The 79th Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History will be held on May 10-13, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, VA, just minutes outside of Washington, DC. This year’s meeting is hosted by the Army Historical Foundation.

The theme for this year’s meeting, “The Politics of War,” will focus on issues such as the transition from war to peace, civil-military relations, the dynamics of coalition warfare, the problems of military government and occupation, and other issues related to the conference theme. Complete session information will be available on the meeting website.

In addition to panels, a visit to the National Museum of the U.S. Navy is planned, with other activities tentatively scheduled. Attendees can also take advantage of the dozens of historical attractions in and around Washington, DC, including Arlington National Cemetery, the museums of the Smithsonian Institution, and other location, many of which are easily accessible by Metro. Furthermore, the Washington area boasts several research facilities for scholars, such as the National Archives, Library of Congress, the U.S. Army Center of Military History, and the Naval Historical Center.

The Hyatt Regency Crystal City is located minutes from Washington Reagan National Airport; a shuttle bus is available from the airport to the hotel, in addition to Metro service on the Blue and Yellow lines. The Crystal City Metro station (Blue and Yellow lines) is a fifteen minute walk from the hotel; a shuttle bus is also available between the Crystal City station and the Hyatt. The Washington area is also served by two other major airports—Dulles International and Baltimore/Washington Thurgood Marshall International Airport. Attendees taking Amtrak can arrive at Union Station in Washington and reach the Hyatt by cab or by Metro.

SMH has negotiated a room rate of $139 per night during the conference. To make room reservations, please go online at www.smh-hq.org/conference.html. The Hyatt Regency Crystal City is within walking distance to dozens of restaurants, with additional spots a short drive or Metro ride away.

Sign in for the annual meeting will begin at noon on 10 May, with panels scheduled for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday morning. The awards luncheon will be held Friday May 11, with the closing banquet on the evening of May 12. We also anticipate dozens of publishers and historical organizations to exhibit at this year’s meeting.

For more information as it become available, please go to the meeting website at www.smh-hq.org/conference.html.
New product to result in more efficient customer service for SMH members

SMH has contracted with a new software provider to develop a user-friendly, web-based membership database and directory. The new system will allow all members with an Internet connection to enter their own address changes and update their own Directory listings. Members will also be able to select what contact information will appear in the Directory or opt out of the Directory entirely. Access to the Directory will be password-controlled and restricted to SMH members.

Under the current system all member information is emailed to the office where staff members transcribe it into the database. The new system will cut out this extra step and result in more timely information updates. We also plan to streamline renewal notices and dues payment.

The new membership information system should be up and running before the end of the year. In addition, we have contracted with the same provider to implement an automated system for submitting and reviewing manuscript submissions for The Journal of Military History. Watch for additional details on the SMH website and in the next issue of the Headquarters Gazette.

2012 WEST POINT SUMMER SEMINAR

The Department of History at the United States Military Academy is pleased to announce its annual Summer Seminar in Military History. The dates for this year’s seminar are 10 to 29 June 2012.

The Seminar’s mission is to advance the field of military history and the study of war by training undergraduate educators. Seminar events include lectures, pedagogical discussions, and staff ride visits to Revolutionary War and Civil War battlefields. The target audience is junior faculty or advanced graduate students currently teaching or planning to teach military history, but scholars in related social sciences have also participated. Each year, we also select a number of English-speaking international participants.

For application materials, deadlines, and further information, please visit the Summer Seminar website (http://www.dean.usma.edu/departments/history/Summer%20Seminar/Summer.html) or contact Major Joseph C. Scott at joseph.scott@usma.edu.
U.S. Army Center of Military History Dissertation Fellowships

Purpose: To support scholarly research and writing among qualified civilian graduate students preparing dissertations in the history of warfare, the Center offers three Dissertation Fellowships each year. One, funded by the National Museum of the U.S. Army, is designed to support dissertations that explore the material culture of the Army; the two others support research in the more general areas of military history in all its many aspects. In your application please specify if you wish to compete for the two general fellowships or for the Museums fellowship. These fellowships carry a $10,000 stipend and access to the Center’s facilities and technical expertise.

Area and Topics of Study: This program defines the history of war on land broadly, including such areas as biography, military campaigns, military organization and administration, policy, strategy, tactics, weaponry, technology, training, logistics, and the evolution of civil-military relations. In the selection of proposals for funding, preference is given to topics on the history of the U.S. Army. Topics submitted should complement rather than duplicate the Center’s existing projects.

Eligibility Requirements: Applicants who wish to become Fellows must be civilian citizens of the United States unaffiliated with the U.S. government; that is, they must not be military personnel, not in federal service as civilian employees, and not under contract to the U.S. government. They must demonstrate their professional potential by submitting the following: (1) official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate schools attended; (2) a proposed plan of research not to exceed 10 double-spaced, typed pages; (3) a letter of recommendation from their academic director that includes a statement that the applicant’s committee has approved the dissertation prospectus; (4) two other letters of recommendation from individuals who can attest to their qualifications for the fellowship; and (5) a writing sample of approximately 25 pages. (Please submit an entire piece rather than a fragment.) Applicants must have completed by September all requirements for the Ph.D. degree, except for the dissertation. Any student who has held or accepted an equivalent fellowship from any other Department of Defense agency is not eligible for these awards. Individuals who accept a Center of Military History fellowship may not accept a fellowship from any other institution for a period concurrent with the Center’s fellowship.

