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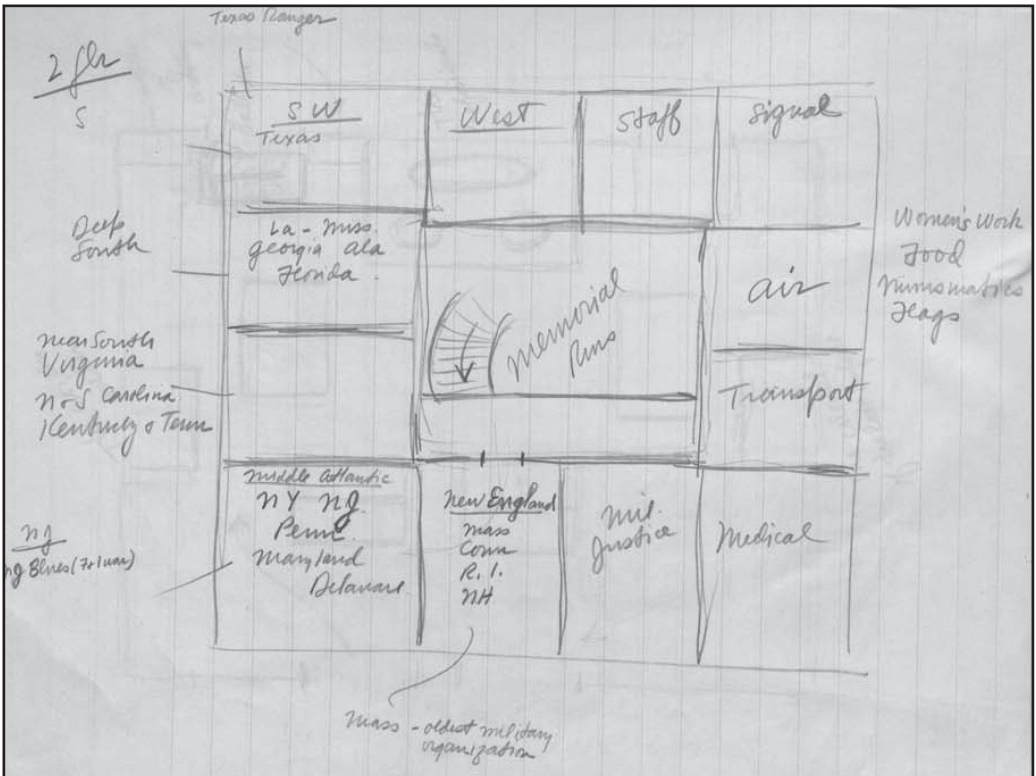
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From the Archives: AMI's Warfare Museum

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During the late 1930s, members of the American Military Institute (AMI) considered ways to develop the organization into an autonomous intellectual haven for the study of military history. Created by a small group of United States Army officers and civilian archivists in 1933, AMI grew rapidly from a few dozen participants to a diverse array several hundred members larger in the space of just a few short years. As war loomed over Europe and Asia, the members challenged false public assumptions, national myths, and anti-military rhetoric by producing events and publications, which suggested audiences listen to the past and “let history arm the mind.” Yet, AMI, for all intents and purposes, still

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lived in their philosophical parent’s basement, the Army’s Washington D.C. Historical office. Towards this end in 1939, the members explored the possibility of creating a national museum for the study of warfare and a permanent home for the organization.

According to period documents in the Society for Military History Records at Kansas State University, AMI Secretary Fred Todd recorded that members believed “a national military museum--a museum devoted to the objective history of war” and “of our own military past” would “fill a real need in a country whose present knowledge of military affairs is based...upon a confusion of _____ myths and _____ propaganda.” At the time, most institutions did not teach military history or publish critical studies on war and war-fighting. Likewise, only a few city and state organizations offered (and seldom explained) exhibits featuring military “relics.” Moreover, American military leaders faced stiff opposition in congressional hearings over even the most basic of military appropriations. With the bloody specter of the First World War still haunting the American public, AMI’s advocacy for a place to apolitically exhibit and study warfare was a gutsy move.

