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## NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BY C. C. FELKER

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Greetings Colleagues,

I hope that you are all well. I have three items for the newsletter. The first concerns the 2020 conference. To say that the last month has been disruptive for the Society is understatement. Four weeks ago, just as the first U.S. case of COVID-19 was being reported, Heather Perry and Matt Seelinger were putting the final touches on the program and conference planning. Two weeks later the Council came to the conclusion that we could not safely hold the conference. Now, two weeks later, the conditions have informed a singular focus towards mitigating the spread of the virus and protecting the most vulnerable. Cancelling the conference was disappointing, but prudent to ensure the health and safety of the attendees. The conference aside, the work of the Society continues. The operations and journal staff are able to work from home, and there is no anticipated interruption to the journal. All of the awards committees completed their demanding work professionally and on time, and the ad hoc committees are continuing their work.

The second piece of news is to welcome Dr. Timothy Dowling as the Editor of the *Journal of Military History*. Tim is not new to the journal, having been serving as an associate editor for several years. He has also been teaching history at the Virginia Military Institute since August 2001. Since that time, he has authored a book on the Brusilov Offensive of 1916, edited a two-volume set entitled *Russia at War* as well as two volumes of *Personal Perspectives* on the world wars, contributed numerous articles to encyclopedias, and published book reviews in the *Journal of Military History*, the *Canadian Journal of History*, *Mars & Clio*, *Global War Studies*, and for the H-German electronic network. He is currently working on a second book concerning the Battle of Mukden during the Russo-Japanese War (1904-1905). Before moving to VMI, Timothy taught at the Vienna International School in Austria, and served as an adjunct assistant professor at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. He earned his doctoral degree from Tulane University in New Orleans, LA, in 1999, writing a dissertation on the planned city of Eisenhuettenstadt as a model for constructing socialism in the German Democratic Republic. From 1989 to 1993, he worked at the American Embassy in Moscow, Russia, and traveled extensively through the former Soviet Union. While we are still reeling from the loss of Bruce, we're also extremely fortunate that Tim was ready to "fleet up" and accepted the position.

The final item is to update you on future conferences. The 2021 conference will be held in Norfolk, VA, from 18-21 March. Conference HQ is the Hilton Norfolk, The Main, 100 East Main Street. Hotel rate

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is \$169/night. We have also secured rooms at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott, 235 East Main Street, and a stone's throw from the Hilton. Rates are \$165/night. Dr. Bryon Greenwald, Professor of History at the Joint Forces Staff College's Joint Advanced Warfighting School and Co-Chair, is the conference organizer.

The 2022 conference will be held in Fort Worth, TX, from 28 April to 01 May. Conference HQ is the Omni Forth Worth Hotel, 1300 Houston Street. Hotel rate is \$199/night, but that includes a \$10/day breakfast coupon. We will continue to swing west in 2023 and hold the conference in San Diego, CA, from 23-26 April. Conference hotel is the Hilton San Diego Bayfront, One Park Blvd. Hotel rate is \$189/night.

My plan was to head back east and holding the 2024 conference in the Midwest. In light of our cancellation of SMH 2020, however, the Council determined it only appropriate to return to D.C. and reengage with the Crystal City Marriott to host, once the hotel is back to normal operations.

All the Best,  
C.C.

## SMH ON SOCIAL MEDIA

For those not already aware, the Society maintains a private group on Facebook where members can post articles relating to military history, exchange job announcements, and discuss any number of topics relevant to the academy. The private group is an excellent forum for recruiting conference panels, arranging professional meet-ups, consulting the membership about research, and keeping oneself aware of new developments relating to the historical profession. If you are interested in joining, you only need to have an active Facebook account and find the "Society for Military History" group. Once you ask to join, one of the administrators will add you shortly thereafter. The Society also maintains a public Facebook page that members and non-members can view at any time, as well as a presence on Twitter under the handle @SMH\_Historians.

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# BRUCE CHARLES VANDERVORT

1940-2020

BY JOHN W. HALL WITH BLAIR AND VICKI TURNER

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On 4 March 2020, the Society for Military History lost one of the most monumental figures in its eighty-seven-year history. Bruce Charles Vandervort was born on 28 April 1940 in Sparta, Wisconsin, just southwest of Camp McCoy (which would soon swell with nearly 40,000 American troops and over 6,000 prisoners of war). Bruce's early life revolved around the camp; he grew up outside tiny Warrens to its northeast, attended primary school in tinier Kirby to its east, and went to high school in the Wisconsin metropolis of Tomah (population 5,321 in 1960) to its southeast. Whether Camp McCoy drove Bruce toward the military or away from the Army is unknown; he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps after graduating from high school.

His tour up, Bruce received a bachelor's degree in history at La Crosse State College (later UW-La Crosse) in 1965 and, only a year later, a master's at the University of Cincinnati. He subsequently returned to his home state to pursue a doctorate at the University of Wisconsin. The pursuit took longer than expected. A Fulbright to France implanted in Bruce a taste for things finer than Friday-night fish fries, and by 1972 he was living in Geneva, Switzerland, where he plied his imposing skills as a writer (ultimately as a freelance journalist) and fell in love—twice.