Requirements during the Fellowship Year: Fellows are required to visit the Center at the beginning and end of their fellowship period. On the first visit, the Fellow meets the Chief of Military History, the Chief Historian, and the Executive Secretary of the Dissertation Fellowship Program and is consulted on ways in which the Center can aid him or her. On the second visit, the Fellow presents, in an appropriate form and forum, an oral report on his/her work in progress. The Fellow also prepares a brief written report at the conclusion of his or her fellowship year. The Center requires deposit in its library of one bound copy of the complete dissertation.

Stipends and Payments: The stipend of $10,000 for the fellowship is provided in one payment at the start of the academic year. From this sum, the recipient must meet travel, typing, and all other expenses in connection with the fellowship. The payment of the stipend is made directly to the Fellow upon receipt of certification from the parent academic institution that he or she is a candidate for the Ph.D. degree and is authorized to become a Visiting Research Fellow.

Role of CMH: The Center of Military History also undertakes to support the Fellow’s scholarly activities in the Washington area by making its collections accessible and its specialists available, insofar as official duties permit. Fellows receive desk space at the U.S. Army Center of Military History, if available, and are assisted in gaining access to archival and library sources within the Washington area as well as at the U.S. Army Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. Review of the dissertation by the Center is at the discretion of the Center and the candidate’s sponsoring institution, but responsibility for the control and approval of the dissertation remains with the academic institution and its faculty.
Applications: Applications may be obtained from the Executive Secretary, Dissertation Fellowship Committee, U.S. Army Center of Military History, Building 35, 103 Third Avenue, Fort Lesley J. McNair, D.C. 20319-5058. Telephone number: (202) 685-2066. Fax number: (202) 685-2077. E-mail: CMHOnline@us.army.mil Applications and all supporting documents for the Dissertation Fellowships must be postmarked no later than 15 January each year; none is accepted when mailed after that date. The applicant is responsible for ensuring that all required documentation is mailed before the closing date.

Evaluation and Selection: The Center of Military History conducts its evaluation of applicants on the basis of academic achievement, faculty recommendations, demonstrated writing ability, and the nature and location of the proposed research. Awards are made on merit without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, handicapping condition, marital status, or political affiliation. The Center notifies all applicants of the competition’s outcome by a short notice or letter not later than 1 April.

Call for Papers
Global-Regional Nexus: The Sea and the Second World War
3-5 May 2012, King’s College London

The King’s College London War Studies Group and Global War Studies are pleased to announce a conference on the impact of the sea on the conduct, experience, and legacy of the Second World War. The conference aims to investigate the ways in which the war raised the strategic status of the sea to “world’s largest maneuver space,” linking the experience in different maritime theaters and illustrating its role in national strategies. The conference seeks to promote an interdisciplinary approach, drawing upon the latest international scholarship from a variety of disciplines, including naval, international, social, and cultural history, regional studies, and international relations.

Paper proposals should include an abstract and a curriculum vitae. Panel proposals are welcome and should also include a description of the panel’s theme. The deadline for proposals is 10 January 2012. It is planned to publish the conference proceedings in due course.

Submissions and queries should be addressed to: Dr. Marcus Faulkner (marcus.s.faulkner@kcl.ac.uk) and Robert von Maier (globalwarstudies@gmail.com) respectively.

Library Research Fellowships

The Society of the Cincinnati offers three research fellowships each year: the Lewis & Dorothy Tyree Fellowship, funded by the family of a long-time member of the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Virginia, and two Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati Fellowships. Each fellowship provides $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 fellowships are 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 military and naval history and the art of war during era of the American Revolution. 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 the headquarters of the Society.

Recipients will be required to complete their fellowship research within a period of one year from the date of the award. Further, recipients 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 copy of any subsequent publication (article, thesis, dissertation, or book) that may result.

The recipients for each of the three research fellowships will be chosen from a single round of applications. 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 recommenda-
tion 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 for the 2012 fellowships are due on November 12, 2011, and should be mailed to:

Ellen McCallister Clark, Library Director
The Society of the Cincinnati
2118 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC  20008

Learn more about the library collections by visiting http://www.societyofthecincinnati.org/lib.htm or by contacting Elizabeth Frengel, manager of reader services, at 202.785.2040, ext. 411, or efrengel@societyofthecincinnati.org.

Marshall Foundation Receives NHPRC Funding for Marshall Papers Project

The George C. Marshall Foundation announced continuing support from the National Historic Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), which awarded a grant of $44,000 for the 2011-2012 year of editing and preparing for publication volume 6 and undertaking editing of volume 7, the last volume, of The Marshall Papers. Volume 7 is expected to be published in 2013.

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, is serving as managing editor.

Sharon Ritenour Stevens continues to serve as associate editor. Mame Warren returned to Lexington earlier this year from her position as director for Hopkins History Enterprises at the Sheridan Libraries at Johns Hopkins University to become assistant editor. She served as special projects editor at Washington and Lee University previously.

NHPRC has been a significant contributor to the project since 1977. When completed, the Marshall Papers project will result in a seven-volume set of the edited papers of George Catlett Marshall. 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.

“We’re deeply grateful to NHPRC for their recognition of the historic value of one of our signature projects, The Marshall Papers, and their financial commitment that helps make it possible,” said Brian D. Shaw, president of the Marshall Foundation.

The George C. Marshall Foundation, located in Lexington, Virginia, preserves, protects and promotes the example of George Marshall. The Marshall Foundation is the one place where the principles that motivated Marshall, who was Army chief of staff during WWII, U.S. Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense, are kept alive through educational programs, online presence and facilities including a museum, research library, and archives.

