The Order of the Indian Wars
& the Society for Military History

By Paul A. Thomsen

Over the past seventy seven years, the Society for Military History (SMH) has assumed several incarnations. Undoubtedly, many members recall the organization as the American Military Institute (AMI) and the Journal of Military History as Military Affairs about twenty years ago, but, long before either entity existed, in 1933, there was a small collection of archivists, academics, and army historians who formed the original group, the American Military History Foundation (AMHF). For many years, AMHF suffered the deleterious effects of the Great Depression on membership, exposure, and opportunities and, like most novel ideas, the organization took a while to attract a following beyond the modern Washington, D.C. beltway where most original members lived and worked. In fact, the organization almost died in the years before the Second World War due to poor funding and limited growth. In the midst of these troubles, AMHF’s breadth and longevity was made possible in part by the mutual support of another similarly unique and struggling group, which is remembered in the SMH Records as “the Order of the Indian Wars” (OIW).

Sometimes called the Veteran’s Order of the Indian Wars in published sources, OIW was created in April 1896 by a group of Plains Wars veterans who endeavored to retain the institutional knowledge they had gained for the benefit of future service men and scholars. According to period sources, the organization consisted of three types of members: (1) commissioned officers belonging to the United States Army or state national guard or militia unit of active, retired, and honorably discharged status who had served in a military capacity in areas “occupied by hostile indians”; (2) lineal male descendants of member officers; or (3) non-commissioned officers and soldiers who had received “a medal of honor or certificate of merit from the United States government for services in Indian Wars or who have been recommended for a commission or cited by their immediate commanding officer for such services.” Some members OIW members conducted oral histories of their fellow veterans. Others produced articles and bound volumes on their personal experiences and scholarly findings. Still others held gatherings to provide opportunities for the sharing of old memories and new ideas. By the 1930s, the Order of the Indian Wars, however, was in decline. Their membership was aging and many in mainstream America considered their experience outmoded thinking in light of recent technological innovations in the mass killing fields of the First World War.

With shared interests and some members
in common, in 1938, the American Military History Foundation sought out the organization and formed close ties with the Order of the Indian Wars in the hope that each would be able to grow stronger by helping the other. Several SMH documents, indeed, describe the formative relationship to have been mutually beneficial. Although the organization turned down the option of dues paid by the new comers, AMHF did receive access to OIW membership lists, which were used in recruitment, publication solicitations, and event planning. AMHF members also received special access to the organization’s unpublished research then in the care of the Army War College. In return, the Order of the Indian Wars received member participation in the greater military history community, prospects for the publication of scholarly member’s research (set at thirty-two published pages each year on the Plains Wars, a position on the editorial board, and a seat on the Board of Trustee. In 1947, a full and revised agreement of affiliation between the two organizations was signed. Although some individuals claim the organization continued in an ad hoc fashion into the early Cold War, SMH records appear to indicate much of OIW’s institutional memory was absorbed into AMHF/AMI, leaving the original OIW quietly disappear with their last surviving veteran members.

Many of the Indian Wars-related documents from this era can be found in the Society of Military History Records, including correspondence and formal letters of affiliation between the two organizations, remarks tendered by members of AMHF/AMI for veterans of the Plains Wars, published booklets, a survey of questions asked as part of an oral history project, and some personal histories of skirmishes and wars hand-written by OIW members. The U.S. Army Military History Institute (USAMHI) also retains extensive records relating to the Order of the Indian Wars. These include eleven boxes of historical accounts and reminiscences by the veterans themselves and another eleven boxes of membership files, with yet another six boxes of records of the organization’s annual meetings. These holdings have frequently been studied over the last 40+ years, and the USAMHI (www.usamhi.org) welcomes researchers studying them.

The Society for Military History Records are available for research at Kansas State University’s Hale Library Special Collections in Manhattan, Kansas (http://www.lib.k-state.edu/depts/spec/findaids/pc2008-03.html). For more information on USAMHI’s Order of Indian War records and other holdings, they ask that you contact the Institute at CARL_USAMHI@conus.army.mil or write the Reference and User Services Division, U.S. Army Military History Institute, 950 Soldiers Drive, Carlisle Barracks PA, 17013-5021.

For more information about the First Division Museum call (630) 668-8185 or go to www.firstdivisionmuseum.org.
Attention Graduate Students!