Drafted in August 1939, the American Military Institute proposal demonstrated a novel approach and a shrewd diplomatic manner. Instead of military branch sponsorship, it asserted that a national military museum could, like the relatively new National Archive, serve several federal institutions by collecting and displaying the individually meager (and often unexhibited) collections of the National Park Service, the War Department, and other national offices in a politically neutral and geographically autonomy Washington, D.C. area site. “This must be done,” AMI said, “without glorification, without sensationalism, yet without the hypersensitivity to war so common in past decades.” Given this “safe” space, the venue, they believed, would draw a large portion of the capital’s “over five million visitors annually” displays designed to be several steps above the racks and cases of stacked antique weapons in the basements and corners of other museums. As evidence, AMI provided sketches of a multi-floor building plan, detailing exhibit halls spanning the evolution of conflict from antiquity through America’s modern wars. Most interestingly, the top floors were intended to house reference sections and a library for scholarly study, which likely would have become AMI’s new home and, perhaps, a shared space with other scholarly organizations. If a joint federal venture was not to be, Todd also wrote that, perhaps, the American Historical Association and/or a private organization might be interested in sharing their “safe” space.

The origins of the National Museum of the United States Army date back even farther than AMI’s plans for a military museum. In 1814, Congress had passed a resolution authorizing the Army to create a facility to display war trophies. In the 1990s, the Army Historical Foundation (AHF), the fundraising organization for the museum, was reactivated. While AMI was forced to abandon their designs, the Army’s museum project is still gathering resources for a future opening at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Tellingly, the AMI proposal, however, never mentioned the cost of such a project. Although praised for their vision, AMI’s History of Warfare Museum faced stiff competition for funds against the backdrop of a looming second world war and an unready nation. In 1939, 1940, and again in 1941, the proposal failed to find backers. In hindsight, there is little wonder why the idea failed to move from pencil lead to brick and mortar. After all, the building of such a structure (let alone the operating expenses) would have been cost-prohibitive in a nation on the brink of war.

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NOTES...from your President

The annual meeting in Ottawa marks the half-way point in my term as President of the Society for Military History, and offers an opportunity for reflecting and taking stock. After a year in office I continue to feel the tremendous privilege involved in the role, and can also confirm the observation that a previous President, Carol Reardon, made to me at the outset: this job is great fun. It certainly presents some challenges but it also brings great rewards in a sense of service to the Society and its members and to the wider discipline and profession.

One of the challenges we are facing involves the future shape and management of the annual meeting, a matter that will be discussed by Council in Ottawa and on which I will report again in these pages. Put simply, and as some of you will already be only too well aware, hotels and convention centres are currently enjoying greatly increased demand and organisations like ours are operating in an increasingly competitive market environment. As our Executive Director, Bob Berlin, has commented to me on several occasions, the good deals he has been able to negotiate in recent years for room rates and supporting services are quickly becoming a thing of the past and we will need to adjust accordingly. Like the journal, the annual meeting is one of the jewels in the Society's crown and I am very conscious of making sure that it continues to provide the personal and professional rewards that have characterised my own experiences for a quarter of a century of attendance. I take this opportunity to flag this as a developing issue because I know that over the years some members have expressed puzzlement about the reasons for some of the decisions taken by the Executive and the Council. We may not be able to change these outcomes (though rest assured we are going to try) but we can certainly explain clearly the factors which drive them.

(Dr) Jeffrey Grey

NOTES...from the Executive Director

Robert H. Berlin

I am writing my notes two weeks prior to our 83rd Annual Meeting in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Over 600 are registered for the meeting and our exhibition space is sold out with 25 exhibitors. Our meeting coordinators, Francine Lapointe, Supervisor Special Events and Partnerships at the Canadian Museum of History, and Andrew Burtch, Historian, at the Canadian War Museum have worked diligently on behalf of the meeting and have secured sponsors for several events. Look for highlights of the meeting in the next issue of *Headquarters Gazette*.

