From the Archives:  
Colonel Frederick Porter Todd: AMHF/AMI’s Driving Administrative Force and Reservoir

By Paul A. Thomsen

In every organization, there are a number of members who struggle to put the dreams and philosophical designs of others into practical form and action. While a desire to improve the discipline had inspired many Depression Era professionally visible archivists, librarians, military personnel, and historians to form the American Military History Foundation (AMHF), the daily survival of the group hinged on the general membership’s talent and donated hours of other then-less well-known members. If Colonel Charles E. T. Lull was, indeed, the guiding spirit of AMHF, then Colonel Frederick “Fred” Porter Todd should be remembered as the administrative force and reservoir, which condensed intentions into practical AMHF and American Military Institute (AMI) action.

Like many of the early founders, Fred Todd joined AMHF from non-teaching origins. A Princeton University student and graduate of American University, in 1934, Todd began his professional career in military history as a “military advisor” for the Museum of the City of New York and a member of the Seventh Regiment Reserve, New York (107th Infantry). A few years later, records indicate that Todd moved to Washington, where he worked for the National Archives. During the Second World War, he served in the United States Army as a member of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) and, later, as an historian assessing the Pacific War. Todd retired from military service with the rank of colonel.

Although maintaining little personal time, Society for Military History (SMH) Records at K-
State indicate that Fred Todd was an active proponent of AMHF/AMI. Close readers of early Journal of Military History back issues may recognize his name as a regular contributor to the organization’s publication then-named The Journal of the American Military History Foundation. Beginning with the debut issue, Todd periodically produced several feature articles for the flagship military history publication, including works on French firearms in the American military history, the utility of the knife and club in the First World War, and the history behind the Seventh Regiment Reserve, New York’s (107th Infantry) uniforms. During the AMHF transition into AMI in the late 1930s, Fred Todd was also elevated to the position AMI Secretary. In the AMHF/AMI era, secretaries were required to keep track of attendance, copy meeting minutes for permanent record, and answer the organization’s correspondence, but, in his new position, Fred Todd did more than just pass on correspondence and solicit membership dues. He saw the direct guidance of the general public to historical sources and experts as his personal obligation and the promotion of the AMHF/AMI’s abilities beyond the Washington Beltway and military base-centric infrastructure as fundamental to the organization’s sustainability.

The sheer size and scope of Fred Todd’s meticulous files, housed in the SMH Records, are clear indicators that Todd was arguably one of the busiest and most informative members of the era. One could, in a more general context, accurately refer to him as AMI’s first “information broker,” taking requests for historical information from private citizens, veterans, libraries, military departments, and museums into the care of the organization for sourcing, study, and definitive answers. Over days and sometimes months, Todd regularly lobbied knowledgeable members on requested military history issues. In failing to find a proper expert, he often sought out relevant information repositories for answers before returning to the requestors with his prize. For example, in 1936, the AMHF was enlisted by Lt. Eugene Burchett of the United States Navy to ascertain the historical state of the USS Constitution’s War of 1812 binnacle and belfry. Considerable correspondence ensued between Todd and the Navy before an answer could be elucidated from the organization’s sources. Eventually, Todd was able to relay answers for the Navy in the form of freehand sketches and advice from the Museum of the City of New York and the Museum of Fine Art in Boston, Massachusetts. The later contact also provided a provenance of print matter and persons involved in their and the Salem Peabody Museum’s historically accurate models of the frigate.

Later in life, Fred Todd continued to serve as an active Life Member in the AMI and a prolific contributor to the study of military history. He authored several monographs, including “Soldiers and Uniforms of the American Army, 1775-1954” first printed in 1941 (which briefly mentions AMI and remains in print), “Cadet Grey” in 1955, and “Soldiers Stamps” in 1957. In 1948, he also founded the Company of Military Historians, serving as their president and, later, editor of their “Military Collector and Historian” publication. In 1953, Todd was appointed the director of the West Point Museum and, later, became instrumental in saving the historic Continental Army camp at New Windsor from development. At the time of his death in 1977, Frederick Todd had completed two of a six-volume set on mid-nineteenth century military equipment. His contributions to the discipline were many and the legacy of his work can be measured, in part, by not only the robustness and longevity of AMI, but also in the sustaining characteristic of diversity in members, the promotion of a wide field of subjects, and an eagerness to help others.

Many of Colonel Frederick Todd’s unpublished research projects can be found in the Society for Military History Records at Kansas State University’s Hale Library Special Collections Department. Many of his articles can be found in the EBSCO electronic editions of the SMH’s early journal issues. For more information on the works of Lt. Eugene Burchett’s successors, please see the Naval History & Heritage Command headquartered in Washington, DC (NHHC). NHHC Detachment Boston performs all restoration work on USS Constitution, ensuring that historic requirements of the ship are as close to the 1812 configuration as practicable. A photographic virtual tour of the ship can be found on the Detachment’s website: www.history.navy.mil/constitution/index.html.
As you are undoubtedly aware, the Society for Military History turned eighty this year. Like other long-lived professional organizations, this society has its share of traditions. Those of us who have belonged to the SMH for many years sometimes mistakenly assume that everybody knows what those traditions are and the purpose behind them. I would like to devote most of this column to one of our more conspicuous traditions.

When you read the programs for our annual meetings, you are bound to note that some offerings are designated as a “presidential panel” or “presidential roundtable.” The presidential panel, which was instituted by the estimable Carol Reardon, is designed to forge closer relations between the SMH and other professional organizations. We usually schedule at least four such panels for each of our annual meetings, which was the case with our latest gathering in New Orleans.