Prize-Winning Paper Announced

The annual World War I Historical Association - Phi Alpha Theta Undergraduate Essay Prize for 2010 has been won by Chelsea Gibson of North Georgia College & State University for her essay “America and Her Immigrants During World War One.” The winning essay will be posted on the World War I Historical Association website at www.ww1ha.org along with past winners. The winner receives an award of $1,000.

The World War 1 Historical Association is the newly formed union of the Western Front Association United States Branch and The Great War Society. Phi Alpha Theta is the National History Honor Society.

The panel selecting the prize winner is chaired by Phi Alpha Theta Executive Director Graydon Tunstall of the University of South Florida. The other panel members are Robert Denison of the World War 1 Historical Association, Karen Goodno of Salem State University, Massachusetts, Sanders Marble Historian at the Army Medical Museum, Fort Sam Houston, Texas and David Woodward, Professor Emeritus at Marshall University, West Virginia.
The essay must address the American experience in World War I and contribute to a better understanding of the impact of that global conflict on the United States and its people. Submissions for the 2011 award should be mailed to Dr. Graydon A. Tunstall, Jr., Phil Alpha Theta, University of South Florida, 4202 East Fowler Avenue, Soc 107, Tampa, Florida 33620-8100. The due date is January 31, 2012.

Call for Papers and Panels
Symposium on the Mobile Campaign and Battle of Blakely, 1864-1865
Friday, March 2, through Sunday, March 4, 2012

Historic Blakeley Park, Spanish Fort, AL, will host the first symposium on the 1864-1865 campaign to capture Mobile, Alabama. This campaign, beginning with the Battle of Mobile Bay, culminated in the Battle of Blakely* on April 9, 1865 -- the last real battle of the Civil War -- followed by the surrender of the City of Mobile and surrender in May of the last Confederate forces. Proposals for papers, panels, and exhibits/demonstrations are being accepted now.

The symposium seeks to offer a wide-ranging program covering many aspects of this campaign and related matters. Papers/presentations covering the home front, as well as military operations, are welcome. Topics may also include operations in the Main Western Theater/Lower Seaboard and Gulf Approach. The program welcomes consideration of related matters, such as methods of interpretation, preservation, and heritage and tourism. The symposium wishes to engage faculty at all levels from secondary through university, public historians, independent scholars, and students who might prepare a paper as an upper-division undergraduate or graduate research project. Anticipated presenters include archeologists, archivists, conservationists, and reenactors. Interested members of the general public are welcome. Members of the armed forces and ROTC cadets are especially invited.

The symposium welcomes teaching sessions and exhibits or demonstrations, as well as formal papers/presentations. Complete panels on a specific topic are especially welcome. The last day of the symposium will be on the ground, including discussion of actions at specific points in the battle, discussion of battlefield interpretation and preservation, and related demonstrations.

The symposium intends to publish a proceedings. Any royalties or profits from sale of proceedings will go to the Historic Blakeley Park Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charity. All participants must register for the symposium.

Inquiries about presentations and proposals should be submitted electronically to the symposium chair, Dr. James W. Williams, at 1oldhistorian@bellsouth.net. Deadline for completed proposals is January 15, 2012.

*Note: The correct spelling of the military fortifications is Fort Blakely with one e. The correct name of the park, named for Josiah Blakeley, is Blakeley with two e's.

George J. Collins, Sr., Chair in Military History
And
Director, John A. Adams ‘71 Center for Military History and Strategic Analysis

Virginia Military Institute’s Department of History has reopened its search for the George J. Collins Chair in Military History. The position carries an initial 5-year appointment with full benefits and subsequent conversion to either tenure-track or set-term contract, as mutually agreeable. Responsibilities include:

Teaching: Two courses per semester including small seminars in various military history topics and a regular two-semester course: U.S. Military History To 1919 and U.S. Military History Since 1919 (with enrollment capped at 22 cadets.)

Scholarship: The Collins Chair is especially well suited for a rising mid-career scholar with an ongoing record of research and publication in military history specializing in the era since 1939.

Service: The primary service obligation is directing the John A. Adams ‘71 Center for Military History and Strategic Analysis, founded in 2003 to promote innovation in military history and strategic studies of the Cold War era. The annual operating budget supports conferences, a
Cold War oral history project, faculty research, and sponsorship of competitions for outstanding articles and dissertations in military history. The department and the Center’s advisory board anticipate that the successful candidate will continue such activities while pursuing the goal of making the Center a recognized national resource for Cold War history.

The position also requires modest amounts of Institutional service and undergraduate academic advising, and support for *The Journal of Military History*.

**About VMI:** VMI is a public, four–year, undergraduate military college of approximately 1,500 students, about half of whom accept commissions in the armed forces upon graduation. Teaching excellence is our first priority. Faculty members wear uniforms and adhere to military customs but military experience is not required. The school is the principal institutional sponsor of *The Journal of Military History*. We are located in Lexington, adjacent to Washington and Lee University, in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley region. For more information about VMI and the Department of History, please visit our Web site at http://www.vmi.edu.

Applicants must have an earned doctorate in history with an emphasis in US military history and significant teaching experience in military history at the college level.

Applicants must apply on-line at: http://www.vmi.edu/jobs. Letters of interest and curricula vitae will be submitted through the on-line process. However, applicants should also have three letters of recommendation and samples of scholarship not readily available in electronic format sent directly to: Search Committee, Department of History, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA 24450. Please do not mail hard copies of letters of interest, curricula vitae or application forms directly to the department.