Our Ottawa meeting is our first with a smart phone and tablet app produced for SMH by Guidebook. Download the app for your smart phone or tablet at Guidebook (<https://guidebook.com/g/SMH2016>), even after the meeting!

The Society's 84th Annual Meeting will be March 30-April 2, 2017 hosted by Florida State University and meeting coordinator Kurt Piehler, who coordinated our 2003 meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee. Kurt is Associate Professor of History & Director, Institute on World War II and the Human Experience at Florida State University. The meeting will be at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville, Florida Riverside hotel. Room rates will be \$139 single occupancy and \$149 double occupancy plus tax. Rate includes complementary continental breakfast. The hotel reservation link is active and is posted on the SMH website under conferences. The meeting theme is "Global War: Historical Perspectives." The Call for Papers is on the SMH website and published in *JMH* and is in the meeting Guidebook app. The meeting will include the first SMH poster session to allow military historians (especially doctoral students) to share their research through visual materials. Proposals for single, individual presentations may be submitted as posters.

Rick Atkinson, award-winning author of *The Liberation Trilogy*, gave an outstanding George C. Marshall Lecture at the American Historical Association meeting in Atlanta, Georgia on Saturday, January 9, 2016. The 2017 Marshall Lecture and at the AHA meeting in January 2017 in Denver, Colorado will be delivered by renown naval history Craig L. Symonds who taught history at the U.S. Naval Academy for thirty years and is the author of many award-winning books.

Members are taking advantage of the new opportunity to renew SMH membership for two years. Our membership is 2,800 with 274 student members.

Obituary – Professor John F. Guilmartin Jr.

Professor John F. “Joe” Guilmartin Jr., Lieutenant Colonel, United States Air Force (Ret.), a prominent member of the History Department at The Ohio State University for nearly three decades, passed away on March 10, 2016. Born in Alabama on September 18, 1940, Joe grew up in San Antonio, where his father (John F. Guilmartin, Sr.) was a flight instructor. Joe got his first flight experiences with his father before attending the Texas Military Institute and then accepting an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. He earned a BS degree in aerospace engineering and was graduated in 1962. After flight training, Joe began a twenty-one year career in the United States Air Force, flying search and rescue helicopters. He served two tours in the Vietnam War, logging more than 120 missions over Laos and North Vietnam in 1965-66 as a HH-3E “Jolly Green” helicopter pilot. In 1975 his crew assisted in the evacuation of the U.S. Embassy in Saigon and fired the last shots of the American military in Vietnam as his door gunners suppressed enemy anti-aircraft fire on their final sortie from the carrier *USS Midway*. His crew also assisted in the operations involved in the *Mayaguez* incident. For his wartime service Joe was awarded the Air Medal with five oak leaf clusters and two Silver Stars for bravery in combat.

Joe attended Princeton University, where he earned an MA (1969) and PhD (1971) in History, working with Theodore K. Rabb on the history of early modern Europe. He served on the faculty of the History Department at the Air Force Academy from 1970-74 and was later the editor of the *Air University Review* at the Air University in Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. After retirement from the military, Joe began a second successful career in the academy. He served on the faculties of the Naval War College and at Rice University; during the latter assignment he also directed the space shuttle history project at the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center in Houston.

Joe joined the History Department at The Ohio State University in 1987. Over the next twenty-nine years on campus he supervised twenty-six graduate students through to completion of their PhD degrees. The graduate students always simply called him, with great affection, “Dr. G.” Additionally, Joe sat on more than 270 student examination committees – senior research essays; honors theses; graduate exams – a number that, according to the Graduate School, is more than any other faculty member on record.

At various points in his career, Joe held the Charles Lindberg Chair at the Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C., was a guest lecturer and visiting professor at the United States Military Academy at West Point, served on the Board of Trustees of the Society for Military History, was a Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation grant administrator for research in military history, and was a regular participant in the worldwide conferences of the International Commission on Military History.