Groups eligible to sponsor presidential panels include those whose missions and goals directly complement those of the SMH. Indeed, such organizations contain many members who also belong to our ranks. That explains why the U.S. Commission for Military History and the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations were showcased in this special way in the 2013 program.

The SMH also works with entities that many of our members might consider unlikely partners. These are societies whose methodologies and findings can enrich the study of military history. These groups also expect that their members will profit from interaction with military historians. We reinforced the alliance we have already established with the American Society for Environmental History in New Orleans, and we hope the presidential panel that featured the American Association of the History of Medicine will foster a similar symbiotic relationship.

Panels blessed with the presidential imprimatur are guaranteed a spot on the SMH conference schedule. Nevertheless, their organizers are expected to submit complete proposals by the deadline specified in our calls for papers. They just do not have to worry about being accepted.

SMH members who belong to other organizations that might be amenable to organizing presidential panels are encouraged to broach the subject with me and the leadership of those prospective partners. We have already filled the four presidential panel slots reserved for 2014 in Kansas City, but the 2015 conference schedule is wide open.

While I am committed to the maintenance of our old traditions, I am also pleased to take advantage of my presidential term to help establish worthy new traditions. This issue of the Headquarters Gazette contains an announcement soliciting nominations for the latest of these – the Society for Military History-George C. Marshall Foundation Prize for the Use of Digital Technology in Teaching Military History. Our field lends itself especially well to the use of digital teaching aids. With this prize, we not only have the opportunity to raise the bar in military history pedagogy, but to set an example for emulation by the rest of the historical profession.

This prize originated in a proposal presented by Brian D. Shaw, the president of the George C. Marshall Foundation. The SMH welcomes this chance to collaborate once again with one of our firmest partners. As you all know, the Marshall Foundation’s support proved instrumental in turning our Journal of Military History into the international journal of record in our field. The foundation also joins with the SMH in co-sponsoring the George C. Marshall Lecture in Military History, which has become a prominent fixture at annual meetings of the American Historical Association. The Marshall Lecture serves the useful purpose of reminding the historical profession at large of the vitality of military history and its utility to other sub-fields.

In closing, I thank all those who responded so generously to my recent appeal for contributions to bolster the SMH’s named fellowships. Among the gifts we received was a check for $1,000 from Dr. Marvin E. Fletcher for the Edward M. Coffman Prize. It bears mentioning that Dr. Fletcher, “Mac” Coffman’s first doctoral student, had donated $1,000 to that fund every year since its creation in 2007. Talk about an SMH tradition worthy of emulation! We also, however, value the smaller donations that have come in to date. We still have far to go before our Coffman, Millett, and Weigley endowments are self-sufficient, but I am confident that we will get there – with the help of the nearly 2,700 partners who comprise our membership. You remain this society’s greatest strength.
The American Council of Learned Societies was founded in 1919 to advance humanistic studies in all fields of learning in the humanities and the social sciences and to maintain and strengthen relations among the national societies devoted to such studies. Organized as a private nonprofit federation of 71 national scholarly organizations, ACLS is the pre-eminent representative of humanities scholarship in America. The Society for Military History, following the dedicated efforts of several SMH leaders, was admitted to ACLS membership in 2010. We ceased being the newest organizational member when the World History Association was admitted in 2011.

On September 9, 2013 SMH President Gregory J.W. Urwin, Vice President Robert M. Citino and I attended a day long Learned Society Leadership Seminar at the ACLS office in New York City. Bruce Lesley, a senior governance consultant with BoardSource, led the seminar/workshop. His vast experience working with non-profit organizations became clearly evident. The seminar covered shared leadership, effective academic society communication, society governance including aligning strategy, resources and fiduciary responsibilities, developing a meaningful strategic agenda for governing boards and assessing leadership performance.

A small group exercise, where we were placed with academic societies of similar size, showed that while our disciplines differ, academic societies in the humanities and social sciences face similar issues and can learn from each other. Indeed we did learn from the experiences of the Society for Cinema and Media Studies, the Society for Music Theory and the Dictionary Society of North America, whose executive officers and presidents attended. The American Historical Association was one of the larger organizations represented.

The seminar introduced the current and future SMH presidents to the outstanding leaders and staff of ACLS. We were pleased and impressed on entering the ACLS offices to see The Journal of Military History prominently displayed, physical confirmation that SMH is part of the ACLS community. ACLS President Pauline Yu welcomed us and the other twelve organizations whose leaders participated in the seminar. The seminar affirmed the value of ACLS membership for SMH and provided a great opportunity for the Society Executive Director and our President and Vice President, who is the president-elect, to expand our thinking about the Society’s operations and plan for the future.

**SOCIETY FOR MILITARY HISTORY 2014 ANNUAL MEETING**

by John Curatola

Kansas City is the host city for the 81st Society for Military History Annual Meeting April 3-6, 2014. The city is home to numerous important historical sites such as the National World War I Museum, the Truman Presidential Library, and only a short drive away, legendary Fort Leavenworth—the oldest active duty Army post west of the Mississippi. While the annual conference will include tours to all of these locations, Kansas City also boasts the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, the American Jazz Museum, the College Basketball Experience, the 19th Century Steamship Arabia Museum, the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, and has numerous shopping and nightlife venues.

