Conference goers to the 2010 SMH Conference in Lexington, Virginia will have no shortage of “extra curricular activities” to interest them and provide diversions between the sessions.

Co-hosted by the Virginia Military Institute and the George C. Marshall Research Library, the conference will take place May 20-23 on the post of VMI.

Conference organizers have arranged for two interesting side trips as part of the program. On Friday, May 21, there will be a trip to the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, VA. Dedicated on June 6, 2001, the Memorial is dedicated to the soldiers who participated in Operation Overlord and made the ultimate sacrifice. The Memorial is located in Bedford, Va. because that community suffered the highest per capita number of casualties at D-Day.

More information on the tour will be included in SMH conference registration material. To view a slide show of the memorial, visit www.dday.org.

On Saturday, May 22, conference goers will have the opportunity to participate in a staff ride at the New Market Battlefield in New Market, Va. The three-hundred acre New Market Battlefield State Historical Park and Hall of Valor Civil War Museum commemorate a unique moment in American history – when college boys, cadets from VMI, engaged in pitched battle and helped win a victory for the Confederate Army.

http://www2.vmi.edu/museum/nm/bh.html. Spend the afternoon at the New Market Battlefield State Historical Park. In addition to the staff ride, SMHers may enjoy the museum, explore the historic farm, and visit scenic Shenandoah River overlooks. More information on the New Market Staff Ride will also be included in SMH registration material.

In addition to the official conference activities, there are a number of sightseeing and recreational activities in Lexington and Rockbridge County. Washington and Lee University, adjacent to VMI, will open Lee Chapel, the final resting place of General Robert E. Lee, to conference participants. The Stonewall Jackson House and the Stonewall Jackson Cemetery are all within easy walking distance of the convention site.

Located within easy driving distance are the Natural Bridge of Virginia, surveyed by George Washington and once owned by Thomas Jefferson; the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library in Staunton, Va.; and Monticello, Thomas Jefferson’s home just outside Charlottesville, Va.

Spring is a beautiful time in the Valley of Virginia, with no shortage of outdoor recreational activities available. The Blue Ridge Parkway is a short drive from Lexington, with many hiking trails, including the Appalachian Trail, easily accessible. Fishing, kayaking, and canoeing are available and easily accessible on the Maury and James Rivers. Golf and tennis are easily available through the Lexington Golf & Country Club, the Vista Links and other public facilities.

The timing of the SMH conference this year makes the conference the perfect “end of the academic year” getaway. Hope to see you in Lexington.
Upcoming Conference

On Dec. 10-12, the Wisconsin Veterans Museum in Madison will host a conference on “The Past and Future of Military History” to honor the memory of Dr. Richard H. Zeitlin, its former director (and longtime SMH member) who died last year. Panelists and speakers will include Edward M. Coffman, Jerry Cooper, John M. Cooper, Joseph Glatthaar, John Hall, Richard Kohn, Tim Nenninger, Edgar Raines, Mark Stoler and Jeremi Suri. For additional details contact Jeffrey Kollath of the Wisconsin Veterans Museum at Jeffrey.Kollath@dva.state.wi.us.

Call for Papers

Americans Divided and United: Multiple and Shifting Solidarities
Thursday, March 17 to Sunday, March 20, 2011
Hilton Americas-Houston

With the theme of “Americans Divided and United: Multiple and Shifting Solidarities,” the Program Committee for the 2011 Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting in Houston intends to present a wide-ranging program that will encourage critical discussion of the issues now driving the best scholarship in all subfields of United States history. The Committee invites proposals that cover any and all periods within 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 will feature sessions on the ways in which Americans have been separated from and united with one another in a variety of historical contexts, but the Committee welcomes proposals on topics beyond this year’s designated theme. The program aims to include public historians and independent scholars as well as those teaching at universities, colleges, community colleges, and secondary schools. In general, the program should reflect the full diversity of the OAH membership in the United States and abroad.

Beginning October 1, 2009, the program committee invites the submission of panels and presentations that deal with these and other issues and themes in American history. OAH welcomes 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. Wherever possible, proposals should include presenters of both sexes and members of ethnic and racial minorities. OAH encourages more senior historians to present their own research, and welcomes debate on challenging and controversial issues. If you have questions about these policies, please email the OAH meetings department.

Policies: 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. All participants must preregister for the meeting. Participants who specialize in American history and support themselves as American historians must be members of the OAH.