After a considerable, cosmopolitan hiatus, Bruce returned to graduate school, this time at the University of Virginia. In 1989, he was awarded a PhD in history for his dissertation, "*Voyage Revolutionnaire: The Life and Career of Victor Griffuelhes (1874-1922), French Labor's Apostle of Direct Action.*" He began his academic career with a year at Wake Forest before moving on to the Virginia Military Institute, where he taught for twenty-seven years. In addition to his many articles and collaborations, Bruce wrote three books: *Wars of Imperial Conquest in Africa, 1830-1914* (1998), *Indian Wars of Mexico, Canada and the United States, 1812-1900* (2005), *To the Fourth Shore: Italy's war for Libya, 1911-1912* (2012).

But Bruce will be best remembered for his editorial work for *The Journal of Military History*. He became its associate editor in 1990 and served as executive editor from 1999 until his death, by which time his name had become virtually synonymous with that of the journal. He was aided capably for more than twenty years by his wife, Wendy Vivian Vandervort (née Russell) of Leicester, England. Married to Bruce in Washington, DC, in 1984, she served as the Society for Military History business manager from 1990 until her death from cancer in 2011. Her passing left a hole in Bruce's life that he filled by devoting even more of himself to *The Journal of Military History*. Indeed, even in hospice care, Bruce continued to carry out his duties as executive editor, verily to his dying day.

Bruce is survived by his children, Mark Cottingham, Emily Cottingham, Lucy Vandervort, and Nicholas Vandervort; five grandchildren; two sisters; a sister-in-law; and his nieces and nephew. He also leaves behind dear friends who recall that Bruce loved laughing hard, serial bottles of good wine, and stimulating conversation. Le Beau Bruce was known to march family and friends across half of Paris, in order to get to his favorite restaurant in his favorite arrondissement for what might turn out to be an unremarkable piece of fish. *C'est la bonne vie*. It was the experience that counted.

In recognition of Bruce's inestimable importance not merely to his beloved *Journal* but also to the entire field of military history and a generation of scholars working in it, the SMH Council voted on 1 March to rename the Society's "Moncado Prize" for the best article in each issue of *The Journal of Military History* in Bruce's honor. Bruce passed only three days later after a hard-fought battle with cancer, but the Vandervort Prize will continue to honor the man who made *The Journal of Military History* the premier journal in our field.

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## SOCIETY FOR MILITARY HISTORY

### 2020 AWARDS AND PRIZES

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#### **SAMUEL ELIOT MORISON AWARD**

Jon Tetsuro Sumida

#### **THE EDWIN H. SIMMONS MEMORIAL SERVICE AWARD**

Jennifer D. Keene

#### **DISTINGUISHED BOOK AWARDS**

U.S.: Monica Kim, NYU, *The Interrogation Rooms of the Korean War: The Untold History* (Princeton University Press, 2019).

Non-U.S.: Geoffrey Robinson, UCLA, *The Killing Season: A History of the Indonesian Massacres, 1965-66* (Princeton University Press, 2018).

Biography/Memoir: Stephen Brumwell, *Turncoat: Benedict Arnold and the Crisis of American Liberty* (Yale University Press, 2018).

Reference: Kelly DeVries, Loyola University, and Michael Livingston, The Citadel, eds., *Medieval Warfare: A Reader* (University of Toronto Press, 2019).

First Book: Thomas Dodman, Columbia University, *What Nostalgia Was: War, Empire, and the Time of a Deadly Emotion* (University of Chicago Press, 2019).

#### **EDWARD M. COFFMAN DISSERTATION PRIZE**

Winner: Mary Elizabeth Walters, Kansas State University. *Unexpected Humanitarians: Albania, the U.S. Military, and Aid Organizations during the 1999 Kosovo Refugee Crisis*

Honorable Mention: Susan Grunewald, University of Pittsburgh. *German Prisoners of War in the Soviet Union: Life, Law, Memory, 1941-1956*.

#### **VANDERVORT PRIZES**

##### **January 2019 issue (83:1)**

"Avast Swabbing! The Medical Campaign to Reform Swabbing the Deck in the U.S. Navy," by Michael J. Crawford, Naval History and Heritage Command.

**April 2019 issue (83:2)**

“Older German Officers and National Socialist Activism: Evidence from the German Volkssturm,” by David K. Yelton, Gardner-Webb University.

**July 2019 issue (83:3)**

“Decimation and Unit Cohesion: Why Were Roman Legionaries Willing to Perform Decimation?” by Elizabeth Pearson, independent scholar.

**October 2019 issue (83:4)**

“‘Clouds Gathering on the Horizon’: The Russian Army and the Preparation of the Imperial Population for War, 1906-1914,” by Donald P. Wright, Army University Press.

**ALLAN R. MILLETT DISSERTATION RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP AWARD**

Winner: Nathan Grau, Harvard University, “France’s Forgotten Soldiers: Local Paramilitaries on the frontlines of Decolonization, 1945-1962.”

Runner-Up: Marjorie Galelli, University of Kansas, “Two Sides of the Same COIN.”

**ABC-CLIO RESEARCH GRANTS**

Nathan Grau, Harvard University, “France’s Forgotten Soldiers.”

Ariel Natalo-Lifton, Temple University, “From Lady Soldiers to Brothers in Arms: Women in the United States Armed Forces, 1972 to 1992.”

**RUSSELL F. WEIGLEY GRADUATE STUDENT TRVEL GRANT AWARDS**

Marjorie Galelli, University of Kansas, “Culture and Counterinsurgency: How the War in Iraq Reshaped Military Education.”