Kansas City is centrally located and is less than a three hour flight from any location in the continental US. Transportation from the Kansas City International Airport (KCI) to the conference location is easily accessible. The official conference site location is the Westin Crown Center Hotel and is immediately adjacent to the World War I Museum and the historic Union Station railroad terminal. This centralized location means easy access to the many restaurants and stores in Crown Center, the nightlife of the Power & Light District or the Country Club Plaza. The opening reception on Thursday, April 3, is hosted by the World War I Museum. The annual banquet will be held in the Century Ballroom at the Westin Crown Center on Saturday, April 6. The featured speaker at this year’s banquet is former Central Command (CENTCOM) Commander and bestselling author, General Anthony Zinni USMC (Ret). General Zinni is a dynamic and highly regarded speaker on national defense issues, and epitomizes the ideal of the “soldier-scholar.”

NOTES...from the Executive Director

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IrvIng BrInton Holley, Jr.

Irving Brinton Holley, Jr., Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History at Duke University and Major General, US Air Force (ret.), died August 12, 2013, in Durham, NC. At the time of his death he was 94 years old.

Professor Holley was a native of Torrington, Connecticut, and graduated cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Amherst College in 1940. He was working toward a Ph.D. at Yale University and had received the Tew Prize as Outstanding Scholar in History when the attack on Pearl Harbor occurred, and he enlisted in the US Army. Trained as an aerial gunner, he served as gunnery instructor and staff sergeant at Harlingen Army Air Base in Texas. He was commissioned at Officer Candidate School, and headed a gunnery school at the Charleston, SC Army Air Base. Subsequently he served at the Air Force Research and Development Center in Washington, DC. He returned to private life as a captain after five years of active duty. Professor Holley remained in the US Air Force Reserves and retired in 1981 with the rank of major general, after nearly 40 years of service to his country.

He completed his Ph.D. at Yale in 1947, receiving the Townshend Prize for best dissertation. He subsequently accepted a position at Duke University. His field was American social and intellectual history with a special emphasis on military history and the history of technology. Although he officially retired in 1989, he continued teaching until the age of 92, making him the longest serving professor in Duke’s history. In 2004, Professor Holley inspired the project “Books for Baghdad”, an effort by the university community to donate scholarly books and other materials to Iraqi university libraries which had been destroyed during Saddam Hussein’s regime and the Gulf Wars.

Professor Holley was the author of six books and numerous monographs and articles. His most notable book, Ideas and Weapons (Yale, 1953), is a study of the relationships between technology, military doctrine, and weapons development. Published in four editions and still in print, it continues as an important text in several staff schools and war colleges. Other books Professor Holley wrote include General John M. Palmer, Citizen Soldiers, and the Army of a Democracy (Praeger, 1982), and Buying Aircraft: Material Procurement for the Army Air Forces (GPO, 1989), the latter a WWII official history for the U.S. Army Center of Military History. More recently, at the age of 89, he published his last scholarly book, The Highway Revolution, 1895-1925: How the United States Got Out of the Mud (Carolina Press, 2008). In addition to his research and writing, Professor Holley has mentored a vast number of PhD dissertations on military history and in the process has made a major contribution to that field in terms of those he has taught and mentored.

Widely regarded as an authority on military doctrine, he continued to lecture on the subject long after his retirement from the university. He served as visiting professor at the USMA at West Point, NY, and the National Defense University. He was a frequent lecturer at the Army and Air Force Staff Colleges, the Army, Navy, and Air War Colleges, and the Pentagon. He also lectured at the Marine University at Quantico, Virginia, the Defense Intelligence Agency, and the Royal Swedish Military Staff College in Stockholm, Sweden.

Professor Holley was the recipient of the Duke Alumni Distinguished Teaching Award and the Samuel Eliot Morison Prize for History for his body of contributions in the field of military history. He was awarded the Army’s Outstanding Civilian Service Medal, and the Air Force’s Exceptional Service and Distinguished Service Medals, and the Air Force Legion of Merit. In 2007 he was the first recipient of an award named in his honor by the Air Force for individuals who have made a “sustained, significant contribution to the documentation of Air Force history during a lifetime of service.”

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Janet Carlson Holley, and his daughters Janet Wegner of Garrett Park, MD, Jean Schmidt of Greenville, SC, and Susan Holley of Clover, SC, as well as eight grandchildren and two great-grandsons. As Professor Holley donated his body to the Duke Medical School, there will be no burial. However, a memorial service will be held at the Forest at Duke in Durham, NC at 2 pm on Saturday, November 2, 2013.
The Society for Military History First Manuscript Prize

This prize is named in honor of Edward M. Coffman. The Society for Military History First-Manuscript Prize is awarded annually to an author who has not previously published a scholarly 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 receives 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.

For information on past winners, please see http://www.smh-hq.org/awards/coffman.html.

Eligibility:
1. The author must be a member in good standing of the Society for Military History.
2. Only English-language manuscripts will be considered; U.S. citizenship is not required.
3. The text of a submitted manuscript must be at least 250 pages in length.
4. Translations are not eligible for consideration unless the author both translated and annotated the manuscript.
5. It is recommended that recently-defended dissertations be revised with publication in mind.
6. Manuscripts under consideration by other presses may be entered into this competition, but if the work is accepted for publication elsewhere during the Prize Committee’s deliberations, the author is obligated to notify the committee chair immediately.