Submission Procedure: Proposals should be submitted electronically to the OAH Proposal System (http://db.oah.org:8080/dbproject/login.jsp) beginning October 1, 2009. Please download proposal system instructions -- http://www.oah.org/meetings/2011/instructions.html -- before beginning your submission. Complete session proposals most often include a chair, participants, and, if applicable, one or two commentators. We welcome proposals for roundtables and workshops as well as for sessions with papers and comments. Chairs may double as commentators, and commentators may be omitted in order for the audience to serve in that role. Sessions with commentators should have no more than three paper presentations. All sessions should have substantial time allotted for audience questions and comments. We prefer to receive proposals for complete sessions but will consider individual paper proposals as well. All proposals must include the following information:

1) A complete mailing address, e-mail address, phone number, and affiliation for each participant
2) An abstract of no more than 500 words for the session as a whole
3) A prospectus of no more than 250 words for each presentation; and
4) A vita of no more than 500 words for each participant

The deadline for proposals is Thursday, February 25, 2010.

2011 Program Committee
Manfred Berg, University of Heidelberg
Holly Brewer, North Carolina State University
Hasia Diner, New York University
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Fellowship Announcement

The Omar N. Bradley Foundation will in 2010 again grant ten Omar N. Bradley Historical Research Fellowships, each of which will normally provide $2000 to support an active duty Army officer in pursuing research in military history. Selection of the Fellows will be made without regard to rank, branch or affiliation with the USMA Department of History. Funds will be granted to those officers who are “actively engaged” in historical research who have the best-developed plans for conducting significant historical work. Research should be in pursuit of a graduate degree or in preparing for scholarly publication. Officers may reapply annually. A similar research scholarship will be offered each year to a rising senior cadet conducting historical research.

Who May Apply. U.S. Army officers who are actively engaged in the study of military history may apply for these fellowships. “Active engagement in the study of military history” includes research toward a Master’s degree or doctorate in military history or research toward a scholarly article or monograph in military history. The selection committee interprets “military history” in the broadest sense. Officers who have been awarded a fellowship in the past may apply again. In this case, the officer should indicate the receipt of the previous grant and how it was employed.

How To Apply. Officers meeting the criteria above should apply to the Chair, Omar Nelson Bradley Fellowships Committee, Department of History, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York 10996, or electronically to Eugenia.Kiesling@usma.edu. Applications should include the name, rank, phone number, and duty position of the applicant, status and purpose of research to date, the objective of the proposed research, methodology to be used, a specific statement of needs for funding, and a proposed method of publishing or disseminating the results of the research. Additional materials that will assist the committee in evaluating the application may also be submitted. Whether the results are published or presented, a reference will be made that the research was funded (either fully or partially) by the Omar Nelson Bradley Fellowship. Applications are due to the committee by 1 January 2010.

Selection of Omar Nelson Bradley Fellows. The Omar Nelson Bradley Fellowships Committee shall consist of military and/or civilian faculty (current or former) from the Department of History. Committee members will be appointed by the Professor and Head, Department of History, United States Military Academy. In 2010 the committee will convene in early mid-January with a goal of recommending a slate of ten proposed Omar Nelson Bradley Fellows to the Directors of the Omar Nelson Bradley Foundation by 31 January, with the aim of announcing recipients by around 15 February.

Required Grant Application Items (must be received by 1 January):
- Name, rank, duty position, contact information
- Objective of the proposed research
- Status of research to date
- Methodology
- Itemized cost estimate
- Proposed method of disseminating research results

Suggested Additional Application Items:
- Curriculum Vitae
- Writing Samples, Articles or Manuscripts
- ORB
- Letters of Recommendation (Academic & Military)
- Academic Transcripts

Application Timeline:
- Applications due to the Committee no later than 1 January 2010.
- Committee forwards recommendations to the Bradley Foundation no later than 31 January 2010.
- Bradley Foundation distributes funds in late February to selected applicants.

Send Application Materials to:
United States Military Academy, Department of History
Suite 251, Building 601, West Point, NY 10996
ATTN: PROFESSOR E. C. KIESLING

2008 Norman B. Tomlinson Jr. Prize Winner Announced

The winner of the 2008 Norman B. Tomlinson Jr. Prize for the best work of history in English on World War One is Michael S. Neiberg of the University of Southern Mississippi. Dr. Neiberg’s winning monograph entitled The Second Battle of the Marne was published by the University of Indiana Press. It examines the summer 1918 turning point of WWI on the Western Front when the German advance toward Paris was stopped and thrown decisively into reverse in the first major battle fought by the newly-arrived American Expeditionary Forces in conjunction with their British, French and Italian allies. Dr. Neiberg receives a check for $3,000.

The Tomlinson Prize is awarded annually by a panel chaired by Dennis Showalter of Colorado College, a former President of the Society for Military History. Other panelists include Brigadier General (retired) Robert A. Doughty, former chairman of the History Department at West Point, the United States Military Academy and Ambassador (retired) Leonard G. Shurtleff, past President of The Western Front Association’s United States Branch.

Kudos!