Thomas Jamison, Harvard University, “PEACE PEARL: An Ephemeral History of Sino-U.S. Military Cooperation.”

Pedro Panera Martínez, Mellado University Institute, “Prospective of a Conflict (1913-1923): Visions of the Spanish Military and Naval Attachés on War between Japan and the USA.”

Colin McConarty, Boston College University, “The Rise of the New Navy and the Fall of Reconstruction.”

Margaret Montgomery, University of Alabama, “The War Was In the Barracks: Black Wacs, Protest, and Response from the Women’s Army Corps, 1971.”

Hosub Shim, University of Kansas, “‘Politics by Other Means’: The Republic of Korea Forces’ Conduct in the Vietnam War.”

**JEFFREY GREY MEMORIAL TRAVEL GRANT**

Neil Richardson, National University of Ireland, Maynooth, “War and Rebellion as a Policy towards Irish Independence.”



# The Merriman Prize 2020

The Merriman prize is awarded for an outstanding undergraduate essay on any topic in the fields of international and/or military history from the ancient world to the present day. Offered by the Department of History in partnership with the Centre for War and Diplomacy at Lancaster University, it is open to current undergraduates at any UK or overseas university. The successful candidate will be awarded a prize of £250.

Possible themes may include, but are not limited to:

- The rise and fall of great powers
- The treatment of non-combatants
- Diplomacy and peace-making
- Strategy and tactics
- Battles and operations
- Wars of propaganda
- Weaponry
- Intelligence

Essays, of 2,500 to 3,000 words (including footnotes), should be submitted to Dr Sophie Ambler, [s.ambler@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:s.ambler@lancaster.ac.uk), by 24 April 2020, together with a brief covering letter, which must include the name of your university and title of your degree, signed by a member of your faculty confirming that you are a current undergraduate.

For more information about Lancaster's MA International and Military History, visit [Lancaster.ac.uk/history/masters](http://Lancaster.ac.uk/history/masters)

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## FINANCIAL UPDATE

BY ASHLEY KUMBIER

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Hello Members –

Another year in the books! I'm currently wrapping up the financials for fiscal year end March 31, 2020, but since I won't get the chance to see anyone at the annual meeting this year, wanted to get a preliminary year end report in the newsletter.

While some of the March numbers are still being tallied, it looks like it will beat the budgeted net income number for the year. Expenses finished the year within 1% of budget and the Society also saw good revenue numbers. In addition to FYE 3/2020 being the first full year of increased dues that were approved at the 2018 annual meeting and implemented part of the way through FYE 3/2019, the Society also saw an increase in royalties, and continued to have strong performance on investments for most of the 3/2020 fiscal year.

That said, the market value of investments did decline at the end of the year, which should be no surprise to anyone given the effect covid-19 has had on the markets. In total, the market values of investments were down 16% on 3/31/2020 as compared to 4/1/2019. The Society will disclose this in the financial statements, however as a cash/cost basis reporter, this decline in market value will not actually impact the income statement or balance sheet. The good news is our investments have continued to pay dividends and most predictions believe this decline to be temporary and markets to comeback up as the economy's workforce returns.

Also, if you haven't had a chance to see yet, the 3/2019 financial statements were finalized by the independent auditor and posted to the Society website. Again, the Society received a clean audit opinion.

Best,

Ashley Kumbier, CPA  
SMH Treasurer

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## CALLS FOR PAPERS AND CONTRIBUTORS

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### Call for Papers

Society for Military History Sponsored Panels  
Northern Great Plains History Conference  
16–19 September 2020  
Eau Claire, WI

The Society for Military History sponsors a full slate of sessions at the NGPHC, and proposals for all types of military history papers are welcomed. Both individual proposals and session proposals are

encouraged. Send a one-page abstract and a cv to [smhatngphc@gmail.com](mailto:smhatngphc@gmail.com). Deadline for proposals is 1 April 2020.

For non-SMH sponsored panels, please contact the 2020 Program Chair, Dr. Selika Ducksworth-Lawton, [duckswsm@uwec.edu](mailto:duckswsm@uwec.edu) by May 1, 2020, indicating “NGPHC” in the subject line.

The Society for Military History and the First Division Museum Cantigny sponsor the SMH–FDMC award for the best graduate student paper in Military History at NGPHC. This prize is valued at \$800 dollars.

### **Call for Papers**

The Wisconsin Consortium (University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, University of Wisconsin Eau Claire-Barron County, and University of Wisconsin-Stout) invite you to the 55th Northern Great Plains History Conference. It will be held in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, on Sept. 16-19, 2020.

The Wisconsin Consortium acknowledges that Eau Claire occupies the sacred and ancestral lands of the Ojibwe and Dakota Nations.

Proposals for individual papers and complete sessions in all fields of history - around the globe and across time - are encouraged. Please email proposals to [ngphc2020@uwec.edu](mailto:ngphc2020@uwec.edu) by April 22, 2020.

The Northern Great Plains History Conference welcomes graduate and undergraduate student participants. Prizes will be awarded to the best graduate paper and the best undergraduate paper.

Individual paper proposals should include a one-paragraph abstract and a one-page CV. Session proposals should include a session abstract, a one-paragraph abstract for each presenter, and a one-page CV for everyone in the session. Proposals for roundtable sessions should include a session abstract and a one-page CV for everyone. Please indicate any AV requirements.