Submission Instructions:
1. No later than 13 January, 2014, the author must submit a full manuscript, a 3-5 page précis of the same, and a current curriculum vitae to Dr. Adam R. Seipp, chair of the 2014 Coffman Prize Committee, at aseipp@tamu.edu. The précis must include a statement of the work’s thesis and conclusions, its place in the relevant historiography, and any new or underutilized primary source materials or innovative methodologies that shape it.
2. All submissions must be double-spaced and submitted in PDF format.
3. The Committee will designate the winner on or about March 1, 2014.

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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 to be submitted include a curriculum vita, a letter of recommendation from the student’s adviser, and a copy of the paper proposal submitted. The amount of the Weigley award is $500. Applicants should be aware that this amount will not cover all travel costs. The committee does not consider financial need in making these awards.

E-mail completed applications should sent to Dr. George C. Rable: grable@ua.edu (preferred) or mail to: Dr. George C. Rable, Department of History, Box 870212, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL  35487-0212.
Application deadline is January 10, 2014. Award will be made by February 14, 2014.

ABC-CLIO Research Grants

These $500 awards funded by publisher ABC-CLIO support the work of advanced graduate students and those scholars who do not hold a doctoral degree but are employed full-time as
historians. These funds may be used for travel, for research materials, photocopying, and similar expenses.

The rules for this competition follow:

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
- Include a letter of recommendation from your adviser or another historian who is familiar with your work

Application Submission:
- Application deadline: 10 January 2014
- E-mail completed applications to Dr. George C. Rable grable@ua.edu (preferred) or mail to: Dr. George C. Rable, Department of History, Box 870212, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0212.

A committee comprised of SMH members and a representative from ABC-CLIO will determine the winners of this annual competition by February 14, 2014. The awards will be presented at the Awards Luncheon at the next SMH annual meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, in April 2014.

Conference Announcement
“Cultures in War: Combatants, Islanders and Settlers in the Pacific War and After.” History Conference to be held in Conjunction with the 70th Anniversary of the Battle for Saipan, 14 June 2014 at the Visitors’ Center Theater, American Memorial Park, Garapan, Saipan. Organised by Professor Matthew Hughes, Dr. Keith Camacho, Jessica Jordan, Scott Russell and Lolly Villagomez, this international conference features presentations by respected scholars on topics relating the World War II battles for Saipan and Tinian. This will be a featured event during the activities to mark the 70th anniversary of the battles for Saipan and Tinian to be held on Saipan in June 2014. Participants confirmed so far include Dr. Bruce Gudmundsson, Dr. Harold Goldberg, Professor Matthew Hughes, Don Farrell, Jessica Jordan, Dr. Takashi Fujitani, Dr. Yujin Yaguchi, Dr. Kathleen Williams, Professor Anderson Giles, Alfred Flores, Dr. Matthew Cook and Professor Haruko Cook. For more information, contact either Scott Russell (historian, Saipan) on srussell@pticom.com or Matthew Hughes (Brunel University, UK) on matthew.hughes@brunel.ac.uk.

Summer Seminar
Clements Center for History, Strategy & Statecraft
Summer Seminar in History and Statecraft For Doctoral Students
July 27-August 1, 2014
Beaver Creek, Colorado

Foreign policy decision-makers often attempt to draw on historical knowledge to gain perspective on contemporary national security issues. Meanwhile, historians frequently comment on present-day issues and sometimes aspire to influence policy debates. Yet policymakers and historians generally occupy separate intellectual and institutional universes. Especially in recent years, they have had little to say to one another. The result, arguably, has been the impoverishment of both communities.

From July 27-August 1, 2014, the Clements Center for History, Strategy, and Statecraft at the University of Texas at Austin will convene a weeklong seminar in Beaver Creek, Colorado for doctoral students focused on the connections between statecraft and history. Several sessions will examine the ways in which policymakers have used or misused historical knowledge in the past. Sessions will also ask how policymakers should use history and what methods might be
available for refining the use of the past in decision-making.

The seminar will also examine the challenge from the other direction, examining how scholars might be more productive and influential voices in deliberations of foreign policy. When have historians, not to mention other social scientists using historical methods, played a useful role in the past? What lessons might be drawn from those cases?

The Clements Center invites applications to participate in this program, which will take place in the beautiful Rocky Mountains at the Osprey Resort in Beaver Creek, Colorado. Applicants should be advanced doctoral students in history, political science, or related fields with a focus on diplomatic, military, and international history or security studies. Applicants may be interested in careers in either academia or policymaking. The seminar will feature in-depth discussions with top scholars of U.S. foreign relations and former senior policymakers, as well as sessions devoted to academic publishing and strategies for approaching the academic and policy job markets. Each day will also have recreational time for participants to enjoy the mountain surroundings.

The Clements Center will cover all travel and related expenses for participants. The deadline for applications is February 15, 2014. Applicants should submit a c.v., a list of three references with contact information, and a statement of roughly 500 words explaining how the seminar relates to their academic pursuits and career ambitions. Please direct questions and completed applications to Jacqueline Chandler, the Clements Center’s Program Manager, at jchandler@austin.utexas.edu.

Call for Papers
War and Technology – April 2014
Department of Modern History, Würzburg University, Germany Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Altgeld, Dr. Frank Jacob 9./10.4.2014, Würzburg Deadline: 15.11.2013

Technical innovations do not always mean progress for the benefit of mankind. Quite the contrary is true. Technology which has been developed with a positive intention was not uncommonly used as a ‘tool of terror’ that cost countless lives. Since ancient times, an interdependence of the two sizes war and technology is traceable, and due to this fact shows that all sorts of innovative ideas were misused to inflict as much damage as possible to the enemy. The aim of the conference is to present these interactions using specific examples from antiquity to the present day.

