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Online Giving Now Available

Over the last several years, the Society has made a concerted effort to support its newer members by setting up funds that support research presentations and publications in military history.

The Russell F. Weigley Fund honors one of the great American military historians of the 20th century by providing travel awards to promising graduate students presenting papers at the Society's annual meeting. As of this year's annual meeting, Weigley Travel Grants have been presented to thirty-six outstanding graduate students who represent the future of military history.

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The Edward M. Coffman Fund honors an eminent military historian whose scholarship has redefined our understanding of the United States Army. The Coffman First-Manuscript Prize is awarded annually to an author who has not previously published a scholarly book-length manuscript on military history. Each year's winning author receives a cash award, a plaque, and, after successful editorial review, a publication contract with the University of North Carolina Press.

Members of the Society have made all of this possible with their generous donations. The long term goal is for each fund to have an endowment capable of supporting its annual prizes. To that end, a Donations page has been set up on the Society's web site (www.smh-hq.org/donations.html) where members can easily make an online gift to either fund, or to the Society's Operating Fund, which supports basic operations and provides a reserve for any new programs the Society might pursue to support professional activities in the military history discipline.

A NOTE OF THANKS...from the Executive Director

By Robert H. Berlin

The Society's 77th annual meeting in Lexington, Virginia fast approaches as I prepare these Notes. Registration exceeds 500 and all publisher display space has been sold out. The Call for Papers has been issued for our 78th annual meeting hosted by the Cantigny First Division Foundation June 9-12, 2012 in Lisle, Illinois. The meeting will be held at the Lisle Hilton Hotel in Lisle, Illinois west of Chicago with some events taking place in Cantigny Park, home of the First division Museum. So, mark your calendar now. Room rates at the newly renovated Hilton Lisle/Naperville will be \$119.00 per night plus tax and including free guest-room internet access, free parking, complimentary shuttle to nearby restaurants and complimentary breakfast. The conference theme is "Ways of War." Proposals for papers and panels are due to Paul Herbert, the conference coordinator, by October 1, 2010.

Future annual meetings are scheduled for:

May 10-13, 2012 Arlington, Virginia, hosted by the Army Historical Foundation at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City.

March 14-17, 2013 New Orleans, Louisiana hosted by The University of Southern Mississippi's Department of History's Center for the Study of War and Society, The University of Southern Mississippi; The National World War II Museum; Department of History, Southeastern Louisiana University at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel.

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April 3-6, 2014 Kansas City, Missouri hosted by Department of Military History, US Army Command and General Staff College and co-sponsored by: CGSC Foundation, Liberty Memorial – National World War I Museum, Harry S. Truman Presidential Museum and Library and the Department of History, University of Kansas at The Westin Crown Center hotel. (Tentative, subject to Council approval).

All hotels offer first-rate facilities with very good room rates for our members.

Professor Hew Strachan of Oxford University gave the 2010 George C. Marshall Lecture, titled "Clausewitz

and the First World War,” at the Organization of American Historians annual meeting in Washington, DC on April 9th. Many members attended and enjoyed the Society-sponsored reception following the lecture. The next Marshall Lecture will be given by Professor Gerhard Weinberg of the University of North Carolina at the American Historical Association Annual Meeting in Boston, MA in January 2011. Professor Weinberg is an internationally recognized authority on Nazi Germany and the origins and course of World War II. The Marshall Lectures are co-sponsored by the Society for Military History and the George C. Marshall Foundation.

I am pleased to report that per the Society’s contract with EBSCO Publishing all issues of *The Journal of Military History* and the Society’s prior publications are now available on line at the EBSCOhost website at no additional charge to all Society members. This includes full text up to and including the most current issue. Members will receive login and password information via email from EBSCO quarterly. For members to receive access they must have an up-to-date working email address on file with the Society office. If you need to update your email address provide it to the Society at jmshmh@vmi.edu.

As previously noted in this column the Society entered into an exclusive seven-year license agreement with EBSCO Publishing, Inc. for electronic publication. The agreement provides increased electronic publication revenue to the Society, consolidates electronic publication of the *Journal* and provides free electronic access to the *Journal* for the Society’s individual members. The Society’s previous non-exclusive agreements with JSTOR, MUSE, ProQuest and H.W. Wilson are being terminated per those agreements. Free online access to the *Journal* applies only to individual Society members. For institutions the full text of the *Journal* is available through either EBSCO America: History and Life with Full Text or Historical Abstracts with Full Text.

Thanks are due SMH regional coordinators who have been active sponsoring sessions and activities at several conferences including: the Fifth Annual Red River Valley History Conference, held on March 5, 2010 at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, ND; the Missouri Valley History Conference in Omaha, NE; the Northern Great Plains History Conference, and the Department of History at the United States Military Academy at West Point. November 2009 hosted first West Point Symposium on the History of Irregular Warfare.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Cold War Prize Competition 2009-2010

For the sixth year, the John A. Adams Center at the Virginia Military Institute is pleased to announce that it will award prizes for the best unpublished papers dealing with the United States military in the Cold War era (1945-1991). Any aspect of the Cold War military is eligible, with papers on war planning, intelligence, logistics, and mobilization especially welcome. Please note that essays which relate aspects of the Korean and Southeast Asian conflicts to the larger Cold War are also open for consideration. Not only do we invite your submission of previously unpublished pieces, but we encourage you to pass along this notice to colleagues or promising graduate students who might be working in this area.