People willing to chair sessions, or serve as commentators, are encouraged to email Selika Duckworth-Lawton ([duckswsm@uwec.edu](mailto:duckswsm@uwec.edu)), Oscar Chamberlain ([chambeob@uwec.edu](mailto:chambeob@uwec.edu)), or Bob Zeidel ([zeidelr@uwstout.edu](mailto:zeidelr@uwstout.edu)). Please contact the same people if you have other questions or concerns.

Updated information about the conference will be available on our website: [NGPHConference.org](http://NGPHConference.org).

### **Call for Participants**

The Society for Military History plans to co-sponsor a lightning round session for graduate student SMH members at the 2021 annual meeting of the Organization of American Historians. The conference will be in Chicago, 15-18 April. Six to eight presenters will give 5-8 minute elevator-pitch talks explaining their research projects. As part of our professional development effort, the Society will pay the registration fees for the presenters. The panel title will be “The American Democracy at War,” to fit with the conference theme of “Pathways to Democracy.” Papers that connect strongly to that theme will be especially welcome, but any topic in American military history can be included.

The Society also intends to sponsor an additional three-paper session on “Developments in American Military History.” For this session the presenters will be limited to SMH members who are not tenured or tenure-track faculty members.

If you are interested in contributing to either of these sessions, please submit a proposal of no more than 750 words and a c.v. to the chair of the Teaching and Professional Development committee, Cliff Rogers, at [Clifford.rogers@westpoint.edu](mailto:Clifford.rogers@westpoint.edu), by 17 April.

## Call for Papers

Ohio Valley History Conference  
Western Kentucky University, October 15-17, 2020  
“History Made Strange”

The Ohio Valley History Conference is open to historians and advanced graduate students from all time periods and specializations. This year’s theme, History Made Strange, will examine how other academic disciplines or intellectual frameworks can transform conventional wisdom about the past. Accordingly, the OVHC also invites scholars in other fields—including English, Art History, Economics, and more—to present work that engages with history from their own disciplinary vantage points. The OVHC accepts proposals for individual papers, full panels, roundtables, and volunteers to chair panels or provide comment. Traditional historical topics are welcome in addition to interdisciplinary proposals. Graduate students are particularly encouraged to attend and present.

Possible topics can include but are not limited to:

- Gender and Sexuality
- Public History
- War and Peace
- Labor History
- Science and Technology
- Digital Humanities
- Race
- Philosophy of History
- Environmental Studies
- Transnational History
- Economic History
- Visual Culture Studies

**Keynote Speaker:** We are proud to announce the keynote speaker will be Dr. Brooke Blower, Associate Professor of History, Boston University. The dinner and keynote will be on Friday, October 16 at 5:30pm. Dr. Blower’s research focuses on modern American politics, culture, and war. Her first book, *Becoming Americans in Paris: Transatlantic Politics and Culture between the World Wars* (Oxford University Press, 2011) won the Gilbert Chinard Prize from the Society for French Historical Studies and the James P. Hanlan Best Book Award from the New England Historical Association. Dr. Blower is currently writing a book that traces the lives and politics of seven American noncombatants and the missions that took them across the globe during World War II. Articles related to this project have appeared in the *American Historical Review*, *Diplomatic History*, and the book she co-edited with Mark P. Bradley, *The Familiar Made Strange: American Icons and Artifacts after the Transnational Turn* (Cornell University Press, 2015). With Sarah T. Phillips, Blower co-edits *Modern American History*, a Cambridge University Press journal that covers all aspects of United States history since the 1890s.

**Location and Accommodations:** Western Kentucky University is located 70 minutes from Nashville International Airport. A block of rooms is available at the Hyatt Place adjacent to the WKU campus in

Bowling Green, Kentucky, for a reduced rate of \$124/night. Registration information will be posted on the conference website: [https://www.wku.edu/history/ohio\\_valley\\_history\\_conference.php](https://www.wku.edu/history/ohio_valley_history_conference.php)

**Submission Process:** For panels, roundtables, or individual papers, please submit a 200-word abstract of each paper and a 1-2 page CV. Volunteers to chair sessions or provide comment should submit a 1-2 page CV indicating areas of interest and expertise. All proposals should be submitted as PDF documents. For any questions, please contact conference organizer Dr. Alexander Olson at [alexander.olson@wku.edu](mailto:alexander.olson@wku.edu).

**Submission Deadline:** June 15, 2020. Send proposals as a PDF attachment to [ovhc@wku.edu](mailto:ovhc@wku.edu). Please include the name and affiliation of each participant as you would like it to appear in the program.

### **Call for Papers: *Historically Situated: History, Memory, and Place***

#### **Deadline for Proposals Extended to May 1, 2020**

Fort Ticonderoga, in partnership with the American Battlefield Trust, seeks proposals for a special conference inspired by the bicentennial of the preservation of Fort Ticonderoga to be held Friday-Sunday, October 16-18, 2020.

