Robin Higham will be remembered as one of the guiding lights of the military history profession and an important figure in the development of the Society for Military History’s preceding academic iteration, the American Military Institute (AMI).

Born in 1925 as the only son of Margaret, a Kansas native, and David Higham of London, England, Robin Higham became enamored with the United States on several early trips he took with his mother to visit relatives in the American south and on the Great Plains. The vital role of the RAF in the Second World War also stoked his lifelong passion for aviation history. After graduating with a PhD from Harvard in 1957, Higham taught at the University of Massachusetts and the University of North Carolina before settling into a career of more than thirty five years in length as a Professor of History in 1963 at Kansas State University.

As a member of the American Military Institute, Robin Higham’s contributions were many. In the 1960s, he wrote “The Dangerously Neglected: The British Military Intellectuals, 1918-1939”, organized the first in a series of joint AMI-OAH sessions, and aided the Eisenhower Presidential Library in selecting “a large collection of Books on World War II” for military history researchers, preparing to open their doors for the first time.
Still, Robin Higham’s greatest academic achievement remains his stewardship as Editor of *Military Affairs*, beginning with the 1968 retirement of Victor Gondos. More than simply shepherding the organization’s first business operation to exist outside the Washington beltway, Higham redefined the publication in size, scope, and appeal. With a mandate to help grow the membership, Robin increased the number of pages to accommodate “double size issues”, changed the paper stock, and began soliciting advertisers, lowering limiting production costs and generating between March and December 1969 $9,493.59 in earned income alone. “We are trying to balance readability,” he said, “with the need to publish as much as we can on the money we have. At the same time, we ... need... to build a pool out of which we can finance advertisements in other journals on other than an exchange basis.” For twenty years, he did and, because of his fiscal efforts, both *Military Affairs* and AMI had room to prosper, reaching new audiences, and serving as a regular venue for scholarly interaction in the dark days of the Cold War when only a few could attend the annual meetings.

Despite his retirement from both the KSU and the organization as AMI became the Society for Military History, Robin Higham continued to contribute to the discipline and the organization. In his last years, Higham, persevering through the infirmities of age and family illness, continued to guide students, shepherd struggling scholars, co-edit volumes, and write numerous reviews for the new *Journal of Military History*. He also donated much of his academic material to Kansas State University’s Hale Library so that future scholars in military history might benefit from his own findings. On Friday, August 28, 2015, Robin Higham died. Some may look back on issues of *Military Affairs* with eyes jaded by postmodern scholarly views, but, without Robin Higham and a few others, neither *The Journal of Military History* nor the Society for Military History would have been able to exist as we know them today.

**NOTES...from your President**

Jeffrey Grey

One of the big changes in the Society over the last two decades has been the much greater presence of graduate students in our affairs, not least in our annual meetings. Successive executives and Councils have worked hard to encourage and facilitate this involvement, not least through the financial assistance available to graduate students who have papers accepted on the program, through the graduate student reception at each annual meeting, and through what I think and certainly hope is seen as a welcoming attitude by the rest of the membership towards those who are our future.

Another development has seen the creation of a dedicated graduate student representation position on Council, an appointment within the gift of the President. Our previous representative, Mary Elizabeth Walters (UNC Chapel Hill), has stood down in order to undertake a year’s field work in Albania to complete her doctorate and she has my personal thanks for her efforts in the role and not least for very effectively briefing this new president on various matters relating to graduate student affairs within the Society. I am delighted to announce that her successor is Cameron Zinsou (Mississippi State), who will be attending his first meeting of Council in Ottawa in April.
Robert H. Berlin

I was struck by Fernand Sabatte’s “The Arras Belfry,” the cover art of the October 2015 issue of The Journal of Military History. Andrew Moore’s complementary article explains the painting’s significance and its relationship to its current home at the National Gallery of Ireland in Dublin where Moore is a librarian. His article is one of several fascinating contributions to a superb special issue commemorating the First World War, and demonstrates our Society’s increasingly international character with contributing members around the world. Kudos to the Journal editors and staff for producing this top-notch effort.

The Society’s 83rd annual meeting April 14-17, 2016 in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada likewise reflects our international character. Hosted by the Canadian War Museum and the Canadian Museum of History, its theme, “Crossing Borders, Crossing Boundaries,” promotes a diverse, global perspective on military affairs. I urge you to attend the meeting to participate in a broad range of panels, numerous networking opportunities, enjoyable social events plus an opportunity to visit Canada’s capital city, several outstanding museums, and the provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

The meeting hotel is the Ottawa Marriott located near the Canadian War Museum, site of the opening reception. Photos of the museum and the hotel are available inside the back cover of the October Journal. The SMH website has a link to make hotel reservations. The rate is $169 Canadian (as of October 7 $130 US dollars) plus tax and includes a continental breakfast and in-room wireless. You should act now to obtain this rate because once we fill our reservation quota additional rooms, if available, will be priced higher. Please note: Non-Canadian citizens require a passport!! Check to make sure that you have a current passport with an expiration date at least six months after April 2016.