The Army Historical Foundation has awarded its prize for the best article on the U.S. Army to appear in a journal or magazine in 2008 to Dr. Andrew J. Birtle for “PROVN, Westmoreland, and the Historians: A Reappraisal,” which appeared in the October 2008 issue of the JMH. Dr. Birtle was awarded a prize of $250 but, as a government employee, was obliged to refuse it. He does have a commemorative plaque, however. Dr. Birtle’s article contends that Gen. Westmoreland was more active in pursuing a counterinsurgency, as opposed to conventional warfare strategy in the Vietnam War than his critics have allowed. Dr. Birtle is a specialist in counterinsurgency warfare at the U.S. Army Center of Military History at Ft. McNair, D.C.

In February, Ryan Wadle received the Edward S. Miller Research Fellowship in Naval History from the Naval War College Foundation. In June, he received the John D. Hayes Pre-Doctoral Fellowship in U.S. Naval History for 2009-2010. Both of these awards are being used to fund the research for his dissertation titled “The Fourth Dimension of Naval Tactics: The U.S. Navy and Public Relations, 1919-1941” which looks at how the Navy and sympathetic organizations and individuals promoted the service to the public.

Fellowship Announcement

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 2010. Application deadline is January 31, 2010. 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 be either finishing their doctoral work or with Ph.D. in hand in a field of the humanities. Fellows will be expected to spend the 2010-2011 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.
Adams Prize Winners 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 fifth Cold War essay contest:

2008-09 Cold War essay contest sponsored by the John A. Adams ’71 Center for Military History and Strategic Analysis


Third prize: $500; “In Brzezinski’s Forge: Fashioning the Carter Doctrine’s Military Instrument,” by Frank L. Jones, U.S. Army War College

Honorable mentions (in alphabetical order)


“The Light Infantry Division: Cold War Chimera,” by Kevin D. Stringer, Winkel, Switzerland

The Adams Center will sponsor a sixth round, with submissions due 15 June 2010. 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,
Phone: (540) 464-7447, Email: muirm@vmi.edu

Prize Awarded

Seth Givens of Ohio University won the Society for Military History-Cantigny First Division Museum Prize for the best paper in military history by a graduate student at the Northern Great Plains History Conference for 2009. SMH regional coordinator Joe Fitzharris presented the award to Mr. Givens for his paper titled “To Us It Was a Funny Part of War: GIs and Looting in Germany, 1945”.

Call for Papers

Trebuchet to Cannon: Military Technology 1000-1600
A conference and workshop to be held at the Danish Medieval Centre, Nykobing, Falster, Denmark,
26-29 July 2010
http://www.middelaldercentret.dk/Projekter/hox.html

For the last two decades the Middelaldercentret in Denmark has carried out research into the construction and performance of medieval military technologies. Since 2001, the Ho Group (dedicated to the study of early gunpowder and gunpowder weapons) has met to experiment with gunpowder recipes and reconstructed artillery. The tenth meeting of the Ho Group will be an
international conference to discuss all aspects of medieval military technology, including artillery, siege engines, gunpowder and cannon, and other weapons. The Organizing Committee extends an invitation to all those interested in this area—textual scholars, experimental archaeologists, curators and historians—to attend and present their work and discuss solutions to, and further problems in, the understanding of military technologies in the Middle Ages. The conference will include a series of workshops and hands-on demonstrations by the Ho Group of medieval technologies, including trebuchets, gunpowder and incendiary weapons, and reconstructions of cannon.

The conference will be four days in length, with three days of papers and workshops, one day-long excursion, and a closing banquet with Renaissance fireworks. The venue will be the Middelaldercentret (Danish Medieval Centre) and the adjacent Femern Link Hotel & Conference Centre. The primary language will be English. Presented papers will be considered for publication.

The organizers request a brief abstract for a paper proposal or an expression of interest to attend without presenting a paper by 15 November 2009. Full details of the conference and accommodation fees will be finalized by the end of 2009, with a registration deadline of 15 May 2010.

For more information or to submit your proposal (200 words, along with a brief CV), please contact Robert Smith at HoX@basiliscoe.fsnet.co.uk.

Call for Papers
The Second Military Oral History Conference: Between Memory and History
Victoria, BC, Canada, 5-7 May 2010
The DEADLINE for paper submissions is 15 January 2010

The History Department of the University of Victoria is pleased to invite proposals for the Second Military Oral History Conference to be held in Victoria, BC on 5-7 May 2010. The intention of the conference is to bring together senior undergraduate and graduate students, academics and veterans working in a variety of fields in military history in order to foster discussion in a multidisciplinary environment. Papers addressing all facets of military history which rely heavily upon oral history will be considered. This includes, but is not limited to, the writing of popular military history, official history, operational history, military families and the home front, First Nations, Military Medicine, records management and archival preservation. Proposals are welcome from all scholars, but senior undergraduate and graduate students are especially encouraged to submit. We also encourage submissions from community scholars, independent scholars, archivists and librarians working in the field.