Joe was an authority on military and maritime history, airpower history, military technology, and the Vietnam War. When asked by a colleague about his research interests he replied: “Anything that involves technology and the socially sanctioned application of violence.” His first book, *Gunpowder and Galleys: Changing Technology and Mediterranean Warfare at Sea in the 16th Century* (1974), was derived from his dissertation and, with its emphasis on logistics and its skillful use of both material and written sources, became one of the very first works of the “new” military history. His other notable works included *America in Vietnam: The Fifteen Year War* (1991), *A Very Short War: The Mayaguez and the Battle of Koh Tang* (1995), *Galleons and Galleys* (2002), and a host of articles in learned journals. Joe was working on a comprehensive history of the Vietnam War at the time of his passing.

The culmination of Joe’s professional career was his receipt of the prestigious Goodpaster Prize, awarded by the American Veteran’s Institute and the Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation for his accomplishments as an outstanding soldier-scholar. Additionally, the Dr. John F. Guilmartin Jr. Scholarship for World War II Study Abroad was graciously funded in his name by Ohio State alumnus Scott Laidig, a lasting legacy that will benefit future generations of Buckeye students.

Joe had a keen insight into the special challenges that confront veterans entering or returning to college after being under fire and helped many to make the transition. He will be fondly remembered for his superb teaching, for his support of colleagues and students, for his ability to whistle on demand (whether as a call for silence or to help a friend in a lecture who could not remember the tune of “The White Cockade”), for his exceptional recall of “light verse,” and for his quick sense of humor. In September 2015, after a lecture on the end of the Pacific War seventy years before, the speaker received a question from the audience asking why General MacArthur and Emperor Hirohito got along so well: Joe observed from the back of the room “Because they immediately recognized that they were both semi-divine Beings.”

Joe’s advisees are hosting a conference at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies in Columbus, Ohio, on Saturday, September 24 to celebrate his career and scholarship. The result will be a volume of essays in his honor focused on war and technology. Joe is survived by his wife, Hannelore; by daughters Lore Guilmartin and

Eugenia Guilmartin, Colonel, United States Army; by step-daughter, Karla Vick and step-son Kurt Vick; and by his grandchildren, Haley and Ranon Varney.

Melson Retires as U.S. Marine Corps Chief Historian

Charles D. “Chuck” Melson recently retired after more than 40 years of government service. Originally from the San Francisco Bay Area, he is a long time resident of Kent Island, Maryland with a wife Janet and has two children, LCdr David Melson on the *USS Ronald Reagan* (CVN 76) and Katherine George of Salt Lake City.

Melson spent 23 years with the History and Museums Division at Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps in Washington, DC and the Marine Corps University at Quantico, Virginia. He held a variety of positions ranging from historical writer to acting division director, serving for most of his career as Chief Historian.

This was a period of major transition and change for his organization which saw the final completion of the National Museum of the Marine Corps and the Brigadier General Edwin H. Simmons Center for Marine Corps History.

Melson wrote, edited, and published official histories in the Vietnam, Gulf War, and Global War on Terrorism series as well as World War II, Korea, and Vietnam commemorative publications. He recorded service operations and intelligence actions and represented the Marine Corps at national and international historical meetings, conferences, and committees. He was also a joint historian with the U.S. Central Command and Special Operations Command during the Gulf War and the Global War on Terrorism.

As a career Marine officer, Melson served in Pacific and Atlantic Fleet Marine Forces, at the U.S. Naval Academy, and the Washington Navy Yard. He is a graduate of Saint John’s College in Annapolis and Sonoma State University in California. He is a member of the Society for Military History, the U.S. Commission on Military History, and the Society for History in the Federal Government. He remains active with the Secretary of the Navy’s subcommittee on naval history, the Vietnam War commemoration, and volunteer work.



ITEMS OF INTEREST

Fellowship Announcement

The Smith Richardson Foundation is pleased to announce its annual Strategy and Policy Fellows grant competition to support young scholars and policy thinkers on American foreign policy, international relations, international security, military policy, and diplomatic and military history. The Foundation will award at least three research grants of \$60,000 each. The deadline is June 17, 2016. For further information, please visit: <https://www.srf.org/programs/strategy-policy-fellows-program/>.