The Annual Meeting Awards Luncheon on April 15, 2016 is when SMH presents its achievement awards and honors outstanding work in our field. I hope you will attend. The cost of the luncheon equals our expenses. Members can nominate worthy individuals for The Samuel Eliot Morison Prize, which recognizes not any one specific achievement, but a body of contributions in the field of military history, extending over time and reflecting a spectrum of scholarly activity contributing significantly to the field; and for The Edwin H. Simmons Award for distinguished and particularly outstanding service to the Society for Military History by sending a maximum two page PDF statement of nomination to me at rhberlin24@gmail.com. The Morison Prize and Simmons Award winners are chosen by vote of the Society officers and trustees. Nominations for these awards are due to me by December 31, 2015. Past award winners are listed on the SMH website.

I know our members value our quarterly Journal, this newsletter and our website. SMH social media communication is expanding with SMH having 815 members in its Facebook Group and active on Twitter, offering many sources of information on events, news, regional activities and perspectives. Thanks to all who make this happen. As our participation in a variety of media grows so does your opportunity to be involved with the Society and the greater historical community.

In a separate initiative, the Society and the George C. Marshall Foundation will sponsor the annual George C. Marshall Lecture in Military History at the American Historical Association Annual Meeting at the Hilton in Atlanta, Georgia on Saturday January 9, 2016. You do not need to be registered at the AHA meeting to attend the session. The speaker is Rick Atkinson, Pulitzer Prize winning author and SMH member, who will speak on “Projecting American Power in the Second World War.” The SMH will host an open reception, following the lecture.
Plan now for the Society for Military History’s 83rd Annual Meeting in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. To reserve your room at the Ottawa Marriott Hotel, for Conference details and Call for Papers, please visit http://smh-hq.org/2016/2016annualmeeting.html.

The Ottawa Marriott’s special conference rate is $169 (Canadian funds), plus taxes and fees.
Fellowship Announcement

The Robert L. Ruth and Robert C. Ruth Research Fellowship is offered to graduate students enrolled in a graduate-level history program at an accredited university or college located in the United States. The Fellowship is awarded annually to provide funding to support the awardee for a concentrated 3 week period of research at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center at the U.S. Army War College. Funding for the award is graciously provided by AHCF Board Member, Christopher Gleason, in memory and to honor the service of family members Robert L. Ruth (World War II), and Robert C. Ruth (Vietnam).

Applications are due to the Foundation by February 28, 2016. Notification is provided to the recipient by April 1st. For more information and the application form, click or contact the Foundation at eddirector@armyheritage.org or call 717.258.1102.

Call for Papers

7th Annual Texas A&M History Conference
Community. Culture. Conflict.
April 1-2, 2016

The Seventh Annual Texas A&M History Conference, sponsored by the Sigma Rho Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta and the Texas A&M History Graduate Student Organization, will take place on the Texas A&M University campus on Friday, April 1 and Saturday, April 2, 2016. This two-day conference will feature panels for graduate and undergraduate students to present their research to an audience of peers and subject experts.

The theme for this year’s conference is “Community, Culture, Conflict” and we welcome proposals from all areas of the humanities and social sciences as well as all subfields of history. Presenters need not be members of Phi Alpha Theta to participate. We encourage papers and presentations that apply interdisciplinary approaches to the study of history, including digital humanities, visual art, film, etc.

Undergraduate and graduate students who are interested in presenting are asked to submit a 250 word (maximum) abstract and curriculum vitae by Friday, December 15, 2015. Notification of acceptance will occur by January 15, 2015 and accepted applicants will have until March 1, 2016 to submit completed papers (not to exceed ten pages). Any Ph.D. students interested in serving as commentators for undergraduate panels in their respective fields should submit a one-page CV by January 15, 2016. All submissions and correspondence should be submitted to tamuhistoryconference@gmail.com.

A panel of judges will select the best overall Ph.D., M.A., and undergraduate papers to receive awards in recognition of excellence. For more conference details, please visit http://history.tamu.edu.

Contact Info:
Brooke Linsenbardt, Hillary Anderson, Laura Oviedo, Robin Roe, Ben Williams
Contact Email:
tamuhistoryconference@gmail.com

2016 West Point Summer Seminar in Military History

The West Point Summer Seminar in Military History will tentatively take place from 6-21 June 2016 at West Point. Focused on the American Civil War, the event will include guest speakers, faculty presenting pedagogy, historical weapons discussions, and staff rides to a variety of battlefields. Full application instructions available at http://www.usma.edu/history/sitepages/summer%20seminar.aspx.