We encourage a broad interpretation of the conference theme from a variety of fields and backgrounds. Panel submissions will be considered. Proposals should not exceed 250 words and should be accompanied by a short biographical sketch.

Please submit proposals to Dr. David Zimmerman, Department of History, University of Victoria, P.O. Box 3045, Victoria, B.C., V8W 3P4

For more information, contact: Dr. David Zimmerman (250) 721-7399 - dzimmerm@uvic.ca.
Conference website: http://web.uvic.ca/~veterans/

Prizes Awarded
The Naval History and Heritage Command, the United States Navy’s primary official historical agency, headquartered in Washington, D.C., has awarded the following prize, fellowship, scholarship, and research grants in 2009.

The Rear Admiral Ernest M. Eller Prize in Naval History, sponsored jointly by the Naval History and Heritage Command and the Naval Historical Foundation, for the author of the best article on U.S. naval history published in a scholarly journal in 2008, has been given to Timothy S. Wolters, of Utah State University, for his article “Electric Torpedoes in the Confederacy: Reconciling Conflicting Histories,” published in the July 2008 issue of The Journal of Military History. Through careful and logical analysis of all the relevant sources, the prize article cogently explains the contributions of competing claimants to the development of the Confederacy’s electric torpedoes, while providing explanations of the origins of conflicting claims to priority in the development of this innovation in the technology of warfare. The purpose of this award is to heighten awareness of naval history and to encourage other scholars to research and write articles on innovative topics within the discipline.

The Rear Admiral John D. Hayes Pre-Doctoral Fellowship has been awarded to Ryan D. Wadle of Texas A&M University, to assist the writing of a dissertation on the shaping of a new public image of the United States Navy between the two world wars.
The Samuel Eliot Morison Scholarship, a grant that supports research by commissioned officers in the United States Navy and Marine Corps enrolled in advanced degree work in history and related fields, has been awarded to Captain Peter D. Haynes of the Naval Postgraduate School for dissertation research on the evolution of U.S. naval strategy since the end of the Cold War.

The Vice Admiral Edwin B. Hooper Research Grant has been awarded to Dr. Jonathan R. Winkler of Wright State University to assist with his research on U.S. national security policy through the twentieth century from the perspective of changes in communications and information technology.

**Fellowship Opportunity**

The library of the Society of the Cincinnati is an excellent, if not well-known, resource for researching the military and naval history of the Colonial-Revolutionary-Early Republic eras of our nation’s history. An impressive collection of contemporary manuals and treatises on the art of war and military science provide the centerpiece of their impressive holdings.

The Society of the Cincinnati is accepting applications for the Tyree-Lamb Research Fellowship. 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 provides $1,000 to support the cost of travel, housing, and per diem 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 collection includes contemporary books, manuscripts, maps, and works of art 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 lives of Lars and Isabel Anderson, whose Gilded Age home now serves as a museum, and the headquarters of the Society.

The recipient is required to complete his or her fellowship research within a period of one year from the date of 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:

1. A curriculum vitae, including educational background, publications and professional experience.
2. A brief outline of the research proposed (not to exceed two pages).
3. (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 the recommenders when submitting the application.

Applications must be received by November 16, 2009. Applicants will be notified by January 15, 2010.

Mail to:
Ellen McCallister Clark, Library Director
The Society of the Cincinnati
2118 Massachusetts Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20008

For more information about the collection of fellowship, 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 ext. 411; or e-mail: efrengel@societyofthecincinnati.org.

**Call for Entries: SHFG Thomas Jefferson Prize**

The Society for History in the Federal Government (SHFG) seeks entries for its 2010 Thomas Jefferson Prize for research tools published in 2008 or 2009. The prize recognizes the creator(s) of an outstanding research aid (e.g., inventory, index, finding aid, biographical directory, bibliography) that facilitates the work of those researching the history of the federal government. It will be awarded at the SHFG annual meeting in College Park, Maryland in March 2010. See www.shfg.org for criteria, a list of past winners, and general requirements for all SHFG prizes.

A copy of each entry with a letter briefly stating its qualification and merits should be sent to each of the Jefferson Committee members by November 15, 2009:
The SHFG, founded in 1979, is a nonprofit professional organization that promotes the study and broad understanding of the history of the United States Government. It also serves as the voice of the Federal historical community.

**Call for Papers**

**HISTORICON 2010 War College**

*Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, MD – 8-11 July 2010*

HISTORICON, “Historical Miniature Gaming’s Biggest Summer Vacation” - www.historicon.org - invites military historians to consider presentations at its 26th anniversary convention scheduled for Baltimore, MD, between 8-11 July. Our theme is “Pike and Shotte: Seventeenth Century European Warfare, 1600-99.” While we are very interested in presentations that mesh with this theme, we are very happy to consider all aspects of military history.