*In a continuing effort to enrich its academic environment and provide equal educational and employment opportunities, VMI encourages women, minorities, disabled individuals and veterans to apply.*

**Closing Date:** 15 January 2012

**Call for Papers**

The Civil War and Reconstruction Area of the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association is calling for papers on the American Civil War and Reconstruction for its national meeting, April 11-14, 2012 (Wednesday through Saturday) at the Boston Marriott Copley Place. Papers are welcome from a range of disciplines, and may explore any topic or “reading” of the War. Past topics have included, photography, art, newspapers and journalistic history, counterfactual history, battle reenactments, music, popular poetry, home front, politics, battle narratives, film, historiographical issues, women’s narratives, African-Americans at war, modern pop culture, memory and memorializing, the politics of battlefield preservation, and material culture. Suggested special topics for this year could include Boston in the War, Northern intellectuals at war, Lincoln and the Spielberg film, and the history of the 54th and 55th Massachusetts Infantry. Sessions run for ninety minutes, and each presenter receives fifteen minutes, depending on the number of papers in each panel. Graduate students are welcome to submit proposals. Whole panel proposals are also welcome.

Please send an abstract of 100-250 words by December 15, 2011 to: Dr. Randal Allred, Department of English, Brigham Young University Hawai‘i, 55-220 Kulanui St., Laie, HI 96762 randal.allred@byu.edu.

**Movers and Shakers**

Dr. Edward J. Coss, associate professor of military history at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College’s satellite campus at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, won the 2010 Literary Book Award from the International Napoleonic Society for his first book, *All for the King’s Shilling: The British Soldier under Wellington, 1808-1814*. The prize committee singled out Coss’ impressive social history as “a significant contribution to the study of the Napoleonic and Revolutionary period as exemplified by the quality of research, originality, style and analysis.” The prize also comes with a stipend of $1,000. *All for the King’s Shilling* is Volume No. 24 in the Campaigns and Commanders Series published by University of Oklahoma Press. Coss developed the book from his Ph.D. dissertation, which he defended at the Ohio State University in 2005.
Jason W. Smith, a doctoral student at Temple University, has received the 2011 Edward S. Miller Research Fellowship in Naval History from the Naval War College and the Naval War College Foundation. The $1,000 award will allow Smith to perform additional research for his dissertation, “Controlling the Great Common: Hydrography and the Culture of the Sea in the United States Navy, 1838-1903.” Smith is also the recipient of the 2010 U.S. Navy’s Naval History and Heritage Command Rear Admiral John D. Hayes Pre-doctoral Fellowship in U.S. Naval History, which came with a $10,000 stipend.

Jörg Muth has just published *Command Culture: Officer Education in the U.S. Army and the German Armed Forces, 1901-1940, and the Consequences for World War II*, which examines the different paths the United States Army and the German Armed Forces traveled to select, educate, and promote their officers in the crucial time before World War II.

The inaugural SMH-JAWS Writing Award Winner at the Joint Advanced Warfighting School is (then Lt Col) now COL Scott Zippwald, USAF for his thesis, “Effective Civil-Military Relations: A Necessary Ingredient for Success in America’s Future Strategic Environment.” COL Zippwald received a signed congratulatory letter from the SMH President, a SMH lapel pin, and the most recent copy of the *Journal of Military History* during a combined graduation ceremony with over 400 military officers in attendance. The prize was organized on behalf of the Society by Bryon Greenwald.

**WNED Announces Launch of “The War of 1812” App**


The War of 1812: Guide to Historic Sites App and e-book are based on the major PBS documentary entitled “The War of 1812”—a comprehensive film history that examines 1812 to 1815, when Americans battled against the British, Canadian colonists, and Native warriors in a conflict that forged the destiny of a continent. The two-hour HD film premieres on PBS stations nationwide on Monday, October 10 at 9 p.m. ET (check local listings). The War of 1812: Guide to Historic Sites App serves as the ideal companion for 1812 sites across North America, spanning Ontario, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Massachusetts, New York, Maryland, Virginia, Louisiana, Alabama, and Lakes Erie and Champlain. Features include thematic exploration of the seven regional 1812 theaters of war, smart actions for each of the 115 historic locations, a “Nearby” function that shows what is close to that and other locations, a “Favorites” function to keep a smart travel itinerary, a “Share My Trip” feature that allows users to share their experiences via social media integration, and also bonus videos from the film. For more information about “The War of 1812,” visit www.pbs.org/1812.

**Call for Entries**

The Society for History in the Federal Government (SHFG) seeks entries for its 2012 Thomas Jefferson Prize for research tools published in 2010 or 2011.

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 2012. 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, 2011:

1. Richa Wilson, US Forest Service Intermountain Region, 324 25th Street, Ogden, UT 84401
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. For more information, see www.shfg.org.

Website of Interest

The hosts of New Books in Military History would like to make the membership of the Society for Military History aware of our website: www.newbooksinmilitaryhistory.com. New Books in Military History (part of the New Books Network) features in-depth interviews with the authors of recent books in the field of military history. Our aim is to help listeners discover important new scholarship and to expand the audience for the works we feature. Recent interviewees include SMH Vice President Gregory J.W. Urwin, Trustee Michael Neiberg, Robert Citino, David Silbey, and several other SMH members. For more information, visit the website above or contact the hosts, Jay Lockenour (jay.lockenour@temple.edu) and Bobby Wintemute (bobby.wintemute@qc.cuny.edu).