The application deadline is January 6, 2016.
Job Announcement
Units: Mershon Center for International Security Studies/Academic Department
Position: Director (50%) and Professor (50%)
Rank: Professor

Description:
The Ohio State University seeks a director for the Mershon Center for International Security Studies. The center’s mission is to advance understanding of national and international security in a global context. It does this by fostering research and public outreach in numerous disciplines, working in particular to promote multi-disciplinary collaboration and high quality scholarship that addresses the questions central to security studies, broadly defined. This position is sponsored jointly by Ohio State’s Office of International Affairs and the College of Arts and Sciences. Consequently, the Mershon Center Director will report to the Vice Provost for Global Strategies and International Affairs and to the college dean through a department chair. The director will be expected to pursue an active research agenda and to carry a half-time teaching load in his or her department.

Qualifications:
The Mershon Director must hold a PhD or equivalent degree and have a record of successful publication and teaching that justifies appointment at the rank of full professor. Experiences in governmental, inter-governmental, and/or non-governmental institutions and agencies dealing with security issues are desirable, as is significant experience of international engagement and collaboration generally. Applicants should have a track record of academic leadership including grant seeking and institution building as well as other entrepreneurial endeavors. Appointment is contingent on the university’s verification of credentials and other information required by law and/or university policies, including but not limited to a criminal background check.

About Columbus:
The Ohio State University campus is located in Columbus, the capital city of Ohio. Columbus is the center of a rapidly growing and diverse metropolitan area with a population of over 1.5 million. The area offers a wide range of affordable housing, many cultural and recreational opportunities, excellent schools, and a strong economy based on government as well as service, transportation and technology industries (see http://liveworkplaycolumbus.com/). Columbus has consistently been rated as one of the Top U.S. cities for quality of life, and was selected as one of the Top 10 cities for African Americans to live, work, and play by Black Enterprise magazine. Additional information about the Columbus area is available at http://www.columbus.org.

Application Instructions:
Apply to Academic Jobs Online at: https://academicjobsonline.org/ajo/jobs/6352. All applicants should submit a curriculum vitae and a cover letter briefly (1-2 pages) explaining why they are interested in the position and describing their vision of international security studies going forward. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled but those received by November 2, 2015, will receive priority consideration. Inquiries may be directed to Richard Herrmann at Herrmann.1@osu.edu.

The Ohio State University is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability status, or protected veteran status.
Job Announcement
This posting can be accessed directly at http://unc.peopleadmin.com/postings/84554

The Curriculum in Peace, War, and Defense at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is recruiting applicants for a three-year fixed-term Lecturer of National Security and Intelligence beginning in the fall of 2016. The individual hired for this position will teach four undergraduate courses related to intelligence and national security per academic year (2/2). In addition, he or she will assist in managing relevant events and student activities associated with the Triangle Institute for Security Studies' Center for Academic Excellence in the study of intelligence (a federally funded grant program, see http://tissiccae.web.unc.edu/). This includes events at all four participating universities. Salary is set at $60,000. The Curriculum is a long-established undergraduate interdisciplinary major that continues to grow at a rapid rate. The successful candidate will demonstrate high quality, enthusiastic teaching and student advocacy and an ability to work cooperatively and productively with staff and students. Applicants should have a Ph.D. in hand by August 1, 2016 in International Relations, National Security Studies, Political Science, Military History or related discipline plus some experience in the US Federal Government or US Military, preferably in an intelligence-related field. Consideration of applications will begin on November 1, 2015, and the search will remain open until the position is filled. Women and minorities are strongly encouraged to apply. The University of North Carolina is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is an equal opportunity and affirmative action employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, color, disability, gender, gender expression, gender identity, genetic information, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or status as a protected veteran.

Fellowship Announcement
The Omar N. Bradley Historical Research Fellowships

In 2016 the Omar N. Bradley Foundation will 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.

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 Professor Samuel Watson, Chair, Omar Nelson Bradley Fellowships Committee, Department of History, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York 10996, or electronically to samuel.watson@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 2016.
Selection of Omar Nelson Bradley Fellows. The Omar Nelson Bradley Fellowships Committee shall consist of senior military and/or civilian faculty 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 2016 with the aim of a final announcement of recipients by 15 February 2016.

Required Grant Application Items (must be received by 1 January 2016):
- 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 2016
- Committee forwards recommendations to the Bradley Foundation no later than 1 February 2016.

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

John Lyman Book Awards, 2014
Each year the North American Society for Oceanic History presents the John Lyman Book Awards, named after the late Professor John Lyman of the University of North Carolina, to recognize excellence in the publication of books that make significant contributions to the study and understanding of maritime and naval history.