HISTORICON’s ‘War College’ is a series of seminars that aims to connect our 3500+ attendees with military historians and their work. 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 included military professionals, academics, government policy makers, and part-time historians (for the 2009 Military Seminar participants see, http://www.historicon.org/HIST2009/guests.asp.)

Most presentations last an hour. A typical audience is an average of 30 highly interested attendees, many who are very well read and looking forward to your take on a specific aspect of military history. PowerPoint works very well, but note - as cool as they are - we cannot support Macs (IBM only). HISTORICON can also provide overhead or slide projectors. Be sure to note your tech needs!

If your paper is selected for presentation at HISTORICON 2010, you will obtain free admission to attend all events (a $35 value). If this is your first connection to the world of historical miniature wargames, it is difficult to imagine any experience less than “interesting.” There will be games galore, ranging from super complex to very simple, plus a vast array of vendors, including new and used book sellers. Several speakers from HISTORICON 2009, all first timers, described their experience with words like “great;” “these guys really know their stuff;” or “I wish my students were that interested in history.”

Please send a short description of your presentation, plus an up-to-date resume. The deadline for proposals is 30 January 2010. Transmit via the post, or by email to: Dr. John P. Dunn, HISTORICON Seminar Coordinator, Department of 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.]

**Call for Papers**

The Victoria College/University of Houston-Victoria Library is commemorating the sixtieth anniversary of the Korean War by sponsoring a conference to be held at the Victoria College, Victoria, Texas, on June 24-26, 2010. Presentations on all aspects of the conflict will be considered. Proposals must include a brief biography, a one-paragraph abstract, and the name, street address, and e-mail address of the presenter. Submissions should be sent to James M. Smallwood at jms8466@okstate.edu or by mail to 1413 S. Lindsay St., Gainesville, Texas 76240-5625, no later than January 15, 2010.

**Call for Articles**

*Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*

**Special Issue: Civil War in Pennsylvania (October 2011)**

The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography is issuing a call for articles for a special issue of the magazine on the Civil War in Pennsylvania scheduled for an October 2011 publication. The editors seek submissions of the following two sorts.

*Scholarly Articles:* The editors seek proposals for scholarly articles (25-35 pages, double spaced) featuring new research on the Civil War in Pennsylvania. Articles can focus on military, political,
or civilian topics. Selections will be made based on the quality of the submission and with an eye toward representing the diversity of current Civil War research.

Favorite Sources/Hidden Gems: The editors seek proposals for short articles (250-750 words) featuring favorite sources/hidden gems highlighting some aspect of the Civil War in Pennsylvania. We invite articles focusing on both written and non-written sources, including but not limited to diaries, manuscript collections, novels, government documents, photographs, museum artifacts, and monuments. These items may or may not be found in the state, but all featured items will serve to illuminate some aspect of how Pennsylvanians experienced the war. Selections will be made based on the quality of the submission and with an eye toward representing the wide variety of source material available for understanding the Civil War in Pennsylvania.

Submission details: Submissions should be addressed to Tamara Gaskell, Editor, Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107 or, by e-mail, to pmhb@hsp.org.

Guest editors: Potential contributors are encouraged to consult with one of the two guest editors for this issue of the Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography. Matt Gallman at the University of Florida can be reached at gallmanm@history.ufl.edu. Judy Giesberg at Villanova University can be reached at giesberg@villanova.edu.

Deadline for submissions: January 8, 2010.

SOCIETY FOR MILITARY HISTORY

Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting

Embassy Suites Conference Center
Murfreesboro, TN
April 04, 2009

President Carol Reardon called the meeting to order at 0730 A.M. on Saturday, April 04, 2009 at the Embassy Suites Conference Center in Murfreesboro, TN.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to approve them as printed was made. An error on page 1 in the President’s Report was noted. It should read, “The Cantigny First Division Foundation (CFDF) near Chicago, IL will not host the 2010 Society for Military History (SMH) Annual Meeting due to possible construction at the museum. The Cantigny meeting will now be in 2011.” The motion to approve the corrected minutes was made, and then seconded, and the minutes approved.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

President’s Report. President Reardon reported a busy year conducting Presidential duties. She has maintained contact with the National Coalition for History (NCH). SMH is one of their greatest financial supporters. Because the SMH has a seat on their Board, the SMH is asked for input on important issues involving the historical community. The SMH maintains its relationships with the OAH and the AHA and the AHA points to the SMH as a success story. The SMH continued to be active in supporting its Regional Coordinators and members are encouraged to ask for funds through these Coordinators to support their activities. Everyone registered for the conference received a copy of the Organization of American Historians (OAH) Magazine devoted to military history. All the authors of articles in that edition are SMH members. It is hoped that this will stimulate more interest in military history. Reardon has received good feedback on the issue from the academic community. The Society again fielded a full program of Presidential Panels for this conference. Reardon acknowledged the Director of the Naval Historical Heritage Command, Admiral DeLoach, for attending this conference and members of the Hemingway Society are also in attendance. She stated that there was a lot going on with the Society and that she had enjoyed her last four years as president.