Travel Grant Announcement

Honoring the memory and lasting vision of Thomas C. Cundy, Sr. the Institute on World War II and the Human Experience, Department of History, Florida State University anticipates offering at least one \$500 travel grant for scholars and graduate students (ABD) to use the holdings of the Institute on World War II and the Human Experience in 2016-2017.

Founded in 1997, the Institute maintains one of the nation's largest archives documenting the human dimension of the Second World War II with special emphasis on the role of American servicemen and servicewomen as well as those serving on the home front. Among the noteworthy collections include, the Tom Brokaw Collection containing letters, photographs, and manuscripts used in the writing of the Greatest Generation and the Anne and Wayne Coloney Papers that includes a set of family papers beginning in the 1780s and continuing into the 21st Century. Notable international collections include the Oliver Austin Collection which holds an extensive photographic documentation of the American occupation of Japan and the Hasterlink, Hine and Wolff Collection that focuses on the daily lives of a middle class Jewish Viennese family and their response to Nazi persecution. For more information on the Institute's collection, please visit our website at: ww2.fsu.edu. The Institute welcomes specific inquiries regarding our holdings, please address them to Professor G. Kurt Piehler, Director, Institute on World War II and the Human Experience at kpiehler@fsu.edu.

Applications for the Cundy Travel Grant should be submitted by May 1, 2016 and include a proposal of no more than five pages in the form of a letter, a current c.v., and the names and addresses of three references. Graduate student applicants should also submit a letter of recommendation from their Dissertation Advisor or the Director of Graduate Studies of their program. The proposal, c.v. and contact information for three references should be sent in a PDF formatted document to ww2@ww2.fsu.edu no later than May 1, 2016. In the subject line, please include: CUNDY FUND APPLICATION-2016. Letters of recommendation for graduate student applicants should be sent directly to Institute Director, Professor G. Kurt Piehler at kpiehler@fsu.edu by May 1, 2016.

Paper Prize

Announcing: The *IJMH* Early-Career Paper Prize by the *International Journal of Military History and Historiography (IJMH)* (formerly *International Bibliography of Military History, IBMH*) of the Bibliographical Committee of the International Commission of Military History (ICMH) Published by Brill (Leiden and Boston)

The *International Journal of Military History and Historiography* invites submissions for its *IJMH* Early-Career Paper Prize. The Prize will be awarded to an academic article of outstanding quality in the field of international military history written by a graduate student or an early-career scholar, which will have been published in the 2017 (37) volume of the *IJMH*. The author of the winning article will be officially announced in the first issue of 2018 (38/1) and on the journal's website, and receive a €1,000 cash prize.

In line with the *IJMH*'s general guidelines, submissions should be an original contribution to the field of military history that is of interest to an international readership, e.g., a topic involving more than one nation and, preferably, based on multi-archival research. There is no chronological limitation. The *IJMH* publishes articles ranging from antiquity to the contempo-

rary period, provided that the subject is historical and the methodology meets/fulfills academic standards.

Submission Requirements

Articles should be based extensively on primary research, must not have been previously published in another form or outlet, and should not be currently under consideration by another journal or book series. The submitted work has to comply with the journal's style sheet, be between 8,000 and 10,000 words (including footnotes), and be thoroughly referenced. For further information on style and referencing, please visit brill.com/ijmh.

The prize is open to graduate students who are currently registered at a higher education institute, or to those who have obtained their doctoral degree after January 1, 2011.

The editorial team accepts submissions on a rolling basis, but in order to allow for sufficient time for the peer review process, early submissions are welcome. Articles should be submitted in PDF and Word Format, together with a short CV to the Scientific Editor, Dr Marco Wyss (m.wyss@chi.ac.uk).

Funding Opportunities for U.S. Naval History

During 2016 the Naval History and Heritage Command is offering a variety of competitive fellowships, scholarships, and grants in the research and writing of U.S. naval history for graduate students, Ph.D. candidates, and practicing scholars. Descriptions of funding opportunities can be found at <http://www.history.navy.mil/get-involved/grants-and-fellowships.html>. The application deadline for all these programs is 29 April 2016.