These are the winners of the awards for books published in 2014.

David J. Bercuson and Holger Herwig won the award in the category “U.S. Naval History” for Long Night of the Tankers: Hitler’s War Against Caribbean Oil published by the University of Calgary Press.

Norman Friedman won the award in the category “Naval and Maritime Science and Technology” for Fighting the Great War at Sea: Strategy, Tactics and Technology published by Naval Institute Press.

Lloyd J. Matthews won the award in the category “Naval and Maritime Biography and Autobiography” for General Henry Lockwood of Delaware: Shipmate of Melville, Co-builder of the Naval Academy, Civil War Commander published by the University of Delaware Press.
Brian Rouleau won the award in the category “U.S. Maritime History” for *With Sails Whitening Every Sea: Mariners and the Making of an American Maritime Empire* published by Cornell University Press.

Nancy Shoemaker (editor) won the award in the category “Naval and Maritime Reference Works and Published Primary Sources” for *Living With Whales: Documents and Oral Histories of Native New England Whaling History* published by the University of Massachusetts Press.

Gordon W. Smith won the award in the category “Canadian Naval and Maritime History” for *A Historical and Legal Study of Sovereignty in the Canadian North: Terrestrial Sovereignty, 1870-1939* (edited by P. Whitney Lackenbauer), published by the University of Calgary Press.

Donald Barry, Bob Applebaum and Earl Wiseman received an Honorable Mention in the category “Canadian Naval and Maritime History” for *Fishing for a Solution: Canada’s Fisheries Relations with the European Union, 1977-2013* published by the University of Calgary Press.

Catherine Cangany received an Honorable Mention in the category “U.S. Maritime History” for *Frontier Seaport: Detroit’s Transformation into an Atlantic Entrepôt* published by the University of Chicago Press.

Kevin J. Crisman (editor) received an Honorable Mention in the category “U.S. Naval History” for *Coffins of the Brave: Lake Shipwrecks of the War of 1812* published by Texas A&M University Press.


Dane A. Morrison received an Honorable Mention in the category “U.S. Maritime History” for *True Yankees: The South Seas & The Discovery of American Identity* published by the Johns Hopkins University Press.

Michael A. Osborne received an Honorable Mention in the category “Naval and Maritime Science and Technology” *The Emergence of Tropical Medicine in France* published by the University of Chicago Press.

**Kudos**

The US Army War College has presented Kevin J. Weddle with the Colonel John J. Madigan III U.S. Army War College Staff and Faculty Published Writing Competition for “A Change of Both Men and Measures: British Reassessment of Military Strategy after Saratoga, 1777-1778” published in the July 2013 issue of *The Journal of Military History*.

**Call for Entries**

The Society for History in the Federal Government (SHFG) seeks entries for its 2016 Thomas Jefferson Prize for research tools published in 2014 or 2015. 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 Spring 2016. 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 30, 2016:

1. Jennifer Ross-Nazzal, Ph.D., 2003 Seakale Lane, Houston, TX 77062
2. Alisa Whitley, 5212 Leeward Lane, Alexandria, VA 22315
3. Lincoln Bramwell, Ph.D., 1410 Woodman Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20902

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.

Lecture Available for Viewing

JMH Assistant Editor/Graphic Design, James R. Arnold, recently presented a program at the Pritzker Military Museum & Library. It is based on his book, The Moro War, which received the Army Historical Foundation’s 2011 Lieutenant General Richard G. Trefry Award. The program can be viewed online, free of charge, at: http://www.pritzkermilitary.org/whats_on/pritzker-military-presents/james-arnold-moro-war/

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 the time of application 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, 102 Fourth Avenue SW, Fort Lesley J. McNair, D.C. 20319-5060. E-mail: usarmy.mcnair.cmh.mbx.answers@mail.mil. Applications can also be downloaded from the Center’s Web site: http://www.history.army.mil. Applications and all supporting documents for the Dissertation Fellowships must be postmarked no later than 15 January each year; none are 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.

Finding Aid Available
The U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center has prepared a reference bibliography of their World War I holdings to facilitate study of the war as we prepare for the 100th year commemorations. Over 900 pages long, the document is located on the website of the Army Heritage Center Foundation at https://www.armyheritage.org/images/USAHECWWIholdings.pdf. Long time SMH member Louise Arnold Friend assisted greatly in preparation of the finding aid.

Chair of War Studies Appointed at U.S. Army War College
Dr. Michael Neiberg has been appointed as the inaugural Chair of War Studies at the U.S. Army War College following a national search. The Chair was established to produce cutting-edge scholarship that influences national security policy, military strategy, and the Army War College curriculum. Additionally, the Chair will lecture widely, organize and participate in scholarly conferences, lead collaborative research projects, mentor faculty and students, and counsel Army War College leaders on curricular issues. The appointment
reflects the USAWC’s commitment to research and writing on a broad range of issues relating to the strategic level of war.