The Omar N. Bradley Historical Research Fellowships

The Omar N. Bradley Foundation will in 2012 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 2012.

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. The committee will recommend a slate of ten proposed Omar Nelson Bradley Fellows to the Directors of the Omar Nelson Bradley Foundation by 1 January 2012 with the aim of a final announcement of recipients by 15 February 2012. Required Grant Application Items (must be received by 1 January 2012):

- Name, rank, duty position, contact information

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Coffman Prize winner Kathryn S. Meier, for “The Seasoned Soldier: Coping with the Environment in Civil War Virginia.” Photo Credit: Tom Morgan.

Chad Williams, winner of a Distinguished Book Award for Torchbearers of Democracy: African American Soldiers in the World War I Era. Photo Credit: Tom Morgan.

Ethan Rafuse, Marc Milner and Brian Linn. Photo Credit: Tom Morgan.

Gerhard Weinberg and Brian Linn. Photo Credit: Tom Morgan.

Brian Linn at the SMH Banquet in Cantigny Park. Photo Credit: Tom Morgan.
Russell F. Weigley Travel Grant winners Daniel Bessner, Martin Clemis, Kimberly Lamay, Paul Ramsey and Corbin Williamson. Photo Credit: Tom Morgan.

SMH attendees at Cantigny Park. Photo Credit: Tom Morgan.

Dinner guests at the Union Club in Chicago. Photo Credit: Tom Morgan.

Joe Fitzharris congratulated by Bob Berlin on winning the Edwin H. Simmons Award. Photo Credit: Mary Fitzharris.
• 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 2012
• Committee forwards recommendations to the Bradley Foundation no later than 1 February.

Send Application Materials to:
Professor E. C. Kiesling
United States Military Academy
Department of History
Suite 251, Building 601
West Point, NY 10996-1793

Collection Offered for Sale
Matthew Kindler is in the process of selling his entire collection of Gen. Philip H. Sheridan Memorabilia. To see the collection and for contact information, go to http://www.ltgenphsheridan.com/.

Fellowship Opportunity
The International Security and Foreign Policy Program of the Smith Richardson Foundation will award grants through its annual competitions for junior faculty at U.S. institutions.

The Junior Faculty Research Grant Program is an annual competition that awards at least three research grants of $60,000 to support tenure-track junior faculty engaged in the research and writing of a scholarly book on an issue or topic of interest to the policy community. The deadline for submission is June 15, 2012, and the results will be announced by October 31, 2012.

For further information on eligibility and how to apply, please visit the website of the International Security and Foreign Policy Program at http://www.srf.org/grants/international.php.

EDWARD M. COFFMAN FIRST-MANUSCRIPT PRIZE COMPETITION

The Society for Military History is pleased to announce the 2012 Edward M. Coffman First-Manuscript Prize Competition. Awarded annually, the prize recognizes outstanding scholarly achievement by an author who has not previously published a book-length manuscript. The competition is open to scholars whose work blends military history with social, political, economic, and diplomatic history and to authors of studies centering on campaigns, leaders, technology, and doctrine. The winning author will receive a cash award, a plaque, and, after successful editorial review, a publication contract with the University of North Carolina Press. The winner also will be recognized at the Awards Luncheon at the Society for Military History annual meeting. The deadline for submissions is 15 December 2011; specific instructions are available at http://www.smh-hq.org/awards/awards/coffman.html.
CALL TO ORDER

President Brian Linn called the meeting to order at 0807 A.M. on Sunday, June 12, 2011 in the Cypress Room, Hilton Hotel; Lisle, Illinois. He welcomed everyone and gave a brief synopsis of what the Society had done over the year. There were no questions. He added that there had been some serious challenges to the Society during the past year. The JMH contract with VMI was renegotiated after a great deal of time and effort. Bob Berlin and Bruce Vandervort were heavily involved. It was agreed that VMI would publish the JMH for the next 5 years at very favorable terms for the Society. The new EBSCO contract successfully replaced JSTOR and MUSE as the electronic archive of Journal articles made available to historians and students. It is a very profitable contract with issues back to 1937 made electronically available. So far the Society is happy with the result. It is a long term contract that enhances the high prestige of the JMH which is the Society’s “jewel in the crown.”

People have been selected for the Society’s committees and they are very fine Society members. The Coffman Prize is a terrific prize for a First Book Award, but it requires constant attention and will require several years to mature. Thanks to our Recording Secretary for his efforts to keep the record straight.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No action taken.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

President’s Report. Covered in President Linn’s introductory remarks.

Vice President’s Report. Joe Glatthaar announced that he had supervised the Regional Coordinators and that almost all of their funds had been spent. He cited an event at the Texas State Historical Association as an example of a great event. He had special praise for Regional Coordinator Joe Fitzharris and stressed the need for greater visibility overseas. The overall Regional Coordinator program concept is to help the Society members by supporting their events. Members should contact their Regional Coordinator and request funds to support their events.