Prizes: First place will earn a plaque and cash award of \$2000; second place, \$1000 and a plaque; and third place, \$500 and a plaque.

Procedures: Entries should be tendered to the Adams Center at VMI by 15 July 2010. Please make your submission by Microsoft Word and limit your entry to a maximum of twenty-five pages of double-spaced text, exclusive of documentation and bibliography. A panel of judges will, over the summer, examine all papers; the Adams Center will then announce its top three rankings early in the fall of 2010. *The Journal of Military History* will be happy to consider

those award winners for publication. In addition, the Adams Center would like to post the better papers on its website – with the permission of the author, of course.

Submissions and questions:

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Call for Papers

War Stories: War Memoirs in History and Literature
The University of Newcastle, Australia 22-24 November 2010

From the early modern period through to the present day, both combatants and non-combatants who lived through war have written about their experiences in autobiographical works. Sometimes published, but often not, such memoirs entail not only authors recalling their wartime lives but recasting, re-imagining and reprocessing their experiences. The popularity of war memoirs in the twentieth and early twenty-first centuries in particular raises questions about why, when and the manner in which conflicts are recalled and remembered, how these texts contribute to or conflict with collective memories, and how they can be read and interpreted by the reading public and scholars alike. The highly specific nature of war memoirs means that comparative work is rare. The aim of this symposium is to compare different aspects and or approaches to war memoirs and, by so doing, lay the foundations for new potential interdisciplinary collaborations. It will also contribute to a broader discussion on the experience of war across cultural boundaries.

The Keynote speaker is Jay Winter (Yale University). Other speakers include Leonard Smith (Oberlin College), M. G. Sheftall (Shizuoka University), and Andreas Renner (University of Cologne).

Proposals for papers of thirty minutes are invited from scholars from across the disciplines working on any aspect of the war memoir from the early modern period to the present day, from European, Central and South American, African, Middle Eastern, and Asian conflicts.

Proposals should be between 300 and 500 words long. Submission deadline is June 1, 2010. Offers of papers (as well a brief C.V.) should be submitted to the conference organizers:

Philip Dwyer — Philip.Dwyer@newcastle.edu.au or
Roger Markwick — Roger.Markwick@newcastle.edu.au

The symposium will be limited to no more than twenty participants. The program of the conference will be published in September 2010. Papers will be circulated before the symposium. The conference fee, payable by all speakers and attendees, will be \$50 for one day and \$150 for three days. The symposium is being held as part of an Australian Research Council research project on Veteran Culture and War Memoirs. The organizers intend on publishing the proceedings.

Call for Submissions

The editors of the Register of the Kentucky Historical Society seek submissions for a special issue on “The Civil War and Kentucky.” First published in 1903, the Register is the oldest peer-reviewed publication dedicated to Kentucky history. We invite full-length article submissions on any aspect of the Civil War and Kentucky, including:

- Coming of the war, neutrality, dual governments
- Rhetoric and politics of union and disunion
- African Americans, slavery, and emancipation
- Civil liberties in war
- Wartime politics at the local, state, regional, and/or national levels
- Military campaigns and military culture
- Guerrilla war—course and consequences
- Soldier, civilian, women, and children’s war experience
- Postwar social, political, and economic readjustments
- Religion and church communities in wartime
- Memory and culture

Other topics which the expertise and imagination of contributors might suggest, and which make a significant contribution to scholarship, are also welcome.

Prospective contributors should consult the “Guidelines for submitting manuscripts to the Register” which is accessible by clicking the Register link on our Web site (<http://history.ky.gov>). The deadline for submissions is March 1, 2011, with the anticipation of publication early in the sesquicentennial period (2011-2015). Questions regarding the “The Civil War and Kentucky” special issue may be directed to: Nelson L. Dawson Editor, The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society, Kentucky Historical Society, 100 W. Broadway Frankfort, KY 40601-1931 (502) 564-1792, nelson.dawson@ky.gov.

Call for Papers

The 54th Annual Missouri Valley History Conference will be held March 3-5, 2011 in Omaha, Nebraska. The Society for Military History sponsors a full slate of sessions at the MVHC and also will again be sponsoring a “huddle” for Society for Military History participants. Individual proposals and session proposals are welcome. For individuals, send a one page proposal and short c.v. (only c.v. if volunteering to chair/comment). For sessions, send one-page session proposal, one-page proposal for each paper, and short c.v.’s for all participants. The Society for Military History and the First Division Museum Cantigny sponsors the Kevin J. Carroll award for the best graduate student paper in Military History. Please include e-mail address. Deadline for proposals is October 31, 2010. Send proposals and c.v. to: Connie K. Harris, PO Box 121, Grasston, MN 55030 or send by e-mail to ckharris1@juno.com.