Dr. Neiberg’s selection reflected his reputation as a distinguished historian of World War I and World War II, although the scope of his scholarship reaches well beyond those conflicts. He is also a highly-regarded teacher and mentor who has worked in the civilian academy, and in the professional military education system. He is the author of numerous books, including *Potsdam: The End of World War II and the Remaking of Europe* (2015), *The Blood of Free Men: The Liberation of Paris, 1944* (2012), and *Dance of the Furies: Europe and the Outbreak of World War I* (2011), and *Fighting the Great War: A Global History* (2006). Additionally, he has coauthored and edited numerous other significant works.

The Chair of War Studies is a long-term position made possible through a gift from the non-profit Army War College Foundation.

**New Book Series Announced**

Brill has announced a new series whose overall aim is to offer new perspectives on the East-West conflict by building on recent and current historiographical developments in Cold War history. The series moves beyond traditional narratives by investigating the impact of both medium and lesser powers on the evolution of the Cold War. In addition to state actors, potential authors are also encouraged to focus on international organisations and non-state actors, such as national liberation movements, non-governmental organisations, and civil society groups. The geographical scope of the series is global and extends to all continents to cover also hitherto neglected (sub-)regions, notably in the so-called Third World. Methodologically, submissions should preferably be based on multi-archival historical research, and can draw on other related disciplines, such as (but not limited to) international relations and anthropology. While the editors privilege single-authored research monographs, they also welcome proposals for multi-authored volumes.

For more information, Contact: Prof. Jussi Hanhimäki, Graduate Institute Geneva; and/or Dr. Marco Wyss, University of Chichester.

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**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

**Rick Atkinson**

Author of *THE LIBERATION TRILOGY*

“Projecting American Power in the Second World War”

At the American Historical Association Annual Meeting Saturday, January 9, 2016, 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Hilton Atlanta, Grand Ballroom C

Reception, 7:00-8:00 PM

Hilton Atlanta, Grand Ballroom D
Hello again from Ottawa!

It’s time for an update on the progress of the 2016 Annual Meeting. The deadline for submissions to the 2016 conference has come and gone, and the program committee is hard at work reviewing the vast pile of promising panel submissions we have received from around the world. Registration for the 2016 conference will soon be going live on our website, where we will also publish information about local attractions, our tour partners and the preliminary program once it is completed.

The 2016 Organizing Committee wishes to issue two important reminders to conference attendees. The first is that now is the time to book your hotel room at the Ottawa Marriott. The Canadian War Museum and the Society for Military History negotiated the excellent nightly rate of $169 CAD. Act quickly, because more than half of these rooms are already reserved! Once the rooms are all booked you may have to make alternate arrangements. So go to http://smh-hq.org/2016/2016annualmeeting.html and click on the “Reserve your room” link to book today! The Marriott is within walking distance of many of Ottawa’s attractions and is a terrific destination to boot.

Our second reminder is for delegates from outside Canada to ensure you have all the requisite travel documents for your visit. All delegates should have a valid passport as it is a universally accepted identification document. International visitors from outside North America may require an Electronic Travel Authorization, a new entry requirement that takes effect on March 15, 2016. Travellers with a valid visa and U.S. citizens are exempt from this requirement. For information about travel requirements, documentation, visas or other steps you need to take to travel to Canada, please check the website http://cic.gc.ca/English/visit.

Remember to check the conference website at http://smh-hq.org/2016/2016annualmeeting.html for updates and helpful tips for travel to and within Ottawa. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to reach out to Andrew or Francine at smh2016@warmuseum.ca.

Have a good fall, and we look forward to seeing you in Ottawa.
1. CALL TO ORDER
   President Gregory J. W. Urwin called the meeting to order at 0700 A.M. on Sunday, April 12, 2015 in Riverview Room 5 of the Renaissance Hotel in Montgomery Alabama.

2. APPROVAL of the MINUTES of the PREVIOUS MEETING
   Secretary Thomas Morgan reported that the minutes of the 2014 Business Meeting were published in the Fall 2014 edition of the Headquarters Gazette. President Urwin asked for approval of last year’s Business Meeting minutes. The approval motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES
   President’s Report. President Urwin announced that Jeffrey Grey is the new President of the SMH and Jennifer Keene the new Vice President effective at the close of the annual meeting. He also reported that the Society was in very good shape financially and scholarly with future meeting sites selected and meetings being planned. Members of the SMH can look forward to a warm welcome in Ottawa next year. Urwin stated that his two major goals for the Society were realized with a new Memorandum of Agreement to publish the Journal of Military History with the Virginia Military Institute (VMI) and the George C. Marshall Foundation (GCMF) that will last until the end of 2021; and the publication of the first SMH White Paper, The Role of Military History in the Contemporary Academy, which is intended to promote the teaching of military history in institutions of higher learning.