Vice President’s Report. Brian Linn reported that his duties included supervising the Regional Coordinators and planning for future Society Annual Meetings. He was happy to report that the Society has conference proposals up through 2013 and expects them for 2014 and 2015 also. Regional Coordinators have done
Executive Director’s Report. Bob Berlin stated that the Marshall Lecture speaker Professor Hew Strachan of Oxford University was the foremost World War I historian, and the speech will be in April 2010 at OAH in Washington, DC. All members of the Society are welcome. No registration is necessary and there will be a reception afterward. It will be publicized on the SMH website and newsletter. This is Berlin’s ninth year as Society Executive Director. The dedicated officers and employees of the Society have conducted SMH business efficiently and conscientiously furthering the Society’s mission of stimulating and advancing the study of military history through publications, at historical meetings, and by a variety of activities. Members of the Society were told how hard President Reardon and Vice President Linn have worked for the Society throughout the year. The Society’s employees are efficient and effective. They are owed great thanks. The Journal is a continuing success story and Kurt Hackemer has revamped the website himself thus saving the Society money. Committee Members have wisely and efficiently conducted their duties. So the Society is well served by its officers, committees, and trustees. The Nominations Committee came up with a terrific slate of candidates and the results of the election will be covered in the Tellers Report.

The Annual Meetings are well planned ahead. We have over 450 registered for this meeting. Derek Frisby should be thanked for his hard work and dedication organizing and conducting this annual meeting. Berlin contracted for 175 rooms at the Embassy Suites and the Society filled 210. Bill Allison, last year’s coordinator in Ogden, UT, filed the best After Action Report (AAR) that Berlin had seen. The Annual Meeting made an unexpected profit of $15K. The 2010 Meeting will be 20-23 May in Lexington, VA sponsored by the George C. Marshall Foundation and VMI. Brian Shaw Foundation Director and Lee McFaddin Foundation Director of Special Events are coordinating the Meeting. The Society will be meeting at the new George C. Marshall Leadership Center on the VMI Campus; the Society will have to use six to eight hotels spread about Lexington. They are all within a mile of VMI. There will be a coordinated transportation plan to get people to the Meeting site at VMI. The website for this Meeting will be up in September. The 2011 Annual Meeting will be in Lisle/Wheaton, IL near Chicago on 09-12 June hosted by the First Division Foundation. The hotel will probably be a Hilton, Wyndham, or Holiday Inn. There will be events in Chicago. The 2012 Annual Meeting will be held 10-13 May in Arlington/Crystal City hosted by the Army Historical Foundation. The venue will be the Hotel Hyatt Regency Crystal City for which a great rate of $139 + tax has been negotiated. In 2013, the Council agreed to meet in New Orleans, the dates and place to be determined.

Awards were given at the luncheon and the Award Committee is complemented for selecting the winners in a timely and efficient manner. The SMH archives are now at KSU except for some holdings of past presidents. Paul Thompson is the archivist for those papers. There is a link on the Society website to access those records.

The Society continues to carry its liability insurance policies. The Society’s initial application to the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) was not approved. The Society will reapply providing additional requested information and await another decision.

Treasurer. Graham Cosmas stated that in spite of the precarious financial times, the Society’s financial position continues to be solid because of a steady cash flow. As of 23 March, the Operating Fund showed a surplus of $51K and the Endowment Fund has an income of $6600. The Society suffered an unrealized loss in funds of $60K (a paper loss from Mutual Funds). The Weigley Fund that funds travel scholarships has a net income of $1300 and the Coffman Scholarship Fund has received about $1000 in investment income and $1400 in member contributions. SMH has total assets of about $445K.

The biggest recent change has been in the payroll processing. The ADP Corporation handles the payroll processing of the eleven employees for a cost of about $2000 annually which is roughly 2% of the payroll. This ensures the Society is in compliance with state and federal tax laws. The Society is moving its investment accounts from Merrill Lynch to Morgan Stanley because the broker, Rick Weaver, has moved there. The President asked for any questions (there were none) and praised Graham for a good report.

Editor Journal of Military History. Bruce Vandervort announced that the April issue was mailed on 31 March and that he was working on the July issue. The subscription loss has not been dire due to the economic situation. Student subscribers have increased. There has been some loss in institutional subscriptions, but that is offset by online subscriptions. Royalties from electronic publishing have increased.
The *Journal* has contracts with four online services, JSTOR, EBSCO, MUSE, and ProQuest. That may change soon because the *Journal* has received an exclusive offer from EBSCO to be the sole online provider of online services. This service will go back to 1937 free of charge for Society members. EBSCO has offered $125K per year for seven years with a 3% annual increase for exclusive access. The *Journal* is in favor of this offer and will investigate the legal aspects with respect to the other online providers of accepting this exclusive offer. Dealing with just one online provider will simplify *Journal* operations.