Call for Papers

“Civil Wars in Domestic and Global Context:

Conflict and Resolution from the Battlefield to the Home Front”

The 35th annual Great Lakes History Conference, sponsored by Grand Valley State University, will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan on October 8-9, 2010. All fields of history, as well as other disciplines, are invited to submit proposals related to this year’s theme: “Civil Wars in Domestic and Global Context: Conflict and Resolution from the Battlefield to the Home Front.” In the last two decades, scholarship on war and its impact on social, political, economic and cultural life has broken new theoretical ground and re-shaped the ways in which historians conceptualize the larger significance of mass violence, trauma, and society. We invite scholars from a wide range of fields and disciplines to exchange ideas and research on this topic. Papers and arranged panels addressing this year’s topic are welcome. We encourage comparative work across regions and chronological boundaries. Please consult the Grand Valley State University History Department website (www.gvsu.edu/history) and its link to the conference for updated information.

We are pleased to announce two distinguished keynote speakers for this year’s conference. On Friday October 8th, Dr. Eric Foner, DeWitt Clinton Professor of History at Columbia University, will provide the conference’s opening keynote address. Dr. Foner is a distinguished historian with numerous accolades. His book *Reconstruction: America’s Unfinished*

Revolution, 1863-1877 won the Bancroft Prize, the Parkman Prize and the Los Angeles Times Book Award. He is the leading contemporary historian of the post-Civil War Reconstruction period. In addition, Dr. Brooks Simpson will provide an address on Saturday, October 9th. Dr. Simpson is a Foundation Professor of History at Arizona State University. He has authored five books, coauthored another and is the editor or coeditor of six other books. He is best known for his work on Ulysses S. Grant, especially *Ulysses S. Grant: Triumph over Adversity, 1822-1865* (Houghton Mifflin 2000).

If you are interested in presenting a paper, please send an abstract of approximately 200 words and curriculum vitae by June 30, 2010, to Dr. Scott Stabler at stabl原因@gvsu.edu. Please include your address, email, and phone number. Those interested in commenting on a session should send a CV and indicate areas of expertise. Papers must take no longer than 30 minutes in a 2-paper session and 20 minutes in a 3-paper session. Sessions will last 90 minutes. Full panel proposals are welcome.

Conference headquarters will be at the L.V. Eberhard Center of Grand Valley State University in downtown Grand Rapids. Hotel accommodations will be available at the Holiday Inn of Grand Rapids (formerly the Days Hotel), which is across from the Eberhard Center. Their telephone number is (616) 235-7611. The conference is within easy walking distance of museums and restaurants. Grand Rapids is served by most major and regional airlines. The conference weekend coincides with the last weekend of Grand Rapid's ArtPrize contest (<http://www.artprize.org/home>) so we suggest conference hotel accommodations be made early.

Call for Manuscripts

Manuscripts are being solicited for a new, peer-review journal that incorporates a broad view of the Civil War era. Published in collaboration with The University of North Carolina Press and the George and Ann Richards Civil War Era Center at the Pennsylvania State University, *The Journal of the Civil War Era* will launch its inaugural issue in March 2011. William Blair, of the Pennsylvania State University, serves as founding editor, and Anthony Kaye, Penn State, and Aaron-Sheehan Dean, University of North Florida, as Associate Editors. The new journal will take advantage of the flowering of research on the many issues raised by the sectional crisis, war, reconstruction, and memory of the conflict, while bringing fresh understanding to the struggles that defined the period, and by extension, the course of American history in the nineteenth century.

Besides offering fresh perspectives on military, political, and legal history of the era, articles, essays, and reviews will attend to such topics as slavery and antislavery, labor and capitalism, popular culture and intellectual history, expansionism and empire, as well as native American, African American, and women's history. The editors also intend *The Journal of the Civil War Era* to be a venue for scholars engaged in race, gender, transnational, and the full range of theoretical perspectives that animate historical practice.

The editors are recruiting an editorial board that reflects the wide range of specialties and theoretical engagements that form the scope of this publication. They include Stephen Berry, University of Georgia; David Blight, Yale University; Peter Carmichael, West Virginia University; Gary Gallagher, University of Virginia; Thavolia Glymph, Duke University; Stephanie McCurry, University of Pennsylvania; Tiya Miles, University of Michigan; Christopher Morris, University of Texas at Arlington; Carol Reardon, the Pennsylvania State University; Seth Rockman, Brown University; and Leslie Schwalm, University of Iowa.

The Journal of the Civil War Era has been adopted by the Society of Civil War Historians, providing a substantial readership base that will provide authors with visibility. With registrations for the Society's conference this June, members will automatically receive a subscription to the journal beginning with the first volume year.

Manuscript submissions and inquiries about guidelines should be sent to William Blair, Editor, *Journal of the Civil War Era*, at wab120@psu.edu. All material should be double spaced and not exceed roughly 40 pages, including notes. Electronic submissions are welcome, but please include an attachment that serves as a cover letter with contact information. Queries concerning book reviews should go to Anthony E. Kaye at aek12@psu.edu. The editorial home for the journal is at the Richards Civil War Era Center, The Pennsylvania State University, 108 Weaver Building, University Park, PA 16802. For subscriptions and advertising, please contact Suzi Waters at The University of North Carolina Press at suzi_waters@unc.edu.