In 1820, New York merchant William Ferris Pell took the remarkable step of purchasing the grounds of the former military post at Fort Ticonderoga. Pell prevented the further deterioration of the fort ruins by installing a fence, a small but powerful act that marks perhaps the first private preservation effort of an 18<sup>th</sup>-century battlefield site in American history. Throughout 2020 Fort Ticonderoga will be involved in a number of preservation efforts, the restoration of William Ferris Pell's summer home the Pavilion, stabilization of the reconstructed fort walls, and an historical survey of the Carillon Battlefield. This focus on preserving the past brings us face-to-face with preservation efforts of our predecessors in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries and has prompted the museum to host a conference on the subject of history, preservation, and the creation of memory at historic sites.

The Fort Ticonderoga Museum seeks proposals for new research, perspectives, and criticism on the broad history and practice of historic preservation. From an historic or contemporary point of view, what are the practical and philosophical challenges with preservation and restoration? How has the preservation and restoration of historic sites and buildings shaped history, and how will ongoing preservation efforts shape our future understanding of our past? How do monuments, writing, and memory preserve buildings, sites, and individuals that do not survive? What is the interplay between historic landscapes and the built environment? How do we manage our past with our present? How have historic landscapes, structures, and monuments been represented themselves in art, culture, and criticism?

We are interested in a wide variety of perspectives engaging a broad range of geographic and temporal examples from the United States and beyond and a range of disciplinary perspectives including, but not limited to, Art History, Architecture, American Studies, Architectural History, Historic Preservation, Memory Studies, Archaeology, Material Culture, and Conservation.

Sessions are 20 minutes in length followed by 10 minutes for audience questions. Fort Ticonderoga will provide speakers with a partial travel reimbursement. Please submit a 300-word abstract and CV by

email by May 1, 2020, to Richard M. Strum, Director of Academic Programs: [rstrum@fort-ticonderoga.org](mailto:rstrum@fort-ticonderoga.org).

### ***Marine Corps History* 2020-2021 Call for Submissions**

*Marine Corps History* journal is accepting submissions of scholarly articles focused on new and unique research into the Marine Corps' history, from its earliest actions to the Cold War and beyond. The editors also are interested in book reviews.

Articles should be 4,000-10,000 words long, properly footnoted, and formatted according to *Chicago Manual of Style* (17th edition). Junior faculty and advanced graduate students are encouraged to submit. All articles undergo double-blind peer review and revisions may be requested.

The editors are currently accepting article and book review submissions for the Winter 2020 and Summer 2021 issues.

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Submission Deadline</u>
Winter 2020	1 May 2020 [ <i>extended to 1 June</i> ]
Summer 2021	1 January 2021

*Marine Corps History* is a double-blind peer-reviewed journal published twice each year by MCU Press. To receive a print copy of the journal, article submission requirements, a list of books available for review, or to discuss the submission and selection process, contact the managing editor: [stephani.miller@usmcu.edu](mailto:stephani.miller@usmcu.edu).

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## **FELLOWSHIP AND GRANT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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### **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 purpose of the grant is to support the researching and writing of a single-authored book in the above subject areas. Other kinds of proposed products (e.g., an edited volume or a co-authored book) will NOT be considered. The Foundation will award at least three research grants of \$60,000 each. The deadline is **June 15, 2020**.

For further information, please visit: <https://www.srf.org/programs/international-security-foreign-policy/strategy-policy-fellows-program/>. Please submit your application to [strategyfellows@srf.org](mailto:strategyfellows@srf.org); do not mail a hardcopy.



# SOCIETY FOR MILITARY HISTORY

George C. Marshall Library, Lexington, VA 24450

16 March 2020

Dear Colleagues,

It is with profound regret that I am informing you that the Society Council has decided to cancel the 2020 SMH Annual Meeting and Conference. Please understand that we did not come to this decision lightly. But judging by the rapidly deteriorating conditions with the COVID-19 virus, as well as sanctions on travel and the recent Virginia ban on meetings of more than one hundred people, cancellation is the most prudent path to ensure the safety of our members and attendees.

On 15 March, Virginia Governor Ralph Northam banned all meetings of groups larger than one hundred persons for one month. That ban is likely to be extended, and it, along with travel bans placed by the president on flights from Europe and Asia, as well as bans on official travel issued by colleges, universities, U.S. government offices, and the Department of Defense, prevents us from hosting even a minimally-viable conference. Finally, on 16 March the CDC issued guidance recommending restrictions on gatherings for groups larger than fifty people for eight weeks. Several states have already turned those recommendations into mandates, along with closing restaurants, bars, and nonessential businesses. Finally, and most importantly, is our uncompromising commitment to the safety of Society members and others attending the conference. Given the rapidly deteriorating conditions, it would be the height of irresponsibility for us to convene the conference knowing there would be a possibility of virus transmission to hundreds of members.

I want to acknowledge the hard work that went into the planning for the conference. Prof. Heather Perry and her Program Committee worked tirelessly to build an incredibly exciting and diverse program, and Matt Seelinger and his team at the Army Historical Foundation have literally been working toward this conference for years. We are also cognizant of the adverse effect this decision will have on the Marriott and other businesses in Crystal City. But above all we are disappointed for you and the other members of the Society, for whom the annual meeting provides not only the opportunity to share the best work being done in our field today, but also to reconnect with old colleagues and to make new friends. Speaking for myself, SMH is the professional highlight of my year, and I will sorely miss your company.