The James C. Bradford Dissertation Research Fellowship in Naval History

Each year the North American Society for Oceanic History (NASOH) awards the James C. Bradford Dissertation Fellowship. The 2015 Awardees were:

- Nicholas Prime, Ph.D. candidate, King's College London. Dissertation: "The U.S. Naval War College and the Evolution of American Naval Strategy, 1945-1975." Winner:
- Michael Verney, Ph.D. candidate, University of New Hampshire, Dissertation: "'Our Field of Fame': Naval Exploration and Empire in the Early American Republic, 1815-1860." Proxime Accessit (runner-up)

Submissions Sought

***Joint Force Quarterly* seeks history submissions for its "Recall" Section**

Joint Force Quarterly, published by the National Defense University Press, is looking for articles of 2,500 - 5,000 words or less for its Recall section. Recall focuses on historical issues often of contemporary relevance to the joint force. *JFQ* is the Chairman's joint military and security studies journal designed to inform and educate national security professionals on joint and integrated operations; whole of government contributions to national security policy and strategy; homeland security; and developments in training and joint military education to better equip America's military and security apparatus to meet tomorrow's challenges while protecting freedom today. Instructions for submission of articles is at: <http://ndupress.ndu.edu/SubmitaManuscript.aspx>. Any questions can be sent to JFQ1@ndu.edu.

New Program on Needs and Opportunities in Modern U.S. Naval History

On 12 November, the Naval History and Heritage Command launched a new program with the first in a series of talks on the historiography of selected topics on Needs and Opportunities in Modern U.S. Naval History. Dr. Thomas Hone presented a talk on the historiography of Navy Programming and Acquisition since 1950. An expanded version of Dr. Hone's talk can be found on the command's website, www.history.navy.mil, by typing "needs and opportunities in the modern history" in the search box. All the talks will be published on the command's website as they are completed. The focus of these talks is on the period from approximately 1950 to recent times. Our expectation is that the series will serve as a guide, and in many ways

set the agenda, for the study of U.S. naval history for the next twenty years.

The schedule of additional talks, to be given in 2016 is as follows:

- March 23. Dr. Sebastian Bruns. On the U.S. Navy's strategy.
- May 18. Dr. Gary Weir. On science in the U.S. Navy.
- May 26. Dr. Donald Chisholm. On the U.S. Navy's personnel policy. In a Pentagon conference room.
- June 1. Dr. Thomas Mahnken. On forward presence and the U.S. Navy. In the Ready Room Theater.
- June 8. Dr. David Rosenberg. On U.S. naval intelligence and information warfare.
- July 20. Dr. Salvatore Mercogliano. On U.S. Navy logistics.
- August 10. Dr. Mark Mandeles. On technology in the U.S. Navy.
- August 17. Dr. Edward Marolda. On the institutional, cultural, and social history of the U.S. Navy.
- August 31. Dr. Scott Truver. On the U.S. Navy's operations.

Kudos

Gregory J. W. Urwin, professor of history and immediate past president of the Society for Military History, has received a research fellowship from the Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies at the University of Virginia, which will entitle him to reside at Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's famed estate, for the entire month of July 2016 to further research on his current book, "When Freedom Wore a Red Coat: A Social History of the 1781 British Invasions of Virginia." Urwin has already received an Earhart Foundation Fellowship on American History from the William L. Clements Library at the University of Michigan, a Tyree-Lamb Fellowship from the Society of the Cincinnati, a Mellon Research Fellowship from the Virginia Historical Society, and two Summer Research Awards from Temple University to support this project, which will rewrite the end story of the American Revolution by focusing on the many slaves who sought their liberty by fleeing to the British.