ABC-Clio Research Awards (two $500 research grants in military history)

Eligibility:
Each applicant must be a current member of the Society for Military History, and either:
a) a graduate student currently enrolled in a doctoral program, or, b) employed full-time as a professional historian without having obtained a doctoral degree.

Application Guidelines:
• Submit a current curriculum vita (3-5 pages maximum)
• Include a statement of no more than 500 words describing your research project, including specific uses to which you intend to apply these funds and indicating other sources of financial support already received
• Include a one-page bibliography of the most recent relevant secondary work on your topic

Application Submission:
• Application deadline: 15 February 2011
• E-mail completed applications to Dr. Geoffrey Megargee at gpmega@yahoo.com (preferred) or mail to: Dr. Geoffrey Megargee, 5314 26th Road North, Arlington, VA 22207

A committee comprised of SMH members and a representative from ABC-CLIO will determine the winners of this annual competition. The awards will be presented at the Awards Luncheon at the next SMH annual meeting in Lisle, Illinois in June 2011.

Russell F. Weigley Graduate Student Travel Grant Awards
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 vita, a letter of recommendation from the student’s adviser, and a copy of the paper proposal submitted.
Applications should be sent to gpmega@yahoo.com (preferred) or mailed to: Geoffrey Megargee, 5314 26th Road North, Arlington, VA 22207
Application deadline is February 15, 2011.

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 Friday, November 12th, 2010. Applicants will be notified by January 14th, 2011.

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
Medical History of WWI
San Antonio, Texas, US
Deadline: Feb 2011

In February 2012, the Army Medical Department Center of History and Heritage will be co-sponsoring a conference with the Western Front Association (USA) on the medical history of WWI. It will be hosted at the Army Medical Department Museum in San Antonio, Texas. Papers on all facets are sought.

Contact: Dr Sanders Marble, Office of Medical History, U.S. Army, sanders.marble@us.army.mil.

New Book Series
The University of Missouri Press has launched a new book series titled The American Military Experience Series. The Series Editor is John C. McManus (mcmanusj@mst.edu).

The books in this series portray and analyze the experience of Americans in military service during war and peacetime from the onset of the twentieth century to the present. The series emphasizes the profound impact wars have had on nearly every aspect of recent American history and considers the significant effects of modern conflict on combatants and noncombatants alike. Titles in the series may include accounts of battles, campaigns, and wars; unit histories; biographical and autobiographical narratives; investigations of technology and warfare; studies of the social and economic consequences of war; and in general, the best recent scholarship on Americans in the modern armed forces. The books in the series are written and designed for a diverse audience that encompasses nonspecialists as well as expert readers.

Call for Papers
The Seventh Triennial Vietnam Symposium hosted by the Vietnam Center and Archive at Texas Tech University - March 10-12, 2011

Vietnam Center symposia are open to presentations that examine any and all aspects of the United States involvement in Southeast Asia. This includes activities before, during, and after the war in Vietnam. Papers can examine any aspect of the experience to include early interaction and diplomacy, activities in theater during the war, the international dimensions of the war for all sides involved, activities in the U.S. and elsewhere in support of or in opposition to the war, postwar issues, etc.

We encourage anyone interested in presenting a paper to submit a one page proposal and a short CV for consideration. As always, graduate students are highly encouraged to submit proposals. Please format proposals to resemble an abstract to include the author’s name, title/affiliation, and contact information, along with proposed title, thesis/purpose, and main points. Please limit proposal length to a single page and submit them electronically to
VietnamCenterConference@ttu.edu. If you make an email submission but do not receive notification of receipt within seven days, please call (806) 742-3742 and ask for Steve Maxner, Ph.D., Director, Vietnam Center and Archive.

The deadline for submitting proposals is December 1st, 2010. For more information, please visit www.vietnam.ttu.edu/events/2011_Symposium/.

Fellowship Announcement
The Army Heritage Center Foundation is offering graduate students in good standing a paid research fellowship of up to $2,500 to support research within the archives and library at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center, Carlisle, PA 17103. Funding for the Ruth Fellowship is graciously provided by AHCF Board Member, Christopher Gleason, in memory and to honor the service of family members Robert L. Ruth, World War II, and Robert C. Ruth, Vietnam. Applications are due to the Foundation by February 28, 2011. Notification is provided to the recipient by April 1st. For more information contact edassist@armyheritage.org or by phone at (717) 258-1102 or visit http://www.armyheritage.org/education-and-programs/internship-opportunities.html.