The budget considers the economic situation and only postage fee increases have been request- ed. Mailing expenses are offset by online activities. Roberta Weiner is *JMH* production manager and her husband Jim Arnold is cartographer.

Website/Editor, *Headquarters Gazette*. Kurt Hackemer reported that the new format of the newsletter saved 50% in postage. The feedback on the new format is positive, but there have not been many salient comments. He solicited more comments. The website has been updated from HTML to HXHTML format and is an ongoing project. The newsletter is now online in .pdf format. A question was asked about updates to the Regional Coordinators information. Hackemer replied that updates were not always received. President Reardon commented that she frequently asked for updates.

Recording Secretary/Photographer. The minutes of this meeting will be published in the *Gazette* later this summer along with pictures of this meeting activities. Extra copies of photos can be provided upon request.

Tellers Committee. Bob Berlin reported that Steve Lofgren did a great job chairing this committee. Berlin looked into online voting, but it proved to be too costly. There were 310 ballots received by the 20 March deadline. Brian Linn was elected President. Joseph Glattthaar was elected Vice President. Kathleen Williams and Dave Hogan were reelected Trustees. Sebastian Cox, Tami Davis Biddle, Kelly DeVries, and Greg Urwin were elected as new Trustees. The Society thanked all who ran. New officers will assume office effective at noon on 05 April.

Committee Reports. President Reardon reported that the good work of the Awards Committee was shown by the Awards Luncheon yesterday. The Weigley Travel Grant Committee awarded travel grants to six people. ABC-CLIO grant awards were made to two people. The Nominations Committee produced a good slate. The Membership Committee will provide a free lunch for graduate students today.

OLD BUSINESS. None

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation of Approved 2009-2010 Budget. Graham Cosmas briefed the Council approved budget that starts on 1 April 2009. It reflects $337K in revenues and $293K in expenditures. He expects a surplus of $43K at the end of the year. The main change in the budget is a 5% salary increase for officers and employees. President Reardon stated that the Society was solvent and doing fine. There were no questions.

Announcement of New Committee Appointments. President Reardon announced that Professor Adrian Lewis was nominated and approved for the Awards Committee. Colonel Matthew Moten and William Allison were nominated and approved for the Finance Committee. There were no changes to the Marshall or Weigley Committees. The Membership Committee will be reconfigured and the results will be published in the upcoming *Gazette*.

Announcement of SMH Activities. President Reardon stated that the senior leadership of the SMH and the Marshall Foundation had just worked out a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the conduct of the Marshall lecture series. This was to standardize the things that Larry Bland had been doing before he passed away unexpectedly last year. It splits the honorarium for the speaker between the two organizations. The SMH supports the reception after the lecture and the Foundation pays for the dinner in honor of the speaker.

The Weigley and Coffman funds are not generating enough income to support their awards. The Society is looking at fund raising from among members and organizations. Contributions are welcome. The Society will continue to pursue membership in the ACLS with the help of Professor Alex Roland who has experience in doing this. The initial letter of rejection can be overcome.

More will be forthcoming about the EBSCO online publishing offer. The Society will examine legal issues that may result from giving EBSCO exclusive publishing rights.
Announcement of SMH Policies and Procedures. Robert Berlin mentioned that there would be no dues increase because it was not needed. Funds have been obligated for a legal review of the EBSCO contract. The annual Victor Gondos Memorial Service Award has been renamed the Edward H. Simmons Award to honor US Marine General Ed Simmons who had so much to do with modernizing the Society. Berlin has Society lapel pins for sale for $5 each.

Announcement of JMH Activities. Bruce Vandervort stated that readers could look forward to 90 pages of book reviews. In the future there will be Review Essays to commemorate upcoming commemorative activities. For example, The War of 1812 200th anniversary commemorations is coming up. The 100th anniversary of WWI will also be commemorated. In October, there will be an essay on the “Way of War” in the ancient world. The quality of manuscripts submitted is up and fewer term papers are being received. The standards for acceptance of articles remain high. Vandervort solicited help in reviewing the many books received each year.

Other New Business. Admiral DeLoach, Director of the Naval History and Heritage Command, mentioned his museums, art works, and historic ships. The 1812 bicentennial will be a big event. Finally, Carol Reardon thanked everyone for their support during her four years as president of the Society.

There being no other new business the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 A.M.

Thomas D. Morgan
Recording Secretary

Sustaining and Contributing Members

The Summer 2009 issue of the Headquarters Gazette contained an incomplete list of Sustaining and Contributing Members. We apologize for the omissions and present a complete list of those members who have made additional contributions during the last year.