   There was a productive SMH Council Meeting on 9 April. The sustaining members’ dues were raised from $100 to $120 per year, twice as much as regular members (which had been the case until regular dues had been raised from $50 to $60 last year). The Council also agreed on a two-year ban for people who obtain a place on the conference program for SMH annual meetings and then fail to actually attend to deliver their papers or provide a paper. Vice President Bill Allison and Regional Coordinators facilitated the disbursement of $5,530 of the $6,000 allocated for regional activities grants since the 2014 Annual Meeting. Mark Stoler gave the George C. Marshall Lecture at the American Historical Association (AHA) meeting in New York City on 4 January 2015. It was very well received and there was a good turnout. Rick Atkinson will give the lecture at the AHA meeting in Atlanta in January 2016. Craig Symonds will give the lecture in 2017 in Denver. The Society’s social media efforts are functioning well, and the Webmaster, Kurt Hackemer, has upgraded the website with many new features.

   The President’s report elicited no questions or comments from the floor.

   Executive Director’s Report. Robert H. Berlin paid homage to Urwin’s accomplishments as President and stated that Urwin will continue his service to SMH as delegate to the American Council of Learned Societies. As of March 2, 2015, the SMH has 2,795 members, including 274 student, 244 sustaining, and 270 institutional members. During the period February 3 through 25, 629 SMH members voted electronically in the bi-annual online election, dispensing entirely with the use of paper ballots.

   During the past year, the Society exceeded $1 million in assets for the first time. Nevertheless, our named fellowships (Weigley, Coffman and Millett) are not large enough to be self-sustaining. The SMH will have to undertake a serious fundraising campaign to avoid the development of a serious deficit in the coming years. Russell F. Weigley Graduate Student Travel Grant Awards have been increased in size from $500 to $1,000 per student.
Berlin complimented the SMH’s paid staff for their fine work this past year. More than 600 SMH members registered for the 2015 Annual Meeting. Next year’s meeting will be hosted by the Canadian Museum of History and the Canadian War Museum at the Ottawa Marriott in Canada where the rooms will run $169 (Canadian) per night with a continental buffet breakfast and other amenities. The Call for Papers for Ottawa has been printed in the annual meeting program and the April issue of the Journal of Military History. In 2017 the Annual Meeting will be held in Jacksonville, Florida at the Hyatt Hotel hosted by Florida State University. Nashville, Tennessee, is the proposed site for the 2018 Annual Meeting hosted by Middle Tennessee State University. The Society is looking for a host for 2019, and Washington, DC, is the tentative site of the 2020 Annual Meeting hosted by the Army Historical Foundation. Interactions between the SMH and other learned societies and educational agencies have increased considerably. The Society is a full-fledged member of the academic and historical community.

The Executive Director’s Report elicited no questions or comments from the floor. Treasurer, Graham A. Cosmas stated that the Society’s financial condition continues to be stable. There are several different types of funds. The Operating Fund receives most of our income and pays the bills. The Endowment Fund consists of invested money and serves as a reserve for special projects. Then there are the three endowment Funds that support our three named fellowships (Weigley, Coffman, and Millett). The Society can always use contributions to increase these funds. The Operating Fund took in about $371,000 last year. The SMH spent about $408,000, which resulted in an operating deficit. This did not result in a critical problem, however, because the Society’s large operating reserve covers the deficit. There is no cash flow problem. Overall, the Society is doing well financially. The Treasurer’s Report elicited no questions or comments from the floor. Editor, The Journal of Military History. Bruce Vandervort reported that the April issue of the JMH was in the mail. He introduced Roberta Weiner, the Managing Editor, and Anne Wells, the Assistant Editor. A new contract with VMI/GCMF was signed recently and he is satisfied with it. That agreement will run until 2021. The GCMF provides the JMH with office space. The JMH is developing with EventRebels a new automated system to manage book reviews and manuscripts that will be fully on line later this year. By using it, authors will be able to check the status of their submissions easier. The JMH published 1,548 pages in 2014 and 349 book reviews. The JMH received 123 manuscripts, accepted 21, and has 47 still out for peer review. The JMH plans to continue publishing commemorative issues. In October it will release one on World War I and in the January-April timeframe it will do one about war termination with an emphasis on the Napoleonic War. Vandervort went on to explain the problem with special issues, pointing out that dedicating an entire issue to a specific conflict delayed the publication of articles devoted to other subjects. The JMH Editor’s Report elicited no questions or comments from the floor. Committee Reports. President Urwin provided a brief update on the honors bestowed at the SMH Awards Luncheon on April 10, thanking the committees that selected this year’s award winners. Other committees continued their good work, such as the Membership Committee headed by Stephen Bourque and the Digital History Committee headed by Erik Villard. Committee appointments are for three years. Replacement of committee members is staggered and the President fills the vacancies after the Annual Meeting. He encouraged members to volunteer their services to our new, President Jeffrey Grey, to fill new committee vacancies. The resignation last year of Vice President Robert M. Citino necessitated a review of the Society’s Constitution conducted by a Constitutional Committee composed of James Willbanks (Chair), Dale Clifford, and Richard H. Kohn. The Council has taken the committee’s report under advisement and further work will be done on revising the SMH Constitution.
before any amendments are referred to the membership for ratification in a special election. Executive Director Berlin commented that the Society is well served by members who volunteer for committees.