Brian Linn Honored

Brian McAllister Linn, professor of history, has been appointed to the Ralph R. Thomas Class of '21 Professorship in Liberal Arts, effective Sept. 1, 2009. His appointment recognizes a solid record of scholarship, teaching, and service to the College of Liberal Arts and in his field – military history. Linn previously held the Claudius M. Easley, Jr. Faculty Fellowship in Liberal Arts.

Linn grew up in Hawaii and earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Hawaii in 1978. He earned his Ph.D. from The Ohio State University in 1985 and came to Texas A&M University in 1989 from Old Dominion University.



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In his 20 years at Texas A&M, he has written four books. *The U.S. Army and Counterinsurgency in the Philippine War 1899-1902* (1989) was a path-breaking work in the study of the American experience with irregular warfare. *Guardians of Empire: The U.S. Army and the Pacific, 1902-1940* (1997) won the Society for Military History Distinguished Book Prize, an Army Historical Foundation Book Award, and was selected a Choice Outstanding Book. *The Philippine War, 1899-1902* (2000) won the Society for Military History Distinguished Book Prize; was a History Book Club Selection; and is a selection on both the U.S. Army Chief of Staff's Professional Reading List and the U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff's Professional Reading List.

His most recent book, *The Echo of Battle: The Army's Way of War* (2007) has been described in a review as "the best and practically only book to explore the 'intellectual underpinnings' of a service branch." In this book, Linn examines the competing philosophies between planning for war and the way a war would be fought. Linn completed the research and writing for *The Echo of Battle: The Army's Way of War* with assistance from a John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship and a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship.

In addition to his scholarship in military history, Linn has a solid record as a teacher of undergraduate courses and a mentor of graduate students. He has taught seven undergraduate history courses and developed a writing-intensive course for his class in American military history. On the graduate level, Linn has taught two courses in the history department and one course for in the George Bush School of Government and Public Service. He also has chaired four doctoral dissertations. All of these doctoral students have or will soon publish a single authored book, as well as numerous articles, a strong testimony to Linn's mentorship.

Linn has served as a visiting professor at the U.S. Army Center of Military History, the U.S. Army War College, and more recently, spent a semester at the National University in Singapore as a Fulbright Scholar. Linn is president of the Society for Military History and has served on the editorial board of *The Journal of Military History*. He also served on the Department of the Army Historical Advisory Committee and has given invited lectures in Australia, Canada, England, France, New Zealand, Scotland, and Sweden.

He currently is working two projects. One, "Elvis' Army and the Cold War, 1946-1976," explores the United States' experience with a draftee military force. The other project, "Recovering From War," studies the impact of six major conflicts upon the US armed forces.

Prize Announced

The winner of the 2010 Western Front Association - Phi Alpha Theta Undergraduate Essay Prize is Richard Alvin Hulver of Shepherd University for his paper entitled "A Faith Kept: The Leadership of John J. Pershing in the American Battle Monuments Commission." Mr. Hulver receives a check for \$1,000 for his winning effort, which will be published on the WFA website at www.wfa-usa.org.

The Undergraduate Essay prize awarded annually based on the decision of a panel chaired by Dr. Graydon "Jack" Tunstall of The University of South Florida, Executive Director of Phi Alpha Theta, the National History Honor Society. The other members of the selection panel are Lanayre Liggera of WFA, Dr. William Keylor of Boston University, Dr. David Woodward Professor-emeritus at Marshall University and Robert Denison of the Great War Society. Submissions are limited to 12 to 145 double spaced pages. Essays must treat some aspect of American involvement in WWI during the period from 1911 (The Second Moroccan Crisis) to 1924 (The Dawes Plan).

Double Trouble

The 2010 Kevin J. Carroll Award for the Best Graduate Student Paper in Military History at the Missouri Valley Conference went to Adam Givens of Wright State University for his paper entitled "Air Assault: The Evolution of Helicopter Tactics in the Vietnam War." Unbeknownst to the SMH coordinators and judges, Adam is the twin brother of Seth Givens of Ohio University who won the SMH-First Division Museum Cantigny Prize for the Best Graduate Paper in Military History at the Northern Great Plains History Conference in October 2009 for his paper entitled "'To Us, It was a Funny Part of War': GIs and Looting in Germany, 1945." The future looks bright for military history with these two young men in the field.



The Society for Military History Prize for the Best Undergraduate Paper in History presented at the Missouri Valley History Conference was won by Caitlin Houlton of the University of St. Thomas, for her paper, "From Farm Boys to Fancy Soldiers: The Tale of the 8th Regiment of Minnesota in the Dakota Uprising of 1862," originally written for Joe Fitzharris' Civil War Era seminar. Ms. Houlton will attend the University of Minnesota Law School next year.