The U.S. Military History Group is pleased to announce the winner of the 2015 Master Corporal Jan Stanislaw Jakobczak Memorial Book Award. This award recognizes the outstanding book published between January 2014 and June 2015 and covers any topic in U.S. Military History from 1917 to 1945. A committee of three award-winning historians chose Edward G. Lengel's *Thunder and Flames: Americans in the Crucible of Combat, 1917-1918* to receive the 2015 Jakobczak Book Award. Edward G. Lengel is Professor of History and Director of the Papers of George Washington at the University of Virginia. His book was published in 2015 in the "Modern War Studies" series by the University Press of Kansas.

David Ulbrich was awarded the 2016 Colonel Robert Debs Heintz Jr. Prize for his article titled "The U.S. Marine Corps, Amphibious Capabilities, and Preparations for War with Japan." His article appeared in the *Marine Corps University Journal* in Spring 2015. It is based on Ulbrich's paper presented at the 2013 Chief of Army History Conference at the Australian Army History Office. The prize is sponsored by the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation. Ulbrich is currently an assistant professor of history at Rogers State University.

Dr. Harold E. Raugh, Jr., Command Historian, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/U.S. Forces Korea, in Seoul, South Korea (and who also compiles the "Recent Journal Articles" feature in each issue of the *Journal of Military History*), has published his third authoritative British Victorian campaign bibliography. It is *The Raugh Bibliography of the Indian Mutiny, 1857-1859* (Solihull, West Midlands, England: Helion & Co., 2016). This volume is a comprehensive and authoritative research guide and bibliographic platform that identifies and frequently annotates thousands of contemporary, current, and hard-to-find English- and foreign-language books, journal articles, government documents, academic studies, and unpublished personal papers and diaries on all aspects of the Indian Mutiny.

Call for Papers
The Education of an Air Force, 1914-2014
Royal Military College of Canada
Kingston, Ontario
2-4 November 2016

<https://www.rmcc-cmrc.ca/en/history/call-papers-symposium>

Air forces have found that the answer to narrow, technically-focused understandings of air power has been, and continues to be, through education: the developing of a mastery of air power along with a broader of understanding of how and where it can best serve the needs of parent societies. Higher education for commanders and staffs develops critical thinking, creativity, and reasoning skills which better prepare individuals to think, to cope with unexpected problems and situations, and to anticipate military requirements. The 2016 Royal Military College History Symposium, 'The Education of an Air Force, 1914-2014', will look at the development of air power thought and education, and how learning has shaped the application of air warfare. Papers will deal both with the evolution of the concepts and at the same time the creation and evolution of the institutions that have taught these ideas over the first century of military flight.

The following speakers have accepted invitations to speak: Dr Allan English (Queen's University); Dr Peter Gray (University of Birmingham); Dr Harold Winton (USAF School of Advanced Air and Space Studies); Professor Williamson Murray; Dr Christopher Cain (USAF Air University); Dr Mark Wells (former head of History at USAFA); Dr Richard Goette (RMCC); Dr Christina Goulter (King's College London); Dr Mark Clodfelter (U.S. National War College); Dr Wray Johnson (Marine Corps University). We hope to have a speaker from Australia who will speak about the genesis of the Air Power Development Centre.

The symposium is co-sponsored by the Royal Canadian Air Force and will include a visit to the Canadian Forces Aerospace Warfare Centre in Trenton Ontario.

In addition the conference organizing committee solicits proposals for papers on all aspects of air force learning over the past century. Topics may include such themes as: civilian control of military education, the introduction of or reforms to air power education policies and programmes, the conduct of education courses, and the impact of conflict and technology on air power education. Papers considering air forces other than those of Western Europe, Australia, the US and Canada are particularly welcome. Proposals should include a 200-300 word abstract accompanied by a one-page CV and should be emailed to symposium16@rmc.ca no later than 30 May 2016. The proceedings of the conference will be published in an edited volume by the University of British Columbia Press.