Call for Papers
The 54th Annual Missouri Valley History Conference will be held March 3-5, 2011 in Omaha, Nebraska. The Society for Military History sponsors a full slate of sessions at the MVHC and also will again be sponsoring a “huddle” for Society for Military History participants. Individual proposals and session proposals are welcome. For individuals, send a one page proposal and short c.v. (only c.v. if volunteering to chair/comment). For sessions, send one-page session proposal, one-page proposal for each paper, and short c.v.s for all participants. Please include e-mail address. Deadline for proposals is October 31, 2010. Send proposals, c.v.s and inquiries for contest rules to: Connie K. Harris, PO Box, Grasston, MN 55030 or send by e-mail to ckharris1@juno.com. The Society for Military History and the First Division Museum Cantigny sponsors the Kevin J. Carroll award for the best graduate student paper in Military History. This prize is valued at $400 dollars. In addition, the Society for Military History and the First Division Museum Cantigny sponsors a paper prize for the Best Undergraduate Student paper in any area of History which is valued at $200. For information on this prize please send inquiries to Charles King at cwking@mail.unomaha.edu.

Library of Congress Launches National Digital Stewardship Alliance
The Library of Congress recently announced the formation of the National Digital Stewardship Alliance (NDSA), a partnership of institutions and organizations dedicated to preserving and providing access to selected databases, web pages, video, audio and other digital content with enduring value.

The alliance is an outgrowth of the National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program (NDIIPP), which the Library has administered since 2000. In establishing the program, Congress directed the Library to work with other federal agencies and a variety of additional communities to develop a national approach to digital preservation. NDIIPP has achieved substantial success though partnering with more than 170 institutions to provide access to a diverse national collection of digital content. This work demonstrates that a collective effort can achieve far more than individual institutions working alone.

The NDSA will focus on several goals. It will develop improved preservation standards and practices; work with experts to identify categories of digital information that are most worthy of preservation; and take steps to incorporate content into a national collection. It will provide national leadership for digital-preservation education and training. The new organization will also provide communication and outreach for all aspects of digital preservation.

The NDSA will launch with a core set of founding members drawn from current NDIIPP project partners. Those members will develop a roadmap for immediate action, including a process for expanding membership. For more information, visit www.digitalpreservation.gov/ndsa/.

Call for Contributors
ABC-CLIO will be publishing a two-volume encyclopedia entitled Ethnic and Racial Minorities in the U.S. Military. We are now looking for contributors to this reference work. If
you are interested in participating, please contact the editor, Dr. Alex Bielakowski (abielak@yahoo.com), for a complete list of available entries.

Call for Papers

The U.S. Army Center of Military History is soliciting papers for the 26 - 28 July 2011 biennial Conference of Army Historians, to be held in the Washington, D.C., area. This conference is the premiere U.S. Army sponsored training for its historians, both military and civilian. As such, we are very pleased to invite members of the Army Historical Program to both attend and present papers on the 2011 theme of “Armies in Persistent Conflict.”

Papers may deal with any aspect of military experiences in protracted wars throughout history, including but not limited to: current Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO), the Cold War, Vietnam, the Philippines, frontier conflicts, as well as various constabulary and stability operations. Specific themes that are of particular interest include: force structure and rebalancing during prolonged conflicts, manpower issues in protracted wars, retaining institutional knowledge after extended conflicts, the socio-political and economy consequence of fighting long wars, and armies in domestic disturbances.

Prospective participants should send a detailed topic proposal and formal CV no later than 19 January 2011 to Conference of Army Historians, U.S. Army Center of Military History, ATTN: DAMH-FPF, 103 Third Avenue, Fort McNair, DC 20319-5058 or via email to CMHhistoriansConf@conus.army.mil.

Presenters should be prepared to speak for 20 minutes. Should the Center of Military History decide to publish the conference papers, the presenters will have an opportunity to submit a formal paper for consideration.

Further information on the conference location will be forthcoming on the CAH page on the Center of Military History Website at: http://www.history.army.mil/CAH.

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 sixth Cold War essay contest:

First prize: $2000

Second prize: $1000
“‘We will continue to support the people of Nicaragua and its Sandinista People’s Army [...]’: Military aid from the GDR to the Sandinista government of Nicaragua from 1979 to 1990,” by Klaus Storkmann, Military History Research Institute, Potsdam.