Executive Director’s Report. Bob Berlin briefed that the past year was one of gains and losses for the Society. The Society lost its fantastic office manager Wendy Vandervort and gained in terms of increased support for activities and finances. Membership as of 16 May was 2382 members including 230 student members. SMH employees have all done yeomen’s work and have worked well together. Kurt Hackemer is doing an amazing job with the website keeping it current and will accept any suggestions for it. Photography support and minutes are fine. The Archivist has organized a real substantive archive at Kansas State University. The JMH keeps getting better and better. It is the Society’s keystone. The EBSCO contract is working well for the Society and is paying it $126,798 this year. There is no need for a dues increase. The Annual Meeting is going great this year thanks to Paul Herbert and his staff. Matt Seelinger is organizing the 2012 Annual Meeting sponsored by the Army Historical Foundation at the Hyatt Crystal City Hotel where the SMH obtained a great rate of $139+ tax for 200 rooms in Washington, DC. Reservations should be made online now. Breakfast is not included and other meals will be expensive because it is
Washington, DC. Other Annual Meetings are set through 2015. The 2013 Annual Meeting will be in New Orleans sponsored by Southeast Louisiana University and the National World War II Museum. The SMH has a great rate at the Sheraton New Orleans of $154 + tax with breakfast included. In 2014 the SMH will be staying at the Westin Hotel in Kansas City for $129+tax. In 2015 we accepted a proposal from the USAF Air University, Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, Alabama. In 2016 the SMH is talking to the Canadian War Museum for them to host the Annual Meeting in Ottawa, Canada. The Council has not accepted that proposal yet, but the Society is working on it. The Awards Committee has done well. The Marshall Lecture at the American Historical Association was a success. The National Coalition for History is attentive and supportive of SMH activities. The Society’s membership in the American Counsel of Learned Societies (ACLS) has proved to be a success. The Vice President and Berlin went to their annual meeting in Washington, DC at the ACLS’s expense. They were welcomed warmly by the members from other academic organizations. There were no questions.

Treasurer. In the absence of Graham Cosmas because of health issues, Bob Berlin gave the Treasurer’s report. The Society is financially stable. There is a surplus of $36K in the Operating Fund with total assets of $684K invested in mutual funds, corporate bonds, and CDs. The Weigley and Coffman Funds have enough money for now, but need more money for the future because interest rates are not high now. Any contributions would be gratefully accepted. The operating budget for 2011-2012 predicts a $25K surplus. A question was asked about the EBSCO contract. Bob Berlin explained that for the contract he signed with EBSCO in 2009, they pay the Society for seven years for the electronic publication of the Journal. That replaced the JSTOR/MUSE/PROQUEST contracts that previously did it. EBSCO makes a profit because they sell JMH to libraries and other agencies. Society members get free access which they did not have before. The profit to the SMH is in excess of $120K per year ($126K this year) indexed up for each year of the contract. Bob Berlin believes everyone likes it (Rhetorical question). There were no further questions or comments.

Editor, Journal of Military History. Bruce Vandervort reported that the death of Wendy Vandervort was both a personal blow and a blow to the operation of the Journal. Fortunately expert help was at hand in the person of Roberta Wiener who is the Managing Editor since 2007. He introduced the other members of the staff. The Journal continues to be robust averaging 352 pages per issue. In 2009 the Journal exceeded 100 manuscripts per year with 113 that year and in 2010 there were 121 manuscripts submitted. Publication in the Journal help writers get ahead in their careers. In 2010 a record was set when 28 articles were published and the quality has been higher in recent years. In 2010, 284 book reviews were published. There were no questions.

Website/Editor, Headquarters Gazette. Kurt Hackemer reported that the Gazette had a graduate student section that features guides to research for graduate students. On the newsletter side, the Archivist has added some interesting historical article from past issues of the Gazette. One change that he will be making is to set up parallel versions of the site, one for PCs and another for other mobile devices. It is possible to use our site on a smart phone. Bob Berlin asked a question about Apps and Hackemer stated that the site would recognize that and bring up a mobile version of the site.

Archivist. Paul Thomsen reported that the archives had grown from 133 to 148 boxes with the addition of the Kohn and Speelman papers. He has an almost complete run of the Gazette, Society minutes, and Awards Luncheon programs. Paul solicited for extra copies of those documents for his files. David Allen has been hired to take over as Kansas State archivist and is eager to receive more Society files. Paul has started restructuring the collection of records towards creating electronic files used by research libraries and businesses. He also requested that all Society email files be marked with SMH at the bottom of the page to facilitate keyword searches that support the restructuring process. John Votaw asked if
there were any restrictions on any of the materials. Thomsen answered that there were some to protect personal data information. President Linn then announced that Paul had just successfully defended his PhD dissertation. There were no further questions.

Committee Reports. Bob Berlin called on the Membership Committee. Peter Mansoor reported that the Society should do more electronic memberships and asked the Board to publicize that. He is also trying to get more military members of the Society. Steve Bourque commented that a special PME award for best papers be considered. President Linn endorsed that idea. A question was raised about giving Lifetime Memberships. Bob Berlin was against it because he did not think it was financially viable. The cost would be too high and there would be no price benefit to the members. President Linn concurred that it does not make sense at this time.

Bob Berlin commented that the other committees had done an exceptionally fine job and that they were very responsive to him. Their names were printed for the first time in the Annual Meeting program to recognize their fine work.

OLD BUSINESS. None

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation of Approved 2011-2012 Budget. Bob Berlin presented the FY 2011-2012 Operating Budget as approved by the Council. The Society spends about $70 for each member. The annual electronic revenue is about $140K. Total income is $346K with expenses of $321K. The Society forecasts a $25K surplus. The budget is conservative and the Society will be operating in the black for next year.

Peter Mansoor asked where the surplus goes. Berlin said that is goes as a cushion into the Operating Fund. He also explained some of the investment funds of the Society.