This discussion elicited no questions or comments from the floor.

**OLD BUSINESS.** None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Presentation of Approved 2015-2016 Budget.** Treasurer Graham A. Cosmas presented the FY 2015-2016 Operating Budget as amended by the Council. There are projected revenues of about $375,000 with expenditures of about $460,000. Most of the deficit consists of one-time expenses that can be absorbed with existing cash reserves. President Urwin asked that the budget be approved. It was so moved, seconded and passed unanimously. There were no further questions or comments.

**Announcement of SMH Activities.** President Urwin reported that the Society was trying to rationalize its operations by observing the best practices as adopted by other historical and humanities organizations. A new system of employee assessments will be implemented. Urwin and Berlin attended the latest George C. Marshal Lecture in Military History, which Mark Stoler delivered at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association in New York. The event went well, drawing an audience of at least 100. The Society enjoys firm relations with the new head of the GCMF, Robert Havers, who attended both the Marshall Lecture and the SMH’s 2015 Annual Meeting. There were no further questions or comments.

**Announcement of SMH policies and procedures.** Executive Director Berlin stated that the Council had supported his recommendations to seek outside assistance by retaining the services of a human relations professional in regularizing the management and employment policies for the SMH’s 12 paid employees. The Council passed a resolution dealing with members who are accepted to present papers at our annual meetings and then cancel their appearance for no good reason. Aspiring presenters who receive notification of their acceptance from the 2016 Program Committee – and who then fail to attend or the conference or at least provide a copy of their paper to be read by someone present – will be barred from presenting at the next two SMH Annual Meetings. There were no comments or questions.

**Announcement of JMH Activities.** Bruce Vandervort reported that he was looking for improvements in JMH procedures. He recommends that the issue of providing health care benefits for Society employees be considered in future human resources deliberations. There were no further comments or questions.

**Other New Business.** None

**Adjournment.** President Urwin thanked everyone for their support during the past two years. He tried to provide greater transparency during his stewardship of the organization and remarked that nothing made him and the Society’s leadership happier than making the members happy. He encouraged members to continue to make suggestions to the Society’s officers and Board of Trustees.

There being no other new business, President Urwin entertained a successful motion to adjourn the meeting at 0752 A.M.

Thomas D. Morgan
Recording Secretary
Attention, all graduate students! The Society has two award competitions that are designed to help defray the cost of your research and get you to the Society’s annual meeting to present your work. Deadlines are coming up soon, so start sending in your applications!

**ABC-Clio Research Grants**

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: 21 January 2016
- 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 25, 2016. The awards will be presented at the Awards Luncheon at the next SMH annual meeting in Ottawa, Canada, in April 2016.

**Russell F. Weigley Graduate Student Travel Grant Awards**
The Russell F. Weigley graduate student awards are given to facilitate travel for those students whose papers have been accepted for the national meeting of the Society for Military History. Documents submitted should include a 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 $1000. Applicants should be aware that this amount may not cover all travel costs. The committee does not consider financial need in making these awards.

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Application deadline is January 21, 2016. Award will be made by February 25, 2016.
Summer learning program offers unique educational opportunities to both students and professors

The National WWII Museum and Hawai‘i Pacific University are proud to announce Pacific Academy 2016, a four-week college summer session that teaches students about World War II in one of the very places it occurred. Taking place in the rich cultural setting of Hawaii, Pacific Academy will offer accredited classes through a blend of classroom instruction and historical site visits, allowing students access to exclusive Museum resources, as well as the content at Pearl Harbor and other Oahu locations.

Through an unparalleled combination of formal and informal learning, participating students will earn six college credits taking courses in history, geography, marine science and international relations. Led by some of the top military history scholars, including Ambrose Professor of History at the University of New Orleans Allan R. Millett, Ph.D, the courses will also include historical site visits to Pearl Harbor, the USS Arizona Memorial, Ford Island, Wheeler Army Airfield, Schofield Barracks, Iolani Palace, USS Missouri and “Punchbowl” Cemetery.