Third prize: $500
“Operation ‘ECLIPSE’ - The End of the Beginning,” by Sheldon A. Goldberg, University of Maryland.

We are also happy to announce that the Adams Center will sponsor a seventh round, with submissions due 30 June 2011. 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, muirm@vmi.edu

Call for Papers

The Council on America’s Military Past (www.campjamp.org) welcomes articles on for its journal and its annual meeting, which will be held in Kansas City in May 2011. CAMP’s focus is on American military installations and their preservation, as well as military biography. Articles on frontier forts are particularly welcome. Contact co-editor Nick Reynolds (nereyn@earthlink.net).
Symposium Announcement and Call for Papers

The National Security Agency’s Center for Cryptologic History sponsors the Cryptologic History Symposium every two years. The next one will be held 6-7 October 2011. Historians from the Center, the Intelligence Community, the defense establishment, and the military services, as well as distinguished scholars from American and foreign academic institutions, veterans of the profession, and the interested public all will gather for two days of reflection and debate on topics from the cryptologic past.

The theme for the upcoming conference will be: “Cryptology in War and Peace: Crisis Points in History.” This topical approach is especially relevant as the year 2011 is an important anniversary marking the start of many seminal events in our nation’s military history. The events that can be commemorated are many.

Such historical episodes include the 1861 outbreak of the fratricidal Civil War between North and South. Nineteen forty-one saw a surprise attack wrench America into the Second World War. The year 1951 began with the fall of Seoul to Chinese Communist forces with United Nations troops retreating in the Korean War. In 1961, the United States began a commitment of advisory troops in Southeast Asia that would eventually escalate into the Vietnam War; that year also marked the height of the Cold War as epitomized by the physical division of Berlin. Twenty years later, a nascent democratic movement was suppressed by a declaration of martial law in Poland; bipolar confrontation would markedly resurge for much of the 1980s. In 1991, the United States intervened in the Persian Gulf to reverse Saddam Hussein’s aggression, all while the Soviet Union suffered through the throes of its final collapse. And in 2001, the nation came under siege by radical terrorism.

Participants will delve into the roles of signals intelligence and information assurance, and not just as these capabilities supported military operations. More cogently, observers will examine how these factors affected and shaped military tactics, operations, strategy, planning, and command and control throughout history. The role of cryptology in preventing conflict and supporting peaceful pursuits will also be examined. The panels will include presentations in a range of technological, operational, organizational, counterintelligence, policy, and international themes.

Past symposia have featured scholarship that set out new ways to consider our cryptologic heritage, and this one will be no exception. The mix of practitioners, scholars, and the public precipitates a lively debate that promotes an enhanced appreciation for the context of past events. Researchers on traditional and technological cryptologic topics, those whose work in any aspect touches upon the historical aspects of cryptology as defined in its broadest sense, as well as foreign scholars working in this field, are especially encouraged to participate.

The Symposium will be held at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory’s Kossiakoff Center, in Laurel, Maryland, a location central to the Baltimore and Washington, D.C., areas. As has been the case with previous symposia, the conference will provide unparalleled opportunities for interaction with leading historians and distinguished experts. So please make plans to join us for either one or both days of this intellectually stimulating conference.

Interested persons are invited to submit proposals for a potential presentation or even for a full panel. While the topics can relate to this year’s theme, all serious work on any aspect of cryptologic history will be considered. Proposals should include an abstract for each paper and/or a statement of session purpose for each panel, as well as biographical sketches for each presenter. To submit proposals or form more information on this conference, contact Dr. Kent Sieg, the Center’s Symposium Executive Director, at (301) 688-2336 or via email at kgsieg@nsa.gov.

Prize Awarded

The Rear Admiral Ernest M. Eller Prize in Naval History for the best article on the history of the United States Navy published in a scholarly journal in 2009 has been awarded to Trent Hone for his article “U.S. Navy Surface Battle Doctrine and Victory in the Pacific,” published in the Winter 2009 issue of the Naval War College Review. The prize is sponsored jointly by the Naval History and Heritage Command and the Naval Historical Foundation and includes a monetary award.

News About Members

Everett L. Wheeler (Duke University) was an invited participant at a conference, “Marathon: the Day after …”, held at the Center for European Culture at Delphi (Greece) 2-4

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Thanks again to the George C. Marshall Foundation and the Virginia Military Institute for co-hosting a successful annual meeting.

