web site.

The Federal Agencies Still Image Digitization Working Group will focus its efforts on content such as books, manuscripts, maps, and photographic prints and negatives. Its members include the Library of Congress, the National Agricultural Library, the National Archives and Records Administration, the National Gallery of Art, the National Library of Medicine, the National Technical Information Service, the National Transportation Library, the Smithsonian Institution, the U.S. Geological Survey, and the U.S. Government Printing Office. An Advisory Board of technical experts from industry and academia will also contribute to the initiative.

The Federal Agencies Audio-Visual Working Group, which will address standards and practices for sound, video, and motion picture film, includes the Defense Visual Information Directorate of the Department of Defense, the Library of Congress, the National Agricultural Library, the National Archives and Records Administration, the National Library of Medicine, the Smithsonian Institution, the Government Printing Office and the Voice of America.

The agencies began meeting in 2007 to identify common practices for digitizing cultural heritage materials in a sustainable way. Establishing guidelines is expected to increase the quality and consistency of digitized documents and media that are made available to the public, streamline workflows and reduce costs, promote the exchange of research, and encourage collaboration across agencies. The guidelines will also provide common benchmarks for digitization service providers and manufacturers.

This collaborative effort initially formed under the auspices of the National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program (NDIIPP), a Library of Congress-led program initiated by Congress in December 2000 to develop a national strategy to collect and preserve digital content.

HOUSE PANEL HOLDS HEARING ON FOIA OMBUDSMAN- On September 17, 2008, the House Information Policy, Census and National Archives Subcommittee held a hearing to inquire

into the Bush administration's failure to implement a law Congress passed last year mandating the creation of a Freedom of Information Act ombudsman office at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

In 2007, President Bush signed into law the "Open Government Act of 2007" (Public Law 110-175). The law requires the establishment of an Office of Government Information Services within the National Archives and Records Administration. Within that office a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) ombudsman is to be appointed to review agency policies and procedures, audit agency performance, recommend policy changes, and mediate disputes between FOIA requestors and agencies.

Unfortunately, when President Bush sent his proposed FY '09 budget to Congress, no funding was included for the establishment of the OGIS at NARA. Instead, the President proposed language to move OGIS to the Department of Justice, and to repeal the language in the Open the Government Act placing OGIS at the National Archives.

In his oral testimony, Archivist of the United States Allen Weinstein made it clear that he was appearing before the subcommittee to represent the Administration's position. He noted that if the current impasse between Congress and the Administration were resolved, that NARA would do all it could to create the office and execute its responsibilities.

Both the House and Senate Appropriations Committees have included \$1 million in funding to establish the OGIS at the National Archives in their FY '09 budget bills. However, since it is likely that Congress will not pass a FY '09 budget until January, creation of the OGIS office within NARA would likely not take place until next spring.

The private sector witnesses on the panel were Tom Blanton, Director of the National Security Archive; Patrice McDermott, Director of OpenTheGovernment.org and Rick Blum, Coordinator of the Sunshine in Government Initiative. There was a consensus among these witnesses that placing the OGIS at the Department of Justice (DOJ) created an inherent conflict of interest since the DOJ has the responsibility to defend federal agencies in lawsuits brought by FOIA requesters.

NEW NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER TO BE BUILT IN ST. LOUIS- The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), recently announced plans to lease a new built-to-suit facility in St. Louis, MO to replace the Military Personnel Records Center and a portion of the Civilian Personnel Records Center. Initial occupancy of the new building is scheduled for March 2010.

The new facility will house the National Personnel Records Center. The Center contains 56 million personnel files of twentieth century military service veterans, and 25 million Federal civilian personnel files dating from the early twentieth century to the 1970s. All of these files are designated as permanent, historic records. Each year, a portion of the military personnel files are transferred from military services' ownership to the legal custody of the National Archives, when 62 years has elapsed since an individual's separation from service. Civilian personnel files will also be accessioned into National Archives custody in the near future.

In addition to records storage, the new facility will contain public research rooms, an archival preservation laboratory, public meeting rooms, and staff offices. Six hundred National Archives staff will work at the new building.

NARA TO OPEN PERSONNEL FILES OF THE OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES (OSS)- The National Archives and Records Administration has announced that on August 14 it will open more than 35,000 official personnel files of men and women who served in the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) which was the U.S. wartime intelligence agency during World War II. The files cover civilian and military personnel who served and were later transferred, discharged, reassigned, or died while in service prior to 1947. These records are available for research in the textual research room at the National Archives II facility in College Park, Maryland.