Additionally, Pacific Academy curriculum will feature lectures and panels from eyewitnesses, local historians and Museum staff. As students take a deeper look at Japan’s attack on Pearl Harbor, they will be encouraged to explore America’s response, leadership and decision-making during World War II. Students will enjoy the unique opportunity of going beyond the classroom walls to inspect the scars still visible throughout Oahu.

As The National WWII Museum works to develop its roster of leading WWII military historians, the Pacific Academy also a unique opportunity for history professors across the nation. College professors who champion this program at their universities, and encourage students to enroll, will be eligible to serve as a guest in 2016 during a week-long experimental visit, and to receive consideration as an adjunct instructor in the future.

The program will take place at Hawai‘i Pacific University, and accommodations will include the revitalized Aloha Tower Marketplace facilities, which has easy access to Waikiki Beach and opportunities for snorkeling, hiking and cultural activities. Program dates are June 13 – July 10, 2016, and a limited number of scholarships are available for students.

If you are a student or college professor, and are interested in enrolling or receiving more information, please visit http://pacific-academy.org or call 504-528-1944, x257.

The National WWII Museum tells the story of the American experience in the war that changed the world – why it was fought, how it was won, and what it means today. Dedicated in 2000 as The National D-Day Museum and now designated by Congress as America’s National WWII Museum, it celebrates the American Spirit, the teamwork, optimism, courage and sacrifice of the men and women who fought on the battlefront and the Home Front. For more information, call 877-813-3329 or 504-528-1944 or visit nationalww2museum.org.

Founded in 1965, Hawai‘i Pacific University has grown to become the state’s leading private, non-profit university, with a student population of nearly 7,000 undergraduate and graduate students from all 50 states and nearly 80 countries around the world. It has campuses in Downtown Honolulu, Kaneohe, and Makapu‘u. USA Today has named it the most diverse university in the nation.
### MEETINGS CALENDAR 2015

**November 5-6** – The Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston, Ontario will host a symposium on Military Education and Empire, 1854-1948. Contact: rmc-cmr symposium@rmc.ca.

**November 19-21** – The National WWII Museum in New Orleans, Louisiana will be the site for the 2015 International Conference on WWII. Presented by the Tawani Foundation in association with the Pritzker Military Museum and Library, this year’s theme will be “1945: To The Bitter End.” For more information, visit the conference website at [www.ww2conference.com](http://www.ww2conference.com).

**December 2-4** – U.S. Army War College conference on “American Use of Strategic Landpower since 9/11” to be held at Carlisle Barracks, PA. Contact Major Jason Warren at jason.w.warren.mil@mail.mil.

### MEETINGS CALENDAR 2016

**January 14-17** – The Institute on World War II and the Human Experience at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida, in conjunction with Bryant University in Smithfield, Rhode Island will host a conference on “Comparative Home Fronts: World War II,” to be held at the Hotel Duval in Tallahassee, Florida. Contact G. Kurt Piehler at kpiehler@fsu.edu.

**March 3-5** – Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, NE. 2016 Program Chair Dr. Martina Saltamacchia, Department of History, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 6001 Dodge Street, Omaha, NE 68182-0213. SMH contact is George Eaton - mvhc.coordinator@gmail.com.

**March 10-12** – The Vietnam Center and Archive at Texas Tech University, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, and the Army Medical Department Center of History and Heritage will be co-sponsoring a conference on the medical history of the Vietnam War. Contact: steve.maxner@ttu.edu.

**March 14-17** – The 2016 SMH Annual Meeting will be in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada at the Ottawa Marriott Hotel. This year’s theme is “Crossing Borders, Crossing Boundaries.” Hosted by the Canadian War Museum.

**April 1-2** – The Seventh Annual Texas A&M History Conference, sponsored by the Sigma Rho Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta and the Texas A&M History Graduate Student Organization. College Station, TX. Contact: tamuhistoryconference@gmail.com.

**April 7-10** The Organization of American Historians will hold its annual meeting at the Providence Convention Center in Providence, Rhode Island. The theme of this year’s gathering will be “On Leadership.” For more information as it becomes available, see the Organization’s website at [http://www.oah.org/meetings-events/meetings-events/call-for-proposals/](http://www.oah.org/meetings-events/meetings-events/call-for-proposals/).

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June 2-4 – The Society of Civil War Historians will host its biennial conference at The Chattanoogan Hotel, Chattanooga, Tennessee. For more information, see the Society’s website at http://scwh.la.psu.edu/.

MEETINGS CALENDAR 2017

March 30-April 2 – The 2017 SMH Annual Meeting will be in Jacksonville, FL at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville-Riverfront. Hosted by the Institute on World War II and the Human Experience, Department of History, Florida State University.

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