Marshall Hall at VMI. Site of most of the events at the 2010 SMH Annual Meeting. Photo Credit: Tom Morgan.

The Edwin H. Simmons Award for long, distinguished and outstanding service to the Society for Military History was presented to Alex Roland. Photo Credit: Tom Morgan.

The Samuel Eliot Morison Prize for a significant body of achievements in the field of military history was presented to Pete Maslowski. Photo Credit: Tom Morgan.

SMH President Brian Linn (L) and General (Retired) Binford Peay (R), Superintendent of VMI, at the Annual Meeting Banquet in Marshall Hall. Photo Credit: Tom Morgan.

Col. Malcolm “Kip” Muir (L) and Thomas Ricks (R) at the Annual Meeting Banquet. Photo Credit: Tom Morgan.
A Moncado Prize was presented to Kevin M. Boylan for “The Red Queen’s Race: Operation Washington Green and Pacification, 1969-70.” Photo Credit: Tom Morgan.

Distinguished Book Award: Daniel E. Sutherland for A Savage Conflict: the Decisive Role of Guerrillas in the American Civil War. Photo Credit: Tom Morgan.

Russell F. Weigley Travel Grant winners: Joshua Wolf (Temple University), John Southard (Texas Tech University), Alexander Herd (University of Calgary), Michael Geheran (Clark University), Joel Christenson (West Virginia University), Rob Shafer (Penn State University). Photo Credit: Tom Morgan.

National D-Day Museum at Bedford, VA. Photo Credit: Tom Morgan.

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July 2010, to celebrate the 2500th anniversary of the Battle of Marathon. He spoke on “Present but Absent: Marathon in the Tradition of Western Military Thought.”

Gaetano V. Cavallaro has published a 2,000 page work on warfare on the Austro-Italian Front in the Great War with X Libris. Vol. I: The Beginning of Futility deals with the political and diplomatic moves prior to the war’s outbreak as well as the eleven Italian offensives, the prelude to Caporetto (12th battle) and naval battles. Vol. II: Futility Ending in Disaster deals with detailed episodes at Caporetto (Austro-German) from both sides of the trench as well as detailed episodes by British, French, German, Austrian, American and Italian flyers. Vol. III: Disaster Ending in Final Victory relates the last Habsburg offensive, plus actions of French, English and American forces on the Italian Front and the dissolution of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

NEH and NHPRC Award Grants for Marshall Papers Project

The George C. Marshall Foundation announced reinvestment in the Marshall Papers Project by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the Historic Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) with grant awards of $150,000 over three years and $44,000 for one year, respectively. Funding supports completion of editing volume 6 of The Papers of George C. Marshall, scheduled to be published in 2011, and editing of the seventh and final volume of the documentary set, slated for submittal to the publisher in 2013.

Records of NEH support for foundation activities go back as far as 1972, with focus on the Marshall Papers project beginning in 1982. The NEH designated the Marshall Papers Project as a We the People project using funds in part set aside by the agency for this special initiative. The NHPRC has contributed to the project since 1977. Volumes one through five have been published by the Johns Hopkins University Press and are available at the Marshall Museum Shop, at major libraries, and online in digital form at www.marshallfoundation.org.

“These generous gifts from the NEH and NHPRC underscore their continued commitment to our signature project and its historic value to the nation. Such financial support has helped make the publication of this important papers collection possible,” said Brian D. Shaw, president of the Marshall Foundation.

The Marshall Papers are edited by Mark A. Stoler, Ph.D., a distinguished military and diplomatic historian who wrote the acclaimed biography of Marshall, George C. Marshall: Soldier-Statesman of the American Century. Daniel D. Holt, who recently retired as director of the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum and is an expert in the era to be covered in the remaining papers, serves as managing editor and project director. Sharon Ritenour Stevens continues to serve as associate editor.

The George C. Marshall Foundation, located in Lexington, Virginia, perpetuates the legacy of George Marshall. The Marshall Foundation is the one place where the principles that motivated Marshall are kept alive through scholarship, leadership and statesmanship programs and facilities including a museum, research library, and archives that offer extensive resources for use by the general public, amateur historians, scholars and students of all ages.