This call for papers is aimed at both PhD students, young post-doc researchers and renowned experts of the historical and all other disciplines of the humanities, who can provide a contribution from a national or transnational perspective on the above mentioned interdependence of war and technology. Particular attention should be paid to the impact of an increasingly mechanized warfare to the degree of violence on the battlefields, too. It is also planned to publish the contributions of the meeting.

A short abstract of the proposed presentation (about 300 words) and a current CV should be sent until 15 November 2013 to Dr. Frank Jacob (frank.jacob@uni-wuerzburg.de). Accepted speakers will be notified by 30 November 2013. Conference language is English. If you are not able to attend, but want your paper be taken into consideration for the publication, just send a short proposal for the intended article. Estimated deadline for the final drafts of the papers will be 1 June 2014.

Pritzker Military Library Celebrates 10th Anniversary
On Oct. 23, the Pritzker Military Library marks the end of its first historic decade as a fixture in Chicago and an international repository for works pertaining to the citizen soldier. In celebration, the Library has a fall schedule packed with festive events, including the announcement of a new prize; the publication of a new book; the dedication of a new Oral History Room; the unveiling of two new commissioned paintings; a military history symposium; and, in culmination, its 10th annual Liberty Gala on Nov. 16.

“The Library’s evolving mission is to be a place where citizens and citizen soldiers alike can come together to learn about what is happening in their military,” said Kenneth Clarke, president and CEO of the Pritzker Military Library. “As a non-profit, non-government institution, we are uniquely positioned to be a center of activities focused on the military-civilian connection.”

Since its inception in 2003, the Pritzker Military Library has outgrown its original location, and, in 2011, moved to a state-of-the-art facility on Michigan Ave., equipped with a lecture hall, TV studio, and both permanent and rotating exhibits. The Library’s collection has expanded from 7,500 to more than 75,000 volumes, artifacts and other items. Its oral history program now
features more than 60 recordings of veterans’ experiences from World War II and the Korean and Vietnam Wars. The popular speaker program at the Library has featured guests including Pulitzer Prize-winner Rick Atkinson, Army Gen. Stanley McChrystal, historian and author Sir Max Hastings, and more than 30 Medal of Honor recipients.

“I started this library with a small collection of personal books,” said Library founder J.N. Pritzker, a retired colonel of the Illinois Army National Guard. “Its growth in such a short time speaks to the need for an organization of this kind - a place where scholars, soldiers, and the families of soldiers can make sure that their books, objects, and artifacts are preserved for future generations.”

On Sept. 12, the Pritzker Military Library celebrated the official opening and dedication of its Coleman T. Holt Oral History room, the new home of the “Stories of Service Oral History Project.” A centerpiece of the room, which is dedicated to the memory of World War II veteran and civil rights activist Coleman T. Holt, is a new watercolor painting by Illinois Artist Laureate Kay Smith. The painting, Red Tails Escorting the B17s, is based on her research and interviews with Tuskegee Airmen.

On Oct. 23, exactly ten years after first opening its doors, the Library will announce a new prize commemorating the anniversary. This prize, to be called the “Pritzker Military Library Founder’s Literary Award,” will honor one of the most acclaimed writers of the last century. It will be presented on the evening of Nov. 16, at the Library’s Liberty Gala.

Also on Oct. 23, a new oil painting will be officially unveiled by renowned military artist James Dietz. The painting, The 132nd at Guadalcanal, was commissioned to document the role of the Illinois National Guard in the pivotal World War I Battle of Guadalcanal. Prints of this painting, along with Smith’s Red Tails, will be available for purchase at the Library.

On Nov. 15, the Library will host a military history symposium. “ON WAR: Exploring 20th Century Conflicts” will feature six of today’s most distinguished military and history writers: Tim O’Brien, the recipient of this year’s Pritzker Military Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing; best-selling author Karl Marlantes; Allan Millett, professor of history at the University of New Orleans; and Gerhard Weinberg, Carlo D’Este, and Sir Max Hastings, all past recipients of the Library’s literature award. These noted historians will engage in discussions about World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.

On Nov. 16, the Library’s tenth annual Liberty Gala will be held at the Hilton Chicago at 720 S. Michigan Ave. Tim O’Brien, author of The Things They Carried and If I Die in a Combat Zone, Box Me Up and Ship Me Home, will be awarded the 2013 Pritzker Military Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing. Sponsored by the Tawani Foundation, the award includes a medallion, citation, and $100,000 honorarium.

Finally, the Library will publish an anthology of military writing to be released Nov. 23 at the National World War II Museum’s International Conference in New Orleans. ON WAR: The Best Military Histories will feature works by all seven of the Pritzker Military Library Literature Award-Winning Authors.

Fellowship Announcement

Graduate students in good standing may apply for the annual Ruth Fellowship. One student will be selected to receive a $1,500 research fellowship to engage in a concentrated 3 week summer research program with the Army Heritage Center Foundation at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center in Carlisle, PA. Funding for the award is graciously provided by AHCF Board Member, Christopher Gleason, in memory and to honor the service of two members of his family.

Applicants are not limited to topics of military history, but may apply to work on any topic that can be supported by the USAHEC collection. Applicants are encouraged to consult USAHEC’s online catalog and identify resources they would like to utilize for their research in their application.