These prizes are supported by both the Society for Military History and the First Division Museum Cantigny, in Wheaton, IL, and we gratefully acknowledge their support.

Fulbright Competition

The Core Fulbright Scholar competition for 2011-2012 is now open. Over 800 grants are available for teaching, conducting research, or combining both in more than 125 countries around the globe. The deadline is August 2. For information on Fulbright Scholar Awards, consult our website at www.iie.org/cies. If you are interested in requesting information, please write to scholars@iie.org.

If Not Now, When?: Duty and Sacrifice in America's Time of Need Wins 2010 Colby Award.

The military memoir by Medal of Honor recipient Colonel Jack Jacobs, USA (Ret.) has won the 2010 Colby Award.

Named for the late Ambassador and former CIA Director William E. Colby, the Colby Award recognizes a first work of fiction or non-fiction that has made a significant contribution to the public's understanding of intelligence operations, military history, or international affairs. The \$5,000 award will be presented by Tawani Foundation in association with the Pritzker Military Library on October 22, 2010 at Chicago's Palmer House Hotel, in partnership with the Library's 2010 Liberty Gala (pritzkermilitarylibrary.org). At the same time, the \$100,000 Pritzker Military Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing will be presented. The 2010 recipient will be announced via live webcast from the Library on June 21, 2010.

In his memoir, *If Not Now, When?* (Berkley, 2008), Jacobs describes his childhood in post-World War II New York City, his experiences at Rutgers University where he joined the ROTC program, and how that decision eventually led him to his service in Vietnam. As an advisor to a Vietnamese infantry battalion, Jacobs was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for saving the lives of 13 allied soldiers during an intensive firefight despite severe wounds.

"I am honored that my book has been chosen for an award associated with William Colby," said Jacobs. "His legacy stands as a model for all members of our Armed Forces, past and present."

"This is an important piece of history...a story of extraordinary service in combat on the battlefield and in Washington," said William E. Butterworth III, the #1 *Wall Street Journal* and *New York Times* best-selling novelist who writes as W.E.B. Griffin, on behalf of the Award Selection Committee. "Bill Colby would be very proud of Colonel Jacobs' fine memoir."

In addition to the Medal of Honor, Jacobs' distinguished military record includes two Silver Stars and three Bronze Stars. Following two tours in Vietnam, he served on the faculties of the National War College in Washington, DC and the United States Military Academy at West Point. He retired from the Army in 1987 and had a successful career on Wall Street. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and a military analyst for NBC/MSNBC.

Upcoming Exhibition

The National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, DC, announces an exhibition of 25 prints by French artist Antoinette Bouzonnet Stella (1641–1676). "Pomp and Power: Antoinette Bouzonnet Stella's 'Entrance of the Emperor Sigismond into Mantua' is now open and on view through August 22, 2010. Bouzonnet Stella's prints depict the visit of Holy Roman Emperor to Mantua in 1433, in the style of bas-reliefs from Trajan's Column in Rome. Using the grand pictorial language and iconography of the Roman military, Bouzonnet Stella's prints are relevant to military history, and may be of interest to SMH members.

Pomp and Power features a set of twenty-five engravings entitled *The Entrance of the Emperor Sigismond into Mantua* by Antoinette Bouzonnet Stella (1641–1676), a French artist who mastered the art of printmaking with help from her uncle, painter and printmaker Jacques Stella. A close friend of Nicolas Poussin and court artist to Cardinal Richelieu in Paris, Jacques invited thirteen-year-old Antoinette and her siblings to live in his prestigious lodgings in the Louvre. There, she produced copies of paintings by her uncle and Poussin and received important commissions from French officials.

In 1675, Antoinette executed *The Entrance of the Emperor Sigismond into Mantua* for Louis XIV's minister of finance as part of a large-scale effort by the French government to emulate the appearance of Classical Greek and Roman sculpture in French national art. Engraved after a sixteenth-century stucco frieze in the Palazzo del Te in Mantua, Italy, by Renaissance artists Giulio Romano and Francesco Primaticcio, Antoinette's prints employ the grand pictorial language of ancient Rome to depict the visit of Holy Roman Emperor Sigismond to Mantua in 1433. Masterfully executed, her engravings illustrate the power of a

narrative borrowed from antiquity, employed in sixteenth-century Italy, and sought after by the seventeenth-century French court.

For more information, see <http://www.nmwa.org/exhibition/detail.asp?exhibitid=203>.

Call for Contributors

The Michigan War Studies Review (ISSN 1930-045X) is seeking to expand its roster of contributors. The MWSR publishes book reviews, literature surveys, original essays, commentary, and other material in the field of military studies, with a purview extending from antiquity to the present. Information about subscribing (gratis) to and writing for the Review is available at the official website - <http://www.miwsr.com>.

NCH Washington Update

By Lee White of the National Coalition for History

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

FEDERAL AGENCIES RELEASE “OPEN GOVERNMENT PLANS”- On April 7, federal agencies released “Open Government Plans” detailing how they will make their operations and data more transparent and expand opportunities for citizen participation, collaboration and oversight. In addition, each agency identified at least one “flagship initiative” – a signature open government innovation in the agency. The plans were mandated by President Obama’s Open Government Directive issued in December 2009.