The Annual

GEORGE C. MARSHALL LECTURE IN MILITARY HISTORY

Sponsored by the George C. Marshall Foundation and the Society for Military History will be given by

Gerhard L. Weinberg, University of North Carolina, Emeritus

“Some Myths of World War II”

At the American Historical Association Annual Meeting

Saturday, January 8, 2011, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
Marriott Boston Copley Place, Grand Ballroom Salon E
Reception, 6:30-7:30 PM
A Chance to Give Back: Calling Out Graduate Students

by Michael Doidge
The University of Southern Mississippi

It is my distinct pleasure to take the reins from Kate Epstein as the Society for Military History’s graduate student liaison. I sincerely hope to duplicate Kate’s exemplary performance both in reaching out to current SMH graduate students, as well as in recruiting new members. To that end I encourage current membership to please submit their ideas to enhance the graduate student portion of the website so that we may better aid our graduate student members in their transition from MA and PhD candidacy into their academic and professional lives. As of this writing, we currently are working on an open-ended project to provide SMH website browsers with research guides (located at http://www.smh-hq.org/grad/researchinfo.html) aimed at graduate students who are just beginning their foray into archival research. Expertly written and concise, these guides provide welcome insights into performing research at a number of archives from the graduate student’s perspective, and thus take into account things not usually found on the archive’s host website, such as costs of stay, local transit, checking in, and even tips for expediting research. I encourage all graduate students and newly minted PhD’s with a level of expertise and familiarity with any given archive or library to examine our current list and, should you find that our list is missing your archive, contact me at doidge.michael@gmail.com to see about writing a guide. Writing a guide will greatly aid our junior membership, and it will also permit the author a time friendly and low-cost means of giving back to SMH. For those young graduate students out there with archival familiarity, it will also effectively provide you a line on your CV. Thanks to those that have already submitted guides and here is to hoping for many more yet to come!

Preparations are well underway for the 2011 Society of Military History Conference to be held June 9-12 at the Hilton Hotel in Lisle, Illinois. Our host is the First Division Museum at Cantigny, in nearby Wheaton (www.firstdivisionmuseum.org). The theme for this year is “Ways of War,” and 109 papers and 55 panels and roundtables have been submitted for consideration. Other details being worked out include a field trip to the Museum of Science and Industry’s U-505 exhibit and, of course, trips to Cantigny Park to visit the First Division Museum and the McCormick Research Center. In addition to the scholarly sessions that are the core of the meeting, this year we’re inviting other citizens of the military history community to participate, display their activities, and learn about the SMH. The program, ticket prices and schedules for the conference will be out in January. Call (630) 260-8187 with any questions on the conference. Registration for the conference can be done at the hotel (630) 245-7623 or online at www.smh-hq.org. To receive the specialized room rate, mention the SMH conference. We look forward to seeing you in June!
President Brian Linn called the meeting to order at 0730 A.M. on Sunday, May 23, 2010 at the Pogue Auditorium, Marshall Hall, VMI, Lexington, VA.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to approve them. The motion was seconded, and the minutes approved. The minutes were published in the Fall 2009 issue of Headquarters Gazette, the Society’s newsletter.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

President’s Report. President Linn reported that the Society was in very good shape. The Society has had a good year and with excellent support from the Society’s staff. There has been an increase in membership of about 200 since last year with much of that increase in student memberships. The Society has had a healthy growth with more than 2600 members now. The Society was approved for membership in the American Council on Learned Societies (ACLS). Thanks go to Alex Roland and Carol Reardon for helping with this. The Society changed the online Journal service from JSTOR and MUSE to an exclusive contract with EBSCO. As of 14 April, the Journal is available online through EBSCO to all paid members of the Society. All issues will be available going back to the 1930s. The Society webpage has been updated with a PayPal donation button for contributions to the Society’s funds. Kudos goes to the Program Committee for arranging outstanding panels for this Annual Meeting. Next year the 2011 Annual Meeting will be at Lisle, Illinois sponsored by the 1st Infantry Division Museum at Cantigny. The arrangements for the meeting are going very smoothly. Jennifer Keene is the Program Chair. President Linn would like to make the Society relevant to all members ensuring that it is a participatory society. He has started an Ambassadors’ program to liaise with other agencies and institutions to see how the SMH can help promote military history and get feedback on how they use military history. He wants to keep an active dialogue going in this regard. He requested membership feedback on how the Society can continue to be an inclusive organization.