Applications are due to the Foundation by February 28, 2014 for review. Notification is provided to the recipient by April 15, 2014. For more information contact the Army Heritage Center Foundation Education Director at eddirector@armyheritage.org or 717-258-1102.

First Division Museum Releases Free e-Book

The Foreign Policy Research Institute, in collaboration with the First Division Museum at Cantigny Park, is proud to announce the release of a new e-book, American Military History: A Resource for Teachers and Students.

The 258-page volume—co-edited by Dr. Michael Noonan, Director of the FPRI Program on
National Security, and Dr. Paul Herbert, Executive Director of the First Division Museum—contains material presented at seven history weekends for high school teachers on American military history, including 29 essays about early America to the most recent conflicts. Jointly sponsored by FPRI and the First Division Museum, all of the weekend-long programs have been held at the museum since they began in 2006. The premise of the work is that all Americans are responsible for the common defense, and all Americans should know something about it.

Although primarily designed as a resource for high school teachers and students, the essays are written by the nation’s foremost scholars on the subject and are meant to inform the non-specialist. The e-book will enrich understanding of how the U.S. military has helped to shape American history—not only on the battlefield but also socially, politically, economically and technologically.

The Teaching Military History Program grew out of FPRI’s History Institute for Teachers (now called the Madeleine and W.W. Keen Butcher History Institute), which, since 1996, has been providing high school teachers with professional development on issues in U.S. and world history and international relations. Chaired by David Eisenhower and the Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Walter McDougall, the Butcher History Institute has garnered a national reputation for excellence, working with 941 teachers from 681 schools in 46 states. Following, each weekend, many more teachers access the video files and texts from the conferences from FPRI’s website. The Military History Program is a project of FPRI’s Center for the Study of America and the West.


Call for Papers
The Great War’s Shadow: New Perspectives on the First World War
25-28 September 2014
Calgary and Lake Louise
Alberta, Canada

Honouring the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War, the University of Calgary’s Department of History and Centre for Military and Strategic Studies invite academics and graduate students from around the world to share new scholarly work on this global conflict.

The Great War has attracted no end of historiographical controversy since the guns fell silent. Historians are constantly using innovative and often inter-disciplinary methods to answer original questions, and offer new perspectives on established debates. This conference provides a forum to explore these avenues of research in an international setting. We invite researchers from relevant disciplines to share their research on the following topics:

* Memory and Identity * Combat and Logistics * Global Warfare
*Gendered Roles during Wartime * The Expanded State *War and Politics

Applicants are encouraged to submit original work on the conference themes. “New perspectives” may include, for example: material culture; changing nature of commemoration; interdisciplinary approaches, and methodological innovations. The best papers will be selected for publication. The conference will be held at the historic Chateau Lake Louise, in the heart of Banff National Park.

Keynote Speakers: Dr. Jonathan Vance, Western University; Dr. Holger Herwig, University of Calgary.

PAPER PROPOSAL DEADLINE: 31 MARCH 2014
Please send 250 word proposals for 20-30 minute papers, a title, and a brief CV via email or post to:

The New Perspectives Committee Ranke@ucalgary.ca

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645 Social Sciences, 2500 University Dr. NW
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Announcement from the National Archives

I am pleased to announce that Meg Phillips has been appointed the new External Affairs Liaison for the National Archives.

As external affairs liaison within the Office of Strategy and Communications Office, Meg will manage NARA’s relationships with stakeholder groups, including professional organizations of archivists, records managers, and historians as well as public interest groups. She will be particularly focused on fostering an Open NARA by increasing dialog, collaboration, and engagement between NARA and all kinds of stakeholders.

Meg comes to her new position with 11 years of experience working with a broad cross-section of offices within the National Archives and with several key stakeholder groups. Most recently, she has been the Electronic Records Lifecycle Coordinator in the Office of the Chief Operating Officer. In that role, Meg has been involved with two large-scale electronic records initiatives, NARA's Electronic Records Archives (ERA) project and the Managing Government Records Directive.

For ERA, she organized and chaired the Business Requirements Group of internal stakeholders and worked to improve communication with and elicit feedback from ERA’s external stakeholders, including the Advisory Committee on ERA (ACERA). Her work included determining needs and prioritizing business requirements for the final phase of ERA development and working with Information Services staff to plan for the future. Meg also explained ERA’s status and plans to external stakeholders such as the staffs of NARA’s Congressional oversight and appropriations committees.

As part of her work on the projects organized under the Managing Government Records Directive, Meg established a working group of Federal partners to address electronic records automation and set up opportunities to engage private industry in the goals of the Directive.

Meg joined NARA in 2002 as a Senior Records Analyst in the Mid Atlantic Region; in 2008, she became the Electronic Records Project Manager and ERA adoption coordinator for the Office of Regional Records Services. She became the Electronic Records Lifecycle Coordinator in 2010. She has been based at the National Archives at Philadelphia throughout her NARA career, helping her keep in touch with Agency and Research Services operations in the field.

Before coming to NARA, Meg ran the archives and records management program for the American College of Physicians. She has a BA in history from Haverford College, an MA in history from the University of Chicago, and an MLS from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Meg is a Certified Records Manager and an active participant in the Society of American Archivists.

David McMillen, who has served as NARA’s External Affairs Liaison since 2005, will become a special assistant to the Chief of Strategy and Communication. He will assist Meg in her transition.