Gerhard Weinberg asked if the Annual Meetings made money. Berlin answered that it depended on the meeting. Last year in Lexington, VA there were 720 attendees at the Annual Meeting and it made a $30K profit. At the SMH 2009 meeting in Murfreesboro, Tennessee the Society made $5K. The goal is to break even. The Society has only lost money in recent years at the 2002 Madison, Wisconsin Annual Meeting. Berlin further stated that audio/visual costs are getting more expensive. Some organizations use their own equipment, but the hotels have still charged user fees. Mansoor commented that the cost discourages use of A/V equipment and Weinberg said that in some organizations the presenters pay extra for the use of A/V equipment. Berlin summarized that the Society was a prisoner of the hotel fees.

Recording Secretary/Photographer. This item was overlooked in the agenda sequence and was picked up at this time. 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.

Announcement of New Committee Appointments. President Linn announced new committee heads as follows: Membership – Peter Mansoor; Coffman Prize – John Hall; Weigley Student Grants – Geoffrey Megargee; and all the committee members are mostly new. Ethan Rafuse will leave the Awards Committee and there will be some new members to be announced.

The Society decided to set up a separate Moncado Prize Committee because the Awards Committee is being overwhelmed. It will be constituted soon and publicized. There were no questions.

Announcement of SMH Activities. President Linn announced that the Society has approved the 2015 Annual Meeting and is looking very closely at the 2016 Annual Meeting in Ottawa. Student memberships in the Society will become entirely electronic effective 1
September. That should save about $6K in mailing costs. There will be an email vote to change the constitution to limit Trustees to a 4 year term so that others are not squeezed out by repetitive terms of incumbents; and an 8 year break for renewed constitutional eligibility. We need better software to track our members so a committee will be appointed to consider purchasing new software. There were no questions.

Announcement of SMH Policies and Procedures. Robert Berlin stated President Linn had already covered most of the policy changes. The constitutionally mandated Long Range Planning Committee has been reactivated consisting of 3 past presidents and 2 Society members that the Council approved some months ago, Peter Maslowski and Alex Roland. This committee will look at the future of the Society and make recommendations.

Announcement of JMH Activities. Bruce Vandervort stated that the Journal won the US Army Historical Foundation Award for the best article about the Army. He plans to devote the October 2012 issue of the Journal to the War of 1812 (to commemorate the anniversary of the Queenstown Heights battle); and the July 2013 issue too commemorate the Civil War (to commemorate the anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg.) He solicited a historical article plus others for those issues that would develop cutting edge issues. He also solicited help in general and suggestions for the proposed special issues. When asked about the length of the articles, Vandervort responded that he would like each article to be about 30 pages in length, double spaced.

Other New Business. President Linn formally announced that he was happily turning over the Presidency to Joe Glatthaar. Glatthaar reciprocated with complimentary remarks about Brian Linn.

Adjournment. There being no other new business the meeting was adjourned at 0904 A.M.

Thomas D. Morgan
Recording Secretary

NCH Washington Update

By Lee White of the National Coalition for History

This is a compendium of items which might be of interest to members of the Society from several recent NCH Washington Update newsletters.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES NOW AVAILABLE ON ITUNES U- The National Archives is now available on iTunes U®, a dedicated area within the iTunes Store giving users public access to thousands of free lectures, videos, books and podcasts from learning institutions all over the world. Visit the National Archives on iTunes U at: http://ow.ly/6F13r.

National Archives on iTunes U provides access to archival documents, lesson plans, Presidential Libraries’ podcasts, and more, all available as free downloads to enjoy on a Mac or PC, iPad, iPhone or iPod. National Archives on iTunes U was launched with a selection of World War II films, Presidential historical documents and podcasts, and several “Inside the Vaults” videos featuring behind-the-scenes at the Archives, and lesson plan materials, exhibit materials, and videos of public lectures will continue to be added to iTunes U.

NHPRC SIGNS AGREEMENT FOR ONLINE ACCESS TO FOUNDING FATHERS PAPERS- The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) has signed a cooperative agreement with the University of Virginia and its Virginia Foundation for the Humanities to provide pre-publication access to 68,000 historical papers of John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and George Washington that have not yet been published in authoritative documentary editions. The agreement provides up to $2.5 million for the project.
Documents Compass, a program of the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, affiliated with the University of Virginia, is carrying out this three-year project. Documents Compass, a program specializing in documentary editing in the electronic age, will update and improve existing transcriptions of the papers of the Founders of the Nation and make them available online through a new website. This work builds on its successful 2009 pilot project, funded through an NHPRC grant, which put online 5,000 unpublished documents from the Papers of James Madison and the Papers of John Adams.

This project expedites availability of the unpublished papers, giving scholars and the general public access to these primary source materials before they appear in the official print editions produced by six separate documentary editing projects. As new authoritative volumes are published in future, the final transcriptions with explanatory notes will replace the pre-publication transcriptions. “This is a remarkable opportunity to make available to the public these very important historical documents in a timely and easily accessible manner,” says Rob Vaughan, president of the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities.

Providing access to the unpublished transcriptions is the second stage of the Founders Online Initiative undertaken by NHPRC in 2010. The first stage, currently underway, is being carried out by the University of Virginia Press to provide free online access to over 120,000 historical documents included in the published documentary editions for these key figures of the U.S. founding era. Users will be able to access both the published, annotated documents and the unpublished transcriptions through the Founders Online website.