The Directive also called on the White House’s Chief Technology Officer and Chief Information Officer to create an Open Government Dashboard to assess the state of open government in the Executive Branch. The first version of the Dashboard, issued in conjunction with the plans, tracks agency progress on the deliverables set out in the Directive and links to each agency’s Open Government Webpage.

As an example, here is a link to the Open Government Webpage at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), which includes the agency’s Open Government Plan: <http://www.archives.gov/open/>.

ISOO ISSUES ANNUAL REPORT ON FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CLASSIFICATION- The Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) this week issued its Fiscal Year 2009 Report to the President providing data about the Government-wide security classification. It is accessible at www.archives.gov/isoo/reports/. Highlights of the data in the report include:

Classification

- Executive branch agencies reported 2,557 original classification authorities. The lowest number ever reported.
- Agencies reported 183,224 original classification decisions (new “secrets”). A 10 percent decrease from FY 2008.
- Agencies reported using the ten-year-or-less declassification instruction for 67 percent of original classification decisions. The highest percentage reported since FY 1996.
- Executive branch agencies reported 54,651,765 derivative classification decisions. An increase largely attributed to more accurate data provided by agencies as a result of changes in guidance issued by ISOO.
- Fifty-four percent of the classification guides reported as being currently in use have

been updated within the past five years as required. An improvement over the 33 percent compliance rate reported in FY 2008.

Declassification

- Under automatic and systematic declassification review, agencies reviewed 51,983,587 pages and declassified 28,812,249 pages of historically valuable records. The pages declassified represents a decrease of 8 percent from FY 2008, but is still significantly more than the FY 1980 through FY 1994 average of 12.6 million pages declassified annually prior to the establishment of automatic declassification.
- Agencies received 7,843 initial mandatory declassification review (MDR) requests. The MDR process requires a review of specific classified national security information in response to a request seeking its declassification.
- Agencies reviewed 293,064 pages under MDR, and declassified 203,142 pages in their entirety, declassified 68,722 pages in part, and retained classification of 21,200 pages in their entirety.

NATIONAL SECURITY ARCHIVE FINDS MIXED RESULTS FOR OBAMA ADMINISTRATION FOIA INITIATIVE- To coincide with Sunshine Week (March 15–19, 2010), the National Security Archive at George Washington University released an audit of federal government agencies’ administration of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The audit was the first performed by the National Security Archive since President Obama and Attorney General Eric Holder issued directives in 2009 to federal agencies mandating reform of the FOIA compliance process.

The audit found that while some progress had been made in increasing transparency, results across the federal government were decidedly mixed. For example, many ancient requests—some as old as 18 years—still persist in the FOIA system.

A minority of agencies have responded to the Obama and Holder Memos with concrete changes in their FOIA practices.

Only four out of 28 agencies reporting—including Holder’s own Justice Department—show releases up and denials down under the FOIA.

The audit, which is based on data obtained from government agencies through FOIA requests filed by the National Security Archive in September 2009, found that federal agencies had a wide range of responses to the Obama and Holder memorandums. Some agencies (13 out of 90) implemented concrete changes in practice as a result of the memos; some (14 out of 90) have made changes in staff training; and still others (11 out of 90) have merely circulated and discussed the memos. The remaining agencies (52) either told the National Security Archive that they have no records that demonstrate how they implemented the Obama and Holder memos or did not respond at all to the FOIA request.

The report also shows that several agencies have severe backlogs in processing FOIA requests, with some requests as old as 18 years. Presidential libraries are facing some of the greatest challenges processing old requests—the libraries for Presidents Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, and Bill Clinton all have requests pending from the first year they began accepting records requests from the public. For example, the estimated response time from the Reagan Presidential Library has grown from 18 months in May 2001 to 77 months in March 2007.

National Security Archive Director Tom Blanton said that the audit makes it clear that too many government agencies are falling short of the goals set out by President Obama. “It is time for a ‘No FOIA Request Left Behind’ initiative,” Blanton said.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES ANNOUNCES RELOCATION OF ITS NEW YORK CITY FACILITY- The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) recently announced that within the next two years the agency will move its New York City office to the Alexander Hamilton U.S. Custom House at One Bowling Green. After extensive renovation, the new

space is expected to be ready in the fall of 2011. NARA has announced it will hold two public hearings on May 4th to discuss these and additional details about the move.

A list of frequently asked questions about the proposed relocation can be found at <http://www.archives.gov/northeast/nyc/move-faq.html#may4>.

NIXON PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY RELEASES ADDITIONAL MATERIALS- On January 11, 2010, the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum opened approximately 280,000 pages of textual materials, 12 hours of sound recordings, and 7,000 images from the personal collection of White House photographer Oliver F. Atkins (“Ollie”) at the National Archives College Park, MD, facility and at the Nixon Library in Yorba Linda, CA.