Meg can be reached at meg.phillips@nara.gov or 301-837-3111. I encourage you to contact her to discuss your ideas for ways the National Archives can engage more actively with our stakeholders and become a more Open NARA.

DAVID S. FERRIERO
Archivist of the United States

Call for Article Submissions

The Council on America’s Military (CAMP) past is calling for papers for its Journal. We welcome submissions of interesting, original articles on American military history, especially topics that deal with significant sites (which could include installations, battlefields, ships and airplanes). We also welcome articles on biography and historic preservation, especially if they are related to particular sites. Maps and photos are strongly encouraged. We ask that authors submit manuscripts by e-mail to our editors, using a system that is compatible with Microsoft Word. The length of the articles that we publish varies roughly between 2,500 and 7,500 words. The author is responsible for obtaining permission to publish any copyrighted material, and for bearing the costs of obtaining or reproducing illustrations. Interested parties should refer to the CAMP website or contact the editor, Vincent Rospond at EditorJamp@yahoo.com.

A non-profit educational association, CAMP was founded in 1966, representing diverse professions from historians to archeologists, museologists to architects, engineers to authors, active and retired military of all ranks, genealogists to archivists, and just plain hobbyists, the Council on America’s Military Past has only one requirement for membership: commitment to its objectives. Its focus is on the places and things from America’s military past, and their stories. CAMP
looks to all types of military and naval posts, from stockade forts of early New England to adobe presidios of the Southwest, from temporary camps and battlegrounds of a military on the move, to elaborate coastal defense installations along America’s coastlines. For CAMP, old ships and airplanes are also posts.

*The Journal of America’s Military Past* is a scholarly publication with interesting, illustrated articles on historic posts and battlefields and their people. The journal includes a robust book review section that, by itself, makes it worth reading. It is published three times a year.

**New Journal Launched**

*U.S. Military History Review*, a peer-reviewed e-journal, welcomes manuscripts of 5,000-7,500 words on any aspect of U.S. military history for its inaugural issue. Please consult our submission guidelines (http://www.usmhg.org/submission-guidelines) for additional information.

Thank you for your help and interest!

Sincerely,
Alexander M. Bielakowski, Ph.D.
Editor-in-Chief, *U.S. Military History Review*

**Retirement Announcement**

On January 9, 2014, Dr. Richard Sommers will be retiring after more than 43 years of service helping researchers at the U.S. Army Military History Institute of the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center. Plans for the event are still being finalized, but it will probably include a Noon luncheon at the Letort View Club at Carlisle Barracks presided over by GEN(ret) Gordon Sullivan. Those desiring more details or to send messages for Dr. Sommers should contact Dr. Conrad Crane at conrad.c.crane.civ@mail.mil.

**The Annual George C. Marshall Lecture in Military History**

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

James M. McPherson
George Henry Davis 1886 Professor Emeritus of American History at Princeton University

“The Rewards of Risk Taking: Two Civil War Admirals”

At the American Historical Association Annual Meeting
Saturday, January 4, 2014 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
Marriott Wardman Park, Washington, DC
Thurgood Marshall Ballroom West

Reception, 6:30-7:30 PM
Marriott Wardman Park
Thurgood Marshall Ballroom South
DONALD G. & MARY A. DUNN CHAIR
IN MODERN MILITARY HISTORY

The Department of History at The Ohio State University invites applications for the Donald G. and Mary A. Dunn Chair in Modern Military History (post-1900), with a research focus on non-U.S. military history. We seek a candidate who has conducted research and who has compiled a strong publication record on the history of non-U.S. countries and combatants in World War I and/or World War II. The candidate must possess a demonstrated ability to use sources in relevant languages. The candidate would be expected to teach history survey courses and thematic courses in military history at the undergraduate level, in addition to undergraduate and graduate seminars in his/her specialty. The Dunn Chair must possess a Ph.D. and qualify for appointment as a tenured professor.

Candidates should submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, and the names and contact information of three potential references. The search committee might subsequently ask applicants to provide copies of research publications and/or materials that document teaching accomplishments. Candidates are encouraged to submit initial application materials online through Academic Jobs Online at: https://academicjobsonline.org/ajo/jobs/3028. Paper materials will also be reviewed if mailed to Professor Geoffrey Parker, Chair, Dunn Chair Search Committee, Department of History, Ohio State University, 106 Dulles Hall, 230 West 17th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43210. Review of applications will begin on October 15, 2013 and will continue until the position is filled.

To build a diverse workforce Ohio State encourages applications from individuals with disabilities, minorities, veterans, and women. EEO/AA employer. Ohio State is an NSF Advance Institution.

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The SMH - GCMF Prize for the Use of Digital Technology in Teaching Military History

The Society for Military History (SMH) in partnership with The George C. Marshall Foundation (GCMF) announce a new prize to be awarded annually to an individual, group or institution that creates, designs and implements material for use in teaching military history utilizing evolving digital technology.

The Society for Military History is now soliciting nominations for its new SMH-George C. Marshall Foundation Prize for the Use of Digital Technology in Teaching Military History. Through this prize the Marshall Foundation and SMH seek to provide an incentive for creating new and innovative technology based curricula for use in teaching military history. This prize is intended to stimulate new thinking in how technology can be used to create new and better tools for studying military history.

The most important criterion for the successful project will be its utility for teaching military history in a classroom environment, although consideration will also be given to projects that help students with self-development or collaborative learning. A second criterion will be its suitability for publication as a digitally interactive publication, embodying multimedia and incorporating exercises that confirm the user’s comprehension.