As previously announced, the Society will refund all registration fees; please remember to cancel your hotel reservations. The Council will conduct its annual meeting virtually, and we will post minutes detailing some of the Society's most exciting and important initiatives in due course. If you have any questions or concerns, I and the other officers of the Society will do our

best to address them. In the meantime, best wishes for you and yours during this trying time. I look forward to seeing you in Norfolk in March 2021, and I thank you for your continued membership in and support for your Society for Military History.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John W. Hall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "H".

John W. Hall  
President

CC:  
Peter Mansoor, Vice President  
C.C. Felker, Executive Director

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## A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

BY KURT HACKEMER

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The spring of 2020 has been tumultuous, to say the least, and I've tried to document that a bit in this issue of the *Headquarters Gazette*. The preceding note from President John Hall canceling the 2020 annual meeting was sent to members and appeared on the SMH web site, but I have added it to the newsletter as well to help us remember this moment in time.

The Society has stopped publishing obituaries in the newsletter and has instead moved them to the web site, where members can leave their own remembrances of our colleagues and friends. As a point of privilege, I am breaking the rules by including an obituary for Bruce Vandervort in this issue, not only because it was my honor to work closely with him over the years but especially because he was a fundamentally decent human being who had a profound effect on so many members of the Society. In my capacity overseeing first the SMH web site and then later adding this newsletter, I have attended every SMH council meeting since 1999, which coincided with Bruce taking over as editor of *The Journal of Military History*. We always found time for a quiet conversation and a good drink, and like so many of my colleagues, I will miss him terribly.

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## ITEMS OF INTEREST

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### Paper Prizes Awarded

While the Missouri Valley History Conference was cancelled this spring, the Society for Military History still awarded its student paper prizes to rising scholars: This year's winners are:

The Carroll Award for the best Graduate Student Paper in Military History was awarded to Billy Croslow, Kansas State University, for his paper *Suppression of Japanese Culture Among the Nissei in the Army*. Honorable mention went to Kenneth Knotts, University of Nebraska at Lincoln, for his paper *The Women's Airforce Service Pilots of World War Two: A Long Overdue Salute*.

The McCormick Award for the Best Undergraduate Paper in Military History was awarded to Nicholas Tuma for his paper *From Cornrow to Hedgerow: A Nebraska Regiment in the Second World War*. Honorable Mention went to Randallyn Smith, Graceland University, for her paper *Slighted Success: The American Mobile Riverine Force and its Impact in the Vietnamese Waterways*.

### Rowman and Littlefield *Total War* Series Changes to *War and Society*

The study of military history has evolved greatly over the past fifty years, and Rowan and Littlefield's "War and Society" series captures these changes with the publication of books on all aspects of war. The series used to focus on total war, but that was limiting and we have expanded it to examine not only traditional military history with its attention to battles and leaders but the broader impact of war upon the military and society. Affecting culture, politics, economies, and state power, wars have transformed societies since the ancient world. With books that cut across all time periods and geographical areas, this series reveals the history of both the conduct of war and its societal consequences.

Recent titles include *German Submarine Warfare in World War I: The Onset of Total War at Sea* by Lawrence Sondhaus; *The Scramble for Asia. U.S. Military Power in the Aftermath of the Pacific War* by Marc Gallicchio; *War of Annihilation: Combat and Genocide on the Eastern Front, 1941* by Geoffrey P. Megargee; and *A Gathering Darkness: The Coming of War to the Far East and the Pacific, 1921–1942* by Haruo Tohmatsu and H. P. Willmott.

The intended audience is one that enjoys military history in some detail. Works providing a synthesis of recent scholarship are welcomed. Length should run in the vicinity of 80,000 words. Illustrations and maps are desirable. The series editors are Michael B. Barrett and Kyle Sinisi, both professors at The Citadel. Inquires or proposals may be sent to either at [barrettm@citadel.edu](mailto:barrettm@citadel.edu) or [sinisik@citadel.edu](mailto:sinisik@citadel.edu).

### Digitization Project Underway

Thanks to a large-scale digitization project now underway, the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center will make its important, immense historical collection available instantly and easily to Army leaders, educators, veterans, students, and researchers anywhere in the world.

In the first year of the multi-year USAHEC project, newly digitized material is putting at anyone's fingertips the historical materials that enhance understanding of the past and guide thinking about current and future national security issues. USAHEC will select material for digitization that will enable historically informed thinking about modernization, nuclear weapons, homeland security experiences, recruiting, social change, among others. Now available --

- The papers of Army Gen. Donn A. Starry, who wrote about his experience as senior USA observer to the 1973 Arab-Israeli War battlefield, and as the commander of US Army Training and Doctrine command as it led the 1980s modernization projects that resulted in AirLand Battle doctrine and the 'Big Five' weapons systems.
- The papers and battle recollections of Gen. Paul L. Freeman, Jr., who commanded the 23rd Infantry Regiment in Chipyong-Ni, Feb 1951, at a turning point in the Korean War. During his years as CINC USARER and CG of the Continental Army Command, Freeman contributed a senior officer debriefing transcript in which he recounted the lessons and experiences of his career.
- In addition to archival material, 100 percent of our artifact collection can be searched online, including items such as Brigadier General Benjamin O. Davis, Sr.'s the Distinguished Service Medal. The United States was a segregated nation during World War II. Benjamin O. Davis, Sr., the Regular Army's first African American general officer, was the senior leader dealing with issues pertaining to African American Soldiers. General Davis was awarded the Army Distinguished Service Medal in 1945 for his contributions. His Distinguished Service Medal serves as a representation of how a good leader, despite the limitations of segregation in the Army and the Nation, can rise above the political and cultural turmoil to do his duty for the Army. His work is directly linked to President Harry S. Truman's Executive Order 9981 of 26 July 1948 that desegregated the American military.