Vice President’s Report. Joe Glatthaar announced that all Regional Coordinator slots were now filled. He is working with the Regional Coordinators to support regional activities. He requested that Regional Coordinator and he be informed of military history activities so they can support them. The SMH conferences are lined up through 2014 thanks to excellent sponsors. Bob Berlin has negotiated favorable hotel contracts thru 2014.

Executive Director’s Report. Bob Berlin briefed on the highlights of an active year. He has spent more time and effort on the Society’s behalf this year than in any other and those efforts are to the benefit of the Society. The SMH became the 71st member of the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS). This validates the SMH’s stature. Alex Roland was instrumental in bringing this about.

Berlin has hotel contracts for the Annual Meetings through 2014. He has obtained favorable rates for accommodations. Business operations have gone very well and the Society staff has done a fine job. The Society has a new/revamped website and membership has grown. The Society is financially secure and the committees are working well. The new EBSCO contract for the Journal is going well. Advice and guidance of attorneys was essential in writing the contract and Berlin recommends the continued use of lawyers for future business matters. EBSCO will send Society members an email with a password so they can logon to the online Journals. There is no charge to SMH members. The Society
archives are now all in a secure depository at Kansas State University. Paul Thomsen is the new Archivist and is doing a great job. There are 670 registered attendees at the Annual Meeting this year. Next year the Annual Meeting will be from 9-12 June in Lisle, IL near Chicago. The Hilton Lisle will charge $119/tax per night with free breakfast and internet service included. It is a great facility.

Joe Glatthaar and Brian Linn organized a successful Marshall Lecture in Washington DC, and next year the Marshall Lecturer will be Professor Gerhard Weinberg at the American Historical Association in Boston in January 2011. The Society has joined the Coalition for the Civil War Sesquicentennial Commemorations. Joe Glatthaar and Bob Berlin are coordinating with the Coalition. The Society has maintained its insurance policies. The Society has been approached by the U.S. Commission on Military History with a proposal for a formal affiliation and that is being considered. There were no questions.

Treasurer. Graham Cosmas stated that the Society finances were quite stable. The Society has held its own in spite of the turbulent economic times. The Society budget is well above $300K. The Operating Fund came out with a surplus of more than $69K. The Endowment Fund earned about $4700 and the Coffman and Weigley Funds brought in modest returns on investment. Total Society assets exceed $600K which includes cash, money market funds, certificates of deposit, and mutual funds. The mutual funds have recovered somewhat along with the stock market. The Society’s employment of a payroll contractor is very satisfactory. Electronic publication of JMH is producing substantial income for the Society. There were no questions.

Editor Journal of Military History. Bruce Vandervort announced that for the second year in a row, the Journal won the top prize in the Army Historical Foundation’s prize for the best article about the Army. It was an article assessing the “Pershing/March Feud” by Brian Newman. Increased subscriptions of the Journal can be ascribed to the scholarship of the Journal. Gerhard Weinberg asked how many library subscriptions there were and was that figure going up or down. Vandervort advised that they had declined but are now increasing. Those libraries that have dropped subscriptions have picked them up online. Bob Berlin reported that institutional subscriptions went up from 170 to over 300.

Website/Editor, Headquarters Gazette. Kurt Hackemer reported that the Gazette newsletter remains unchanged except that he has added a feature called “From the Archives.” The website has been redesigned and improved and to add a PayPal business account to handle memberships and to accept donations. There were no questions.

Recording Secretary/Photographer. Thomas Morgan reported that the minutes of the Business Meeting will be published later this year in the Gazette as well as the photos that he took of the Awards Luncheon and Banquet. Hackemer added that the Gazette was also online and that digital photos could be extracted from it.

Archivist. Paul Thomsen, the new Archivist, reported that he started last year with 129 boxes of archives and that has grown by 6 boxes due to the addition of Larry Bland’s and Harold Langley’s archives as well as an increase in collection of digital media. He has started extracting some information from past issues of the Headquarters Gazette, when the Society was called the American Military History Foundation, for publication in current issues. He has almost a complete collection of old issues of the Gazette and asked for donations of old issues to complete his files. He has received research queries over the past year, one from a Lithuanian researcher who visited the archives for 4 days. He has restricted a few files based on their personal nature. Thomsen has started an oral history project by interviewing Carol Reardon and Dick Kohn. In closing, he once again asked for donations of archival material. He was asked to circulate a list of what he needed to complete the archives and he will do that first with the Council to avoid over duplication of donated items.
Committee Reports. Bob Berlin reported that the committees did their jobs in a timely manner.