Materials available at the College Park facility include:

- The textual release includes 5,500 pages declassified, in whole or in part, as the result of mandatory review requests from individual researchers. These documents essentially cover national security matters. Topics include the U.S. withdrawal from Vietnam, President Nixon’s visit to Europe in 1969 (including his meetings with French President Charles de Gaulle), US-West German discussions on the future of a divided Berlin, the Jordanian Crisis of 1970, the Oil Embargo of 1973, and U.S. relations with Brazil, Chile, Egypt, India, Spain and the United Kingdom and the former USSR;
- Approximately 20,000 pages of formerly restricted materials from the White House Special Files and Staff Member and Office files. These documents comprise several memoranda by President Nixon, Charles W. Colson, Patrick J. Buchanan and H. R. “Bob” Haldeman on policy, campaign tactics, political matters and political appointments; Topics include liberalism and conservatism in the Nixon White House, Public Broadcasting, Frank Sinatra, Jimmy Hoffa, Dan Rather, Katherine Graham, Dick Cavett, Johnny Carson, Merv Griffin, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, the political investigation of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Busing, the Federal Reserve, and the appointment of a new Vice President in 1973. This release also includes handwritten notes made by White House staff members in 1971-72 that provide additional details on the attempted politicization of the Internal Revenue Service, the selling of ambassadorships, the covert surveillance of Senator Edward Moore Kennedy and the creation of domestic political espionage (i.e., Operation Sandwedge) and “dirty tricks” capabilities ahead of the 1972 campaign;
- Donated photographic materials of chief White House photographer Oliver F. Atkins. Comprising over 7,000 photographic negatives, transparencies, prints, contact sheets and related publications, this collection spans the important career of Mr. Atkins from the early 1940’s through the 1970’s. This is a major addition to the Nixon Library’s audio-visual collection. 5,400 of the image negatives are available on contact sheets for research, but 1,800 do not have contact sheets, but finding aids can be used.

Materials Available in Yorba Linda, CA:

- Approximately 40,000 pages of domestic policy materials from the Health, Education and Welfare and White House files of Frederic V. Malek. This collection includes materials on Mr. Malek’s role in systematizing the staffing of the entire federal government; on the Nixon administration’s commitment to environmental protection and welfare reform; as well as documents that further detail religious discrimination and the political investigation of the Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics in 1971;
- Approximately 75,000 pages from Mr. Malek’s files from the Committee for the Re-Election of the President (CRP), where he served as Deputy Campaign Manager in 1972. The Nixon Library received the CRP files as part of a large 2007 deed of gift of political and campaign materials from the Nixon Foundation;
- A small collection of Alexander M. Haig, Jr.’s staff member and office files.

Pritzker Military Library's Programs receive "Official Honoree" Distinction in Two Categories for the 14th Annual Webby Awards.

*Pritzker Military Library Podcasts and Medal of Honor with Ed Tracy
Recognized by "Oscars of the Internet"*

The Pritzker Military Library's programs have been recognized by the 14th Annual Webby Awards. This is the third year the Library's website has been recognized by this notable honor. In addition, the Pritzker Military Library's programs received a rare further distinction with recognition as an Official Honoree in two categories, both Radio/Podcasts and Live Events & Broadcasts (for Medal of Honor with Ed Tracy), which the Webby Awards recognizes as work "exhibiting remarkable achievement."

The Library hosts about 45 free, public events each year featuring lectures and interviews with award-winning military authors, journalists and Medal of Honor recipients. Programs are recorded in front of a live audience, webcast live on the Internet and archived also as podcasts and later broadcast on WYCC-TV/Channel 20, a Chicago PBS affiliate.

Called the "Internet's highest honor" by the *New York Times* and "One of the most prestigious awards in the world" by the BBC, The Webby Awards is the leading international award honoring excellence on the Internet, including websites, online film & video, interactive advertising, and mobile. Winners are chosen by the International Academy of Digital Arts & Sciences, a global organization whose members include David Bowie, Harvey Weinstein, Arianna Huffington, Matt Groening, Internet inventor Vinton Cerf, Twitter co-founder Biz Stone, Virgin Group Chairman Richard Branson, and R/GA Chairman and CEO Bob Greenberg.

"Recognition by the Webby Awards is an extraordinary honor for everyone in our organization," said Ed Tracy, President of Jumpmaster Productions and host of the Pritzker Military Library's programs. "Our live webcast programs reach an ever expanding audience each week through the Internet, our podcasts and on broadcast television. The dedicated and passionate production team led by Andrew Edeker, David Cannek and Nancy Houghton make it all possible."

The 14th Annual Webby Awards received nearly 10,000 entries from over 60 countries and all 50 states. Out of more than the 10,000 entries submitted, fewer than 15% received this honor and were deemed an Official Honoree. The Pritzker Military Library's programs join a select few as an Official Honoree in multiple categories.

In the category of Live Events & Broadcasts, the Pritzker Military Library's programs were joined by programs from seven other organizations, including MTV, AMCtv.com, and Dick Clark Productions.

In the category of Radio/Podcasts, the Pritzker Military Library's podcasts were joined by podcasts from eight other organizations including the BBC, CBS Radio, and HowStuffWorks.com.