“This is one of the largest single undertakings to digitize historical materials ever attempted,” said USAHEC Director Geoffrey Mangelsdorf. “Over the next five years, new material will be uploaded daily into the online search interface system. This will be a radical change in how military leaders, military students, and scholars can leverage our extraordinary collection. General officer papers, battlefield reports, Soldiers’ journals and letters, and 33 million images will be accessible anywhere, anytime.”

U.S. Army Soldiers’ personal historical materials, such as diaries, letters, artifacts and audiovisual items, are among the truly unique elements of the USAHEC collection. For 52 years, USAHEC has collected and preserved the personal historical materials of Soldiers from five-star General Omar N. Bradley to the most junior Soldiers. When digitization makes these accessible anywhere, anytime, their thoughts, observations, and emotions will inform both the Army and the public.

Access the keyword searchable online system, by visiting <https://ahec.armywarcollege.edu> and clicking on “Explore.” Users can type into the search bar, browse new and notable collections, or take advantage of the Search Tips provided in the menu bar.

The USAHEC is the U.S. Army’s preeminent archive, academic library, museum and research complex with extensive historical resources for Soldiers, researchers and visitors. As an organization deeply

involved with both the Army and the public, USAHEC is dedicated to preserving the legacy of the men and women who have served their nation as Soldiers and to educating the military and the public on the important role of the Army in U.S. history.

Visit the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center's archives and public museum at 950 Soldiers Drive, Carlisle, PA 17013.

### **Dissertation Prize**

The Anne J. Bailey dissertation prize recognizes the best dissertation, defended in the previous calendar year, that takes the US Civil War as its main point of focus. The prize consists of a \$2,000 stipend, generously funded by the McWhiney History Education Group (previously the McWhiney Foundation, which Anne Bailey was affiliated with for many years).

Authors of eligible dissertations should submit the following information in a single pdf file via email to Barby Singer ([bqs6@psu.edu](mailto:bqs6@psu.edu)) by **May 1, 2020**: cover letter with full contact information; title page, abstract, and table of contents; along with a sample chapter. The full dissertation should not be submitted. After reviewing these materials, the prize committee will solicit full dissertations for further consideration. The author should also make arrangements with their dissertation advisor to send a letter of support to the same address by May 1: [bqs6@psu.edu](mailto:bqs6@psu.edu). All letters of support should contain the dissertator's name in the email subject line, along with a reference to the Bailey Prize.

The prize committee will consist of three SCWH members, appointed by the SCWH Advisory Board, and one representative of State House Press (affiliated with the MHEG) who will be a non-voting member and will participate only in the first round of review. The Bailey Prize winner will be announced some time in Fall 2020.

### **The IJMH Early-Career Paper Prize 2020**

The *International Journal of Military History and Historiography* invites submissions for its IJMH Early-Career Paper Prize.

The *International Journal of Military History and Historiography* (IJMH) has been continuously published (from 1978 to 2015 as the *International Bibliography of Military History – IBMH*), on behalf of the International Commission of Military History (ICMH), which can trace back its origins to 1938. The journal offers its readers and authors a platform that includes original research articles on any military historical topic from antiquity to the contemporary period that can appeal to an international readership.

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 IJMH in 2020, either in print or as an advance article online. The author of the winning article will be officially announced in the journal and on the journal's website, and receive a €1,000 cash prize.

In line with 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. IJMH publishes articles ranging from antiquity to the contemporary period, provided that the subject is historical and the methodology fulfils 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 [www.brill.com/ijmh](http://www.brill.com/ijmh).

The prize is open to graduate students who are currently registered at a higher education institution, or to those who have obtained their doctoral degree after January 1, 2015.

Submissions for the 2020 prize are accepted on a rolling basis, but should be sent by 30 September 2020 by the latest. Please see the journal webpage for information on how to submit ([www.brill.com/ijmh](http://www.brill.com/ijmh)). In case of questions, contact the Editor-in-Chief, Dr Marco Wyss ([m.wyss@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:m.wyss@lancaster.ac.uk)).

## **Digitization Project**

*Transforming Washington, DC: The Impact of Thomas Lincoln Casey and Edward Pearce Casey on the Nation's Capital* was an extensive digitization project that made the personal and professional papers of Thomas Lincoln Casey (1831-1896) and his son Edward Pearce Casey (1864-1940) accessible online. It was undertaken by Historic New England and supported by a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

Thomas Lincoln Casey was born into a distinguished military family that owned Historic New England's Casey Farm in Saunderstown, Rhode Island. He graduated first in his class from West Point and in 1878 was appointed head of the Office of Public Buildings and Grounds in Washington, DC. Casey was tasked with redesigning the foundation and addressing the structural flaws of the Washington Monument. He went on to complete many other major projects in the U.S. capital, including the Thomas Jefferson Building, the first home of the Library of Congress; the State, War, and Navy Building—now known as the Eisenhower Executive Office Building; and the Army Medical Museum. Edward Pearce Casey, Thomas's youngest son, joined his father in 1892 as an architect to complete the construction of the Thomas Jefferson Building.