For the 2014 awards, projects produced in the last five years (2008-2013) are eligible; this window will narrow in the future to focus on newer projects rather than on a body of work. However, realizing that electronic projects can be added to, projects can be re-nominated at three-year intervals.

The award includes a $1,000 prize and a plaque presented at the Society for Military History awards luncheon on April 4, 2014 at the Westin Crown Center, Kansas City, MO.

Nominations (including self-nominations) and all supporting materials for the 2014 prize should be submitted electronically by November 15, 2013 to smh.digital.prizecommittee@gmail.com. A cover letter, not to exceed one page, addressing the two selection criteria is necessary.
The Omar N. Bradley Historical Research Fellowships

The Omar N. Bradley Foundation will in 2014 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 2014.

Selection of Omar Nelson Bradley Fellows. The Omar Nelson Bradley Fellowships Committee shall consist of current or former members of the Department of History of the United States Military Academy 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 31 January 2014 with the aim of a final announcement of recipients by 15 February 2014.

Required Grant Application Items: (must be received by 1 January 2013):
- Name, rank, duty position, contact information
- Objective of the proposed research
- Status of research to date
- Methodology
- Itemized cost estimate
- Proposed method of disseminating research results

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

Application Timeline:
- Applications due to the Committee no later than 1 JANUARY 2014
- Committee forwards recommendations to the Bradley Foundation no later than 1 February 2014
- Announcement of Recipients
  15 February 2014

Send Application Materials to:
Professor E. C. Kiesling
United States Military Academy
Department of History
Suite 151, Building 601
West Point, NY 10996-1793
MEETINGS CALENDAR 2013

November 7-8 – World War I Historical Association Annual National Symposium, The Liberty Memorial National WWI Museum, Kansas City, Missouri, featuring the run-up to The Great War. Contact George Thompson at president@ww1ha.org or visit our website at www.ww1ha.org for details.

November 9-11 – Astride Two Ages: Technology and the Civil War, at the National Museum of American History. Contact: Barton Hacker at hackerb@si.edu.

November 21-24 – The History of Science Society will hold its annual meeting in the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts. The meeting will mark the 100th anniversary of the Society’s journal, Isis, one of the premier international journals in its field. For more information, see the Society’s website at http://www.hssonline.org/.


MEETINGS CALENDAR 2014

January 2-5 – The American Historical Association will hold its 128th annual meeting in Washington, D.C. at the Marriott Wardman Park, the Omni Shoreham Hotel, and the Hilton Washington. More than 1,500 scholars will participate. For additional details, see the Association’s website at http://www.historians.org/annual/2014/index.cfm.

March 4-6 – The American Astronautical Society will present its 52nd Robert H. Goddard Memorial Symposium in Greenbelt, Maryland. For further details as they are announced, see the Society’s website at http://astronautical.org/goddard.

March 6-8 – Medical History of World War II, Army Medical Department Museum in San Antonio, Texas. Contact Dr. Sanders Marble, Office of Medical History, US Army, william.s.marble.civ@mail.mil.

March 13-14 – The Role of the Neutrals and Non-Aligned in the Global Cold War, 1949-1989. University of Lausanne, Institute of Economic and Social History and History Department. The Graduate Institute, IHEID, Geneva. Contact: Sandra Bott at sandra.bott@unil.ch.

March 15-16 – The 24th Annual War of 1812 in the West Symposium will be held at the General Daniel Bissell House in Saint Louis, Missouri. Contact David Bennett at eb克莱-son@aol.com for details.

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

April 10-13 – The Organization of American Historians will host its annual meeting at the Atlanta Hilton in Atlanta, Georgia. This year’s meeting theme is “Crossing Borders.” For more info, see the OAH’s website at http://www.oah.org/news/20130709_2014OAH.html#sthash.QhJ8SrNs.dpuf.

April 11-14 – The University of Greenwich’s Maritime Institute, sited in London, England, will host a conference on “Naval and Maritime Powers During Two World Wars.” Among other aspects, the program will include presentations on the airpower aspects of both conflicts. For details, see the University’s website at http://www2.gre.ac.uk/about/schools/gmi/about/news/gm/call-for-papers-naval-and-maritime-power-conference-2014, or e-mail the Institute at maritimempower@greenwich.ac.uk.

April 14-15 – National and Racial Minorities in Total War. Location: University of Chester. Contact: ww1minorities@chester.ac.uk.
MEETINGS CALENDAR 2014

April 14-17 – Global War Studies and the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst are pleased to announce “1944: Seventy Years On,” an international conference on the Second World War with 1944 as its core theme. The conference will be held at the Academy. For more details, contact Robert von Maier via e-mail at globalwarstudies@gmail.com.

May 19-22 – The Space Society will present its 30th annual symposium at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colorado. For further information, see the Society’s website at http://www.spacefoundation.org/node/43.


August 15-16 – The Academic World in the Era of the Great War. Location: Trinity College, Dublin. Co-organized by the Centre for War Studies at Trinity College Dublin and the Centre canadien des études allemandes et européennes at the Université de Montréal. Contact: academic-worldconference@gmail.com.

September 26-28 – The National Museum of the United States Air Force will host a World War I Dawn Patrol Rendezvous; this event will memorialize the 100th anniversary of the beginning of World War I. For further details, see the Museum’s website at http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/wwi.asp.

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