Call For Papers
Vimy 2017: Both Sides of the Ridge
April 20-22, 2017, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

It has often been claimed that the Battle of Vimy Ridge in April 1917 was not only Canada's greatest feat of arms, but marked its birth as a nation. The sessions will examine the battle and the myth – from both sides of the ridge – by exploring the following themes:

- The winter of learning – Canadian and British military preparations for 1917
- The winter of learning – German military preparations for 1917
- The learning applied – Vimy Ridge and the First Battle of Arras
- The learning applied – the Germans at Vimy Ridge
- The war at home – Canada, 1917
- The meaning of Vimy Ridge for Canadians – myth and memory
- The meaning of Vimy Ridge for others – a German perspective

Conference presenters are encouraged to submit their revised papers in article format to the Centre for Military, Security and Strategic Studies' *Journal of Military and Strategic Studies* no later than two months after the conference to be considered for publication.

Submission: send email with all attachments to njmackie@ucalgary.ca. Please include in your submission an 250 word abstract, a brief biography and contact information. The deadline for submissions is May 30th, 2016. Applicants whose proposals are accepted will be notified by July 30th, 2016.



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**March 30 -
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The 2016 American Historical Association annual meeting featured a session co-sponsored by the Society for Military History called “Balancing History and Legacy: Working on the Vietnam War Commemoration.” In 2008, the Department of Defense was authorized by Congress to “conduct a program to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.” A divisive war when it occurred decades ago, efforts to remember the war still attract controversy. Patricia Limerick, faculty director and chair of the board at the Center of the American West engages Col. Mark Franklin (Ret.), chief, History and Legacy at the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration in a conversation about the challenges of bridging the gap between academic and public history. The video can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MarNooEVFKI&list=PLtafkoYGge2J1Gf5vpZIXLUc5SSWeqA-9&index=12>.

MEETINGS CALENDAR 2016

May 4-6 – The Council on America’s Military Past will hold its annual meeting in Frederick, Maryland. For more details as they become available, check the Council’s website at <http://www.campjump.org/Annual%20Conferences.htm>.

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

June 22-26 – The Society for the History of Technology will hold its annual meeting and conference on the campus of University Town (UTown), an extension of the NUS Kent Ridge campus of the National University of Singapore (NUS). For details, see the Society’s website at <http://shot2016.org/home.php>.

July 22-26 – The International Committee for the History of Technology will hold its 43rd annual meeting in Porto, Portugal. This year’s theme will be “Technology, Innovation, and Sustainability: Historical and Contemporary Narratives.” For further information, visit the Committee’s website at <http://www.icohtec.org/annual-meeting-2016.html>.

September 3-11 – 2016 “Regional Wars and Global Impacts: 17th Century to Present.” Congress of the International Commission of Military History (ICMH) in Istanbul, Turkey. Contact: Bianka.j.adams@usace.army.mil.

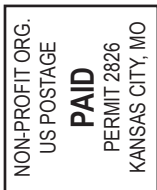
September 8-10 – “Waging Peace” Conference. Sheraton New Orleans on Canal St., New Orleans, LA. Hosted by the Dale Center for the Study of War & Society at the University of Southern Mississippi. <https://www.usm.edu/war-society/waging-peace-conference-2016>.

September 14-17 – Northern Great Plains History Conference. Best Western Kelly Inn, St. Cloud, MN. <https://www.stcloudstate.edu/history/ngphc/default.asp>.

October 1-2 – The National Museum of the United States Air Force will host its WWI Dawn Patrol Rendezvous to commemorate the 100th anniversary of WWI in Europe. For details, see the Museum’s website at <http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/Upcoming/WWIDawnPatrol.aspx>.

November 2-4 – The Royal Military College of Canada will host a conference on The Education of an Air Force, 1914-2014. More information at <https://www.rmcc-cmrc.ca/en/history/call-papers-symposium>.

November 17-19 – The National World War II Museum will host its latest International Conference on WWII at the Museum in New Orleans, Louisiana. This year’s theme is “1946: Year Zero, Triumph and Tragedy.” For more details, see the Museum’s website at <http://www.ww2conference.com/splash/>.



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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.

April 20-22 – The Centre for Military, Security and Strategic Studies at the University of Calgary will host a conference titled Vimy 2017: Both Sides of the Ridge. Contact: njmackie@ucalgary.ca.

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