On the day of the opening, the press office will distribute CDs that include selected files of some of the notable people who served in the OSS, including former CIA directors Allen Dulles and William Casey, famed chef Julia Child, Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg, Arab/Israeli peace negotiator and civil rights advocate Ralph Bunche, and Hollywood actor Sterling Hayden.

The 750,000 pages include initial applications to join the OSS; preliminary training and subsequent work assignments; pay, leave and travel documents; evaluations, basic medical information; and awards, decorations and discharge papers. Occasionally, photographs are included in the application file. Senior officials, officers and men engaged in special combat actions, such as Detachment 101, Jedburghs, X-2, espionage, and major intelligence missions may have citations summarizing those efforts in the files.

Name searches for individuals who served in the OSS can be found online in the Archival Research Catalogue listing for the OSS Personnel Files posted as ARC # 1593270.

MEETINGS CALENDAR 2008

November 8 WFA New England - New York Chapter Annual Seminar, US Military Academy, West Point, NY. Contact Dr. Guy Cavallaro at Ph1m2h3@aol.com.

November 14-15 Global Encounters: Legacies of Exchange and Conflict (1000-1700), University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. Contact Information: Brett Edward Whalen, Department of History, CB# 3195 (Hamilton

Hall), UNC-Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC 27599. Email: bwhalen@email.unc.edu. Website at <http://mems.unc.edu/>.

November 26-27 Small Powers in the Age of Total War 1900-1940. Royal Netherlands Defence Academy, Breda. For more information, contact Prof. dr. H. Amersfoort at h.amersfoort@nlda.nl or to Prof. dr. W. Klinkert at w.klinkert.01@nlda.nl.

MEETINGS CALENDAR 2009

January 4 George C. Marshall Lecture. Professor Paul Kennedy of Yale University will present the lecture at the American Historical Association meeting at the New York Hilton. His topic will be: History from the Middle? The Case of the Second World War. The lecture is jointly sponsored by SMH and the George C. Marshall Foundation.

February 2 Deadline for Weigley Travel Grant Application for SMH Annual Meeting!

February 19-21 Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, 1750-1850 annual meeting, Savannah, GA. Information: <http://www.revolutionaryera.org/>.

February 21-22 International Security and Internal Safety Conference, University of Southern Mississippi's Center for the Study of War and Society, Hattiesburg, MS. Information: USMConference@gmail.com.

March 5-7 Missouri Valley History Conference. Includes several SMH-sponsored sessions. Information: <http://www.unomaha.edu/mvhc/index.html>.

March 21 13th Annual Barnes Club Graduate Student Conference, Temple University's Center City Campus, Philadelphia, PA. Information: <http://astro.temple.edu/~jabgrad/>.

April 2-5 The SMH 2009 Annual Meeting will be in Murfreesboro, TN hosted by Middle Tennessee State University and coordinated by Derek Frisby.

June 4-5 National D-Day Conference, Liberty

University, Lynchburg, VA. Contact: David Snead, ddayconference@liberty.edu.

July 16-19 HISTORICON Military Seminar Series, Lancaster, PA. Information: John Dunn, jdunn@valdosta.edu or www.hmgs.org.

July 26-29 Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Springfield, IL. Information: <http://www.shear.org/>.

July 28-August 2 4th Annual International Congress of the History of Technology symposium on "The Social History of Military Technology." Budapest, Hungary. Contact: Bart Hacker, hackerb@si.edu.

September 10-12 – 2009 Naval History Symposium, sponsored by the History Department at the US Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD. Information: Commander C. C. Felker, felker@usna.edu.

September 10-13 International Society for First World War Studies annual meeting, Imperial War Museum, London. Theme: "Other Combatants, Other Fronts: Competing Histories of the First World War." Full information can be found at www.firstworldwarstudies.com.

October 15-16 Symposium on Cryptologic History, the Johns-Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, Laurel, MD. Contact: Dr. Kent Sieg, kgsieg@nsa.gov.

November 27-28 – 1918 Year of Victory, Australian War Memorial, Canberra. Information: <http://www.awm.gov.au/events/conference/>.

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MEETINGS CALENDAR 2010

May 20-23 The SMH 2010 Annual Meeting will be in Lexington, VA hosted by the Virginia Military Institute and the George C. Marshall Foundation. Casey Brower at VMI and Brian Shaw, Director of the Marshall Foundation, are coordinating the meeting.

MEETINGS CALENDAR 2011

June Date TBA The Cantigny First Division Foundation (CFDF) near Chicago, Illinois will host the 2011 Society for Military History (SMH) Annual Meeting in June at a hotel in Lisle, IL.

MEETINGS CALENDAR 2012

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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