OLD BUSINESS. None

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation of Approved 2010-2011 Budget. Graham Cosmas presented the FY 2010-2011 Operating Budget as approved by the Council. It is similar in nature to budgets of past years. It includes Revenues of about $374K and Expenditures of about $332K. That assumes everyone spends every line item to the fullest extent which normally does not happen. The main change this year is an increase in our contributions, primarily the dues to the American Council of Learned Societies, and a pay raise for Society employees. The line item for telephone costs has been dropped from the budget because of the internet connections used by the Society. There were no questions.

Announcement of New Committee Appointments. President Linn announced his executive decision to talk to people about committee appointments before announcing them. There is a new slate of names for the Weigley, Coffman, and Membership committees that will be put before the Council via email for approval.

Announcement of SMH Activities. President Linn announced that the Society is seeking a Social Media Director to facilitate Society use of Facebook, Twitter, and related media. The Society is also looking into an affiliation with the U.S. Commission on Military History and the International Commission on Military History. He will be attending the ICMH meeting this year.

Announcement of SMH Policies and Procedures. Robert Berlin stated that President Linn had made the main points on policy and procedures. He mentioned that Lee White, executive director of the National Coalition for History (NCH) and our lobbyist in Washington, DC, had spoken to the Council earlier and had talked about NCH activities, especially those concerning declassification of documents. He can be contacted by members in Washington, DC. The Society has increased its contribution to the NCH by $500 per year. President Brian Linn has been delegated as the Society’s delegate to the American Council of Learned Societies.

The outgoing Society President, Brian Linn, will be the banquet speaker at next year’s Annual Meeting. There is no need for a dues increase for the Society. The member benefit to membership in the Society is $64 per year. That is the value of the services provided to each member and it is a great value considering the cost of dues. The 2014 Annual meeting will be held in Kansas City at the Westin Hotel. Rooms will cost $129 per night. Jim Willbanks is the meeting coordinator. Berlin encouraged members to book rooms early at the Lislie, IL Hilton for the 2011 meeting.

Announcement of JMH Activities. Bruce Vandervort stated that circulation of the Journal was up from 2898 issues in 2008 to 2945 issues in 2009. He expects continued growth. Student subscriptions are up. Coming up in the July edition is a historiographical essay on Warfare in the Ancient World by Gerald Tucci.

Vandervort has been associated with the Journal for more than twenty years and only a few issues have been associated with a single topic. They are going to branch out and do that more as a result of favorable comment on a Cavalry issue. There will be a special issue on the War of 1812 in 2012 and Word War I in the 2014-2018 time frame. He will be reaching out for material to prepare these issues. There were no questions.

Other New Business. President Linn mentioned that the next time members received their subscription renewal; there will be a choice to opt out of receiving a hard copy of
MEETINGS CALENDAR 2010

November 13 - New England-New York Chapter, Western Front Association, FDR Presidential Library, Hyde Park, NY. Contact Dr. Gaetano Cavallaro at Ph1m2h3@aol.com.

November 22-24 - War Stories: The War Memoir in History and Literature, University of Newcastle, Australia. Contact: Dwyer Philip.Dwyer@newcastle.edu.au and Roger. Markwick@newcastle.edu.au.

November 27-28 - The Baltic Sea Region and the Cold War International Workshop, hosted by the University of Tartu, Estonia. Conference organizer Dr. Olaf Mertelsmann, omertelsmann@yahoo.co.uk.

February 26 - Western Front Association Southwest Chapter annual seminar on WWI Airpower, to be held at Stinson Field Air Museum, San Antonio, Texas. Contact: Michael Kihntopf, khint@swbell.net.


March 31-April 2 - Dynamization of Gender Roles in Wartime: An East European Perspective on World War II and its Aftermath, sponsored by the German Historical Institute Warsaw. Website: http://dhi.waw.pl.

April 26-27 - 1961/1981: Key Moments in Human Spaceflight, sponsored by the NASA History Division and the National Air and Space Museum’s Division of Space History. NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC. Contact: Roger D. Launius at launiusr@si.edu or Steve Garber at stephen.j.garber@nasa.gov.

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

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

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.

MEETINGS CALENDAR 2013

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

MEETINGS CALENDAR 2014

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

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