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- Mr. David L. Hardiman
- LTC George T. Harvey, III

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Mr. Joseph Arthur Simon
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IN MEMORIAM: 
JOHN E. JESSUP

One day after his 82nd birthday, Colonel John E. “Jack” Jessup, USA (Ret.) died in St. Petersburg, Florida. His passing marked the end of a long and distinguished career in the service of his country. Born in the borough of Queens in New York City on February 6, 1927, Jessup was sixteen years old when he left high school by mutual consent, and enlisted in the U.S. Navy during World War II. In high school he was an excellent swimmer, and after boot camp and advanced training in diving and demolition work he qualified as a Navy frogman. While in the Navy he became aware of the fact that he could not advance far in life without an education. He studied and passed the high school level of the General Education and Development (GED) test, which allowed him to receive the equivalent of a high school diploma. When he was discharged on August 1946 as a Seaman First Class he knew that he must continue his education. After additional study he passed the college level of the GED which gave him the equivalent of two years of college. He was then accepted into the Army’s Officer Candidate program in April 1948 and was later commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Regular Army.

Assigned to an armored infantry company in Fort Knox, Kentucky, he attended night classes given by the University of Louisville. His studies were interrupted in June 1950 with the outbreak of the Korean War. Jessup, as a first lieutenant, volunteered for war service and within a few weeks he found himself in charge of 150 men who were sent to defend the Pusan Perimeter in South Korea. Soon his men were in combat where they suffered heavy casualties. During the first year of the war Jessup received three awards of the Purple Heart and the Silver Star decoration for gallantry in action. After his last wound he evacuated to Japan and later returned to Washington and was assigned to the Pentagon. While there he took advantage of his location to attend night classes sponsored by the University of Maryland. Then came an assignment to the U.S. Army Intelligence, Military Police and Special Weapons School in Europe where during 1954-1957 he served as an instructor in foreign operations intelligence and area specialization courses relating to the Soviet Union. When he returned to Washington he completed his education at the University of Maryland and received his B.S. degree in Military Science in 1961. This was followed by an assignment to the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps at Georgetown University where he was an Assistant Professor of Military Science. At Georgetown he was inducted into Alpha Phi Omega, the National Scabbard and Blade Honor Society and the Spraker Rifle Alumni. While involved in this work he began graduate work at the same institution. He received his M.A. in Russian Studies in 1964. After a year of duty in Korea as a Special Forces Officer he returned to Georgetown to study for his Ph.D. Once again war interrupted things. Jessup served two tours in Vietnam. In the first he received his fourth Purple Heart and his second award of the Combat Infantry Badge. During his second tour he was a Special Forces Officer with the rank of lieutenant colonel who served as the Chief of Staff of the III Corps Tactical Zone in Vietnam. There he received the Bronze Star decoration in recognition of his accomplishments.

Returning to Washington he served as the deputy commander of the 1st battalion of the Third Infantry Division (The Old Guard) and later as the chief of the Histories Division in the U.S. Army Center of Military History. He received his Ph.D. in History from Georgetown University in 1970 with a major in Russian Studies. During 1970-1971 he served as a member of a commission under the Army’s Chief of Staff on the use of military history for the better education of Army personnel. This led to the publication of a report that served as the basis for most of the military history programs in existence today in the Army. He retired from the Army in 1974 with the rank of colonel.

As Director of the Analysis and Research Division of Lulejian Associated during 1974-1977 he provided government agencies with special and technical support as well as the development, editing and publication of the U. S. Army Field Manual 30-40. From 1976-1981 he acted as an independent consultant for various U.S. government agencies and departments including testing the effectiveness of NATO military forces and assessing the adherence of the Soviet Union to a treaty.

In addition he was the founding president of the United States Commission on Military History, the elected Senior Vice President of the International Commission on Military History for twenty-five years, and a trustee of the American Military Institute, the predecessor of the Society for Military History. He was the founding dean of the American Military University and helped to guide it through the licensing and accreditation programs. From 1991 to 1992 he also served as the academic dean of that institution.

During a New Year’s eve party in 1993 he met Jean W. Dunn and the two were married on

Colonel Jessup was the author or editor of several books including *Balkan Military History: A Historiography* (Garland, 1982) and *An Encyclopedic Dictionary of Conflict and Conflict Resolution, 1945-1996* (Greenwood, 1998). At the time of his death he was working on a study of the Kunsan Raid in the Korean War and a dictionary of conflict in the Middle East.

After a Catholic funeral Mass in Florida, Colonel Jessup’s remains were transported to Arlington Cemetery. There, on March 12, he was buried with full military honors. He was mourned by his family, including children and grandchildren and a large number of friends, former students and colleagues.

Harold D. Langley
Emeritus, Smithsonian Institution
MEETINGS CALENDAR 2011


June 9-12 The Cantigny First Division Foundation (CFDF) near Chicago, Illinois will host the 2011 Society for Military History (SMH) Annual Meeting in June at 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.

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