**NATIONAL ARCHIVES SELECTS IBM TO MAINTAIN ELECTRONIC RECORDS ARCHIVES**- On September 29, the National Archives and Records Administration announced that it has selected IBM to provide operations and maintenance of the Electronic Records Archives system (ERA).

This award represents the achievement of a goal established by the Archivist of the United States and is consistent with guidance from the Office of Management and Budget to conclude development of the ERA System by the end of September 2011.

ERA is designed to receive, preserve, and provide access to the permanently-valuable electronic records created by the Federal government. Deployed in five increments, ERA has multiple instances to handle the unique needs of electronic records from Federal agencies, Presidential Administrations, and the U.S. Congress.

As a central part of the National Archives mission to provide access to records documenting the actions of the Federal government, the ERA system has an Online Public Access component to make these electronic records searchable and accessible to the general public.

The contract award is for one base year with nine one-year options. Performance of the contract will take place in Gaithersburg and College Park, Maryland and Rocket Center, West Virginia.

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**Hilario Moncado: An AMI Patron**

By Paul A. Thomsen

The late 1940s were dark years for the American Military Institute (AMI). Shortly after the Second World War, membership enrollment fell dramatically. This led to a precipitous drop in the organization’s operating budget and, worse still, a hiatus in the publishing schedule of *Military Affairs* (MA). Through the collective will of the membership, the organization survived, MA resumed publication, and efforts were made to replace the “lost issues” the organization had failed to produce. Still, times were lean and, it seems, there were few incentives for budding military historians to join AMI, that is, until Hilario Camino Moncado offered the organization his support in 1948.

According to the Society for Military History’s records, AMI initially knew very little about Hilario Moncado. At first glance, Moncado appeared to be a successful American businessman with residences in Hawaii, in the Philippines, and on the West Coast. In 1925, he had founded the Filipino Federation of America, Inc., politically and economically organizing Filipino immigrant laborers in the United States and her protectorates. In the 1930s, he also
sporadically published material on military history and public policy. For all his fame and fortune, Moncado, however, had also suffered several recent setbacks. Worse, before he could return to the United States, the Japanese invaded the Philippines and, in the process, stranded the businessman behind enemy lines. Worse still, although he had declared himself to be a guerrilla army general in the Second World War and his standing as “the supreme commander-in-chief” of “the Filipino Crusader’s World Army”, Moncado had lost his American citizenship through a series of unfortunate and largely unexplained events. He was now fighting to change the status as a temporary guest to back to a permanent American resident. Apparently, Hilario Camino Moncado needed AMI as much as the military historians needed him.

In late 1947, Hilario Moncado struck up a relationship with AMI largely through correspondence written from various locales across the Pacific Ocean. Initially, he conversed with the organization’s sitting president, Colonel Joseph I Greene, regarding his status as a veteran of the First and Second World War, his desire to join AMI, and, his desire to become an AMI member with an offer of $50 to cover the years of dues he had retroactively missed. A few months after his application was accepted, he then offered Colonel Greene and Military Affairs editor Air Force Major Robert deT. Lawrence a gift they could not refuse: $5000 towards the establishment of a book prize in Moncado’s name. Realizing the potential boon for the cash-strapped organization, the organization rapidly and graciously accepted the offer. In turn, they bestowed upon their new benefactor the rare title of AMI Patron. Far more than nearly tripling the funds of the organization overnight, this new “Moncado Revolving Book Fund”, they agreed, “… would be permanent, that it would be used solely for publishing military books of a scholarly character, and that proceeds from the sale of books would be returned to the fund for use in publishing others.”

It also added both legitimacy to the small struggling academic organization and offered the chance to attract new members. “This very important step in the affairs of the Institute,” one member wrote, “is one of the most significant and far reaching of its history. It makes possible a new field of endeavor long regarded as vital to the further advancement of serious military studies in the United States. It provides for the first time an outlet for manuscripts and reference works otherwise unpublishable because of their lack of popular appeal and large scale marketing potentiality.”
Shortly thereafter, the new AMI patron began asking questions of the officers. Could he pay for a few hundred issues of MA when the prize was announced? Might he suggest ideas for AMI paraphernalia? Would AMI consider opening a Los Angeles chapter? And would the president of the organization kindly place a call to a Mr. Devenny, the Chief Examiner at the Immigration and Naturalization Office at the Justice Department for him? While the first few questions met with eager replies, documents reveal that the latter point caused AMI considerable pause. There also appears to have been an internal AMI discussion as to precisely what Hilario Moncado hoped AMI could do for him. In time, the AMI officers concluded that, regardless of the man’s mysterious past, their patron’s war record and rendered assistance would have made matters very difficult to simply set him adrift. AMI did eventually call Immigration as their patron had wished, but the officer’s actions did not have the desired results. Against Hilario Moncado’s best efforts, in 1954, both he and his wife were deported to Mexico where they continued to remain connected to the American Military Institute via correspondence for several more years.

Decades later, even after the book prize was transformed into a coveted award for the best AMI/SMH article, questions still remain in the organization about this enigmatic benefactor. Who was Hilario Camino Moncado? How did he lose his citizenship? And why did the federal government block his readmission into the United States of America? Now those are questions for another set of files…..

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October 11-13 - The Balkan Wars 1912/13. Experience, Perception, Remembrance at the Center for Balkan and Black Sea Studies / Yıldız Technical University, Istanbul. Contact: PD Dr. Katrin Boeckh, Osteuropa-Institut, Landshuter Str. 4, 93047 Regensburg, boeckh@osteuropa-institut.de.

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.