The Casey Papers contain a vast array of materials that include diaries, financial records, letters, legal documents, architectural drawings, inventories, photographs, and scrapbooks. In addition to building projects, the papers offer insights into the complex political culture of post-Civil War Washington, DC; the role played by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the development of Washington, DC; and presidential and congressional politics and activities.

The Casey project was a two-year undertaking that resulted in the digitization of 41,500 items, now accessible online, and a crowdsourced transcription program. It is available at Historic New England's website, along with more information, at <https://www.historicnewengland.org/help-transcribe-the-casey-family-papers/>

## New Journal

De Gruyter scholarly publishing house has launched a new Open Access Journal: [Open Military Studies](#), that might be of interest to members of the Society for Military History. *Open Military Studies* is an international Open Access, peer-reviewed academic journal, edited by Professor Alberto R. Coll (DePaul University, USA). Contributions are welcomed, written in English, addressing military and defense studies in its various forms and aspects: historical, political, sociological and other.

For more news please visit <https://www.degruyter.com/view/journals/openms/openms-overview.xml>

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Lawrence Sondhaus, University of Indianapolis professor of history, became the inaugural recipient of the Gerald and Marjorie Morgan Endowed Professorship of European History in September 2019. Sondhaus is a renowned expert on naval and military strategy. He has published 13 books, most of which focus on the history of Germany and Austria in the

nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The Morgan Endowment will enable the University of Indianapolis to offer half-tuition assistantships to entering History M.A. students, renewable for a second year of study. Prospective students may apply to the program at [uindy.edu/admissions](http://uindy.edu/admissions).

Gerald Morgan obtained bachelor's and master's degrees in history from the University of Indianapolis in 1973 and 1983, respectively. A career in Army logistics and finance took Morgan and his wife Marjorie all over the world, before he concluded his military service in the finance and accounting center at the former Fort Harrison in Indianapolis.

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## MEETINGS CALENDAR

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Given travel uncertainties associated with the coronavirus outbreak, some of the meetings below may have been cancelled.

2020

**April 16-17 – The American Airlines CR Smith Museum and the University of Texas at Arlington** will co-host the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Webb Lecture Series, “Flight Culture and the Human Experience.” The Series will feature new and emerging research into the transformation brought by the advent and extension of aviation technologies. For more information as it develops, check the UTA History Department’s website at <http://www.uta.edu/history/research/webb-lecture-series/index.php>.

**April 30-May 3 – Society for Military History** will hold its 87<sup>th</sup> annual meeting at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Arlington, Virginia. The theme of this year’s meeting is “Policy By Other Means.” Hosted by the Army Historical Foundation. Contact: Matt Seelinger.

**May 6-10 – The Council on America’s Military Past** will host its 54<sup>th</sup> annual Military History Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. For more details as they become available, see the Council’s website at <http://campjamp.org/upcoming-2020-conference>.

**May 15-17 – War College of the Seven Years’ War at Fort Ticonderoga** conference. Contact: Richard M. Strum, Director of Academic Programs: [rstrum@fort-ticonderoga.org](mailto:rstrum@fort-ticonderoga.org).

**June 4-6 – Society of Civil War Historians** biennial conference. Sheraton Raleigh Hotel, Raleigh, NC. Web: <https://sites.psu.edu/scwhistorians/>

**June 16-18 -Intelligence and the Second World War**, Mercyhurst University, Erie, PA. Web: <https://www.mercyhurst.edu/icf-wwii>.

**July 20-31 – Institute for Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities** focusing on military history, at the Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media at George Mason University, Washington, DC. Web site: <http://dmmh.rrchnm.org/>.

**September 16-19 - Northern Great Plains History Conference**, Eau Claire, WI. For SMH-specific information, contact [smhatngphc@gmail.com](mailto:smhatngphc@gmail.com).

**September 25-27 - Fort Ticonderoga Seminar on the American Revolution**, Ticonderoga, New York. Email: [rstrum@fort-ticonderoga.org](mailto:rstrum@fort-ticonderoga.org)

**October 1-4 – 44th German Studies Association Conference**, Washington, DC. Web site: <http://www.thegsa.org>.

**October 7-11 – The History of Science Society** will hold its annual conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. For more details as they become available, see the Society’s website at <https://hssonline.org/meetings/annual-meeting-archive/>.

**October 7-11 – The Society for the History of Technology** will hold its annual meeting at the Sheraton New Orleans hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana. Details regarding paper submission and registration can be found at the Society’s website: <https://www.historyoftechnology.org/annual->

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**October 15-17 - Ohio Valley History Conference**, Western Kentucky University. Theme: "History Made Strange." Info: [ovhc@wku.edu](mailto:ovhc@wku.edu).

**October 21-24 – The Oral History Association** will hold its annual meeting in Baltimore, Maryland. For more details as they become available, check the Association's website at <https://www.oralhistory.org/annual-meeting/>.

**November 6-7 – Burial of the Unknown Warrior: Military burials from Ancient to Modern**, Manchester Metropolitan University. Contact: Owen Rees at [o.rees@mmu.ac.uk](mailto:o.rees@mmu.ac.uk).

**November 12-14 - The North American Society For Intelligence History** conference, Trinity College at the University of Toronto. Contact: s-j.corke@unb.ca.