From the Archives

During the Second World War, the American Military Institute served as a source for research and discussion for both the American armed forces and civilian academia. While the organization continued to promote recent scholarship as in prior years, AMI President Brigadier General Donald Armstrong also provided both members and interested parties with venues for interdisciplinary discussions on wartime developments. For example, in partnership with the Army Industrial College, AMI hosted the Total Science of War series, which brought together battlefield experience, historical research, business, politics, and scientific discovery.

After the destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, in December 1945, individuals were invited attend a forum to discuss the political, military, and economic ramifications of nuclear weapons. The panel included several War Department officials, military officers, Yale Professor Bernard Brodie, University of Pennsylvania Professor Robert Strusz-Hupe, and the Manhattan Project head Major General Leslie Groves. The organization was widely praised for offering these ground-breaking interdisciplinary opportunities.



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- 6:30 PM Dinner*
- 7:45 PM REAR ADMIRAL WILLIAM R. PURNELL, *Assistant Chief of Naval Operations for Materiel*
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DR. TROYER S. ANDERSON, *Office of the Secretary of War*

GENERAL DISCUSSION

*Those desiring to make reservations for the Dinner (\$1.25 per person), to be served at 6:30 p.m., may do so by telephoning REpublic 6700, Extension 2340, or writing to the Secretary, American Military Institute, Room S-8-E, The National Archives, Washington 25, D. C. Such reservations should be made prior to 5:00 p.m., Monday, 10 December 1945.

An invitation to a 1945 AMI-Army Industrial College panel discussion on nuclear weapons. Wartime Activities, 1945 Society for Military History Records, Morse Dept. of Special Collections, Hale Library, Kansas State University.

MEETINGS CALENDAR 2010

May 12-16 - North Atlantic Society for Oceanic History Annual Meeting, University of Connecticut, Avery Point and Mystic Seaport. Website: <http://www.nasoh.org/Conference.htm>.

May 20-23 - The SMH 2010 Annual Meeting will be in Lexington, VA hosted by the Virginia Military Institute and the George C. Marshall Foundation. Casey Brower at VMI and Brian Shaw, Director of the Marshall Foundation, are coordinating the meeting.

June 5 - Western Front Association East Coast Chapter Spring Seminar, Ft. Mead, Maryland. For details contact Paul Cora at pbcora@earthlink.net

June 24-26 - Korean War Conference. Victoria College, Victoria, Texas. Contact James M. Smallwood at jms8466@okstate.edu or by mail to 1413 S. Lindsay St., Gainesville, Texas 76240-5625.

July 23-25 - 11th Conference on Women and the Civil War, sponsored by The Society for Women and the Civil War. Peace College, Raleigh, NC. Information: <http://www.swcw.org/2010conference.html>.

July 26-29 - "Trebuchet to Cannon: Military Technology 1000-1600" conference, Danish Medieval Centre, Nykøbing, Falster, Denmark. More information: <http://www.middelalder-centret.dk/Projekter/hox.html>.

September 10-11 - The Western Front Association Annual National Seminar co-sponsored with The Great War Society, The Liberty Memorial National Museum of World War One, Kansas City, Missouri. Visit www.wfa-usa.org for program details and to register.

September 29-30 - Conference on the American Experience in Southeast Asia, 1946-1975. George C. Marshall Conference Center at the Department of State in Washington, D.C. Contact: vietnamconference@state.gov.

September 29-October 2 - Northern Great Plains History Conference, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND. SMH information: Joe Fitzharris, jcfitzharris@stthomas.edu.

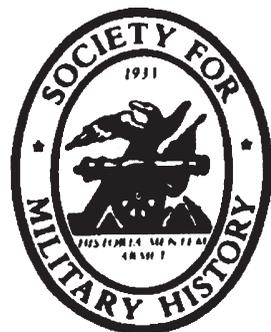
October 8 - "Whose Vietnam? The Enduring Echo of the Vietnam War," a University of Amsterdam conference and Netherlands American Studies Association Fall Event. For more information, please contact Prof. Dr. Ruud Janssens R.V.A.; Janssens@uva.nl or Beerd Beukenhorst, MA H.B.Beukenhorst@uva.nl.

October 8-9 - "Civil Wars in Domestic and Global Context: Conflict and Resolution from the Battlefield to the Home Front," Great Lakes History Conference. Information: www.gvsu.edu/history.

October 22-23 - "Aftermath: Conflicts and Consequences," a conference sponsored by the War & Society Workshop at the University of Georgia. Web site: www.wsw.uga.edu.

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

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



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March 17-20 - Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Hilton Americas-Houston.
More information: <http://www.oah.org/meetings/2011/instructions.html>.

May 3-4 - Coalition Warfare from the Early Modern Era until Today, sponsored by the Royal Danish Defence College and the Danish Commission for Military History.

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

MEETINGS CALENDAR 2012

May 10-13 The 2012 SMH Annual Meeting will be in Arlington, Virginia (Crystal City) at the Hyatt Regency Hotel May 10-13 hosted by the Army Historical Foundation.

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