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The Ogden Eccles Convention Center and Ogden's famous "Two Bit" 25th Street are getting ready for the Society for Military History's 75th Annual Meeting. In addition to the SMH's usual fantastic program of panels, plans include a grand reception at Ogden's Union Station and offsite trips to Golden Spike National Historic Site and Salt Lake City's Historic Fort Douglas. Weber State University is the host institution.

The conference theme is "The Military and Frontiers," highlighting the military's role relating to geographic, technological, political, social, and other frontiers, from all geographic regions and all periods of history, especially non-Western fields



such as Latin American history and Asian history. The program committee especially welcomes proposals from other disciplines, such as anthropology and political science, to add breadth and diversity to the annual meeting.

The Ogden Marriott and Hampton Inn Downtown will serve as conference hotels. The Marriott is a block and a half from the Ogden Eccles Conference Center and is undergoing renovation during summer 2007. The largest hotel in downtown Ogden, the Marriott will take reservations at the conference rate of \$80 single and \$88 double occupancy through March 26, 2008. The conference reservation code for the Marriott is MILMILA. The Hampton Inn



Downtown is a classic older hotel wonderfully restored for the 2002 Winter Olympics and is actually attached to the Ogden Eccles Conference Center. Rates at the Hampton Inn are \$109 per standard room. The reservation code is C-SMH and is good through March 18, 2008. Both hotels offer free parking, and if you want to really push your travel

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budget, the Hampton Inn charges an “outrageous” \$5 per day for valet parking. **MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY TO GET THE CONFERENCE RATE!**

Ogden is easily accessible from Salt Lake City International Airport by rental car, airport shuttle services, and the Wasatch Front Runner, a commuter rail line that is to be completed by late 2007. Ogden is only a 40-50 minute drive north on Interstate 15 from the airport. Salt Lake International is a Delta hub with service from all major airlines. Renting a car is strongly recommended so that you have the opportunity to take a drive in the Wasatch Mountains, which are literally blocks away from the conference site. Snowbasin and Powder Mountain ski resorts are minutes away, and in late April will be closed but still have lots of snow – both are beautiful spots. If you must go skiing, Snowbird Resort near Salt Lake City is usually open through Memorial Day! Come a day early, stay a day late, if you can.

Restaurants, coffee shops, and unique shops are near the conference site, mostly on 25th Street, which during its heyday before World War II was known as “Two Bit” street – apparently every insatiable desire could be had for a mere two bits. A brewpub, several bars and good restaurants, including Italian, Greek, and sushi, are short walks from the Hampton Inn and literally right behind the Marriott. Across the street from the Hampton Inn is the new Junction, a shopping/entertainment area with restaurants, movie theater, and the unique Salomon Center, which includes indoor white-water kayaking, surfing, and a vertical wind tunnel.

At the western end of 25th Street, Ogden Union Station is a marvelous building from the 1920s and as the transfer point from travelers going to and from the East and West Coasts, has a storied history. During World War II, millions of GI’s and sailors passed through Ogden Union Station, many spending “two-bits” on 25th Street. In addition to being an architectural gem, the station houses the Browning Firearms Museum – it’s one of the best.



As you make your plans for Ogden, note that there will be NO Sunday morning sessions. Because of the two-hour time difference with the East Coast, avoiding Sunday morning flights to get back east at a decent hour Sunday afternoon or evening is near impossible. To allow for travel flexibility on Sunday, we will hit the ground running Thursday evening. The meeting will open Thursday evening with a reception beginning at 6:00 PM, opening remarks, then at least four panels, wrapping up by 9:30 PM. If possible, arrange your arrival to Salt Lake International by 3:00 PM so that you can comfortably get to Ogden without fighting what can be heavy northbound traffic out of Salt Lake City on Interstate 15. The meeting will conclude with the traditional banquet Saturday night.

The call for papers is out, and along with all other information you need for lodging, shuttles, offsites, and the like, can be found at the conference website: <http://weber.edu/History/WhatsHappening/SMH2008.html>. If you have any questions, contact Prof. Bill Allison at Weber State University – (801) 626-6710 or wallison@weber.edu.

We look forward to seeing you in Ogden!

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NOTES...from the Executive Director

By Robert H. Berlin

Annual Meetings. The April 2007 Society for Military History annual meeting at the Holiday Inn in Frederick, Maryland sponsored by a consortium including the Catoctin Center for Regional Studies, the Army Heritage and Education Center and associated Army Heritage Foundation and Military History Institute was a huge success. Huge in terms of attendance, over 500 registered, huge in terms of number and variety of sessions and huge in terms of very positive responses from those attending. SMH President Carol Reardon, Barbara and Michael Powell of the Catoctin Center our gracious and ever helpful hosts, Mike Perry of the Army Heritage and Education Center who capably handled registration and much else and Conrad Crane, MHI Director, program chair, all did a fantastic job to make the meeting a resounding success. The Awards Luncheon and Banquet were both well attended. Frank Wetta provided a superb Awards Luncheon Program for all attending. Jim McPherson gave an excellent Banquet address. The graduate student reception welcomed grad students and showed the inclusiveness of the Society. Our annual meetings are a wonderful occasion offering both intellectual and social opportunities for all.

Plan now to attend the 2008 meeting April 17-20 at the Eccles Conference Center in Ogden, Utah hosted by Weber State University. Bill Allison, meeting coordinator, explains all the details in this issue. SMH has arranged great rates at the Ogden Marriott hotel.

The 2009 meeting will be in Murfreesboro, TN hosted by Middle Tennessee State University and coordinated by Derek Frisby April 2-5, 2009. Murfreesboro is thirty minutes from the Nashville airport and the meeting will be held at a new Embassy Suites Convention Center now under construction.

The Cantigny First Division Foundation (CFDF) near Chicago, Illinois will host the 2010 Society for Military History (SMH) Annual Meeting. Paul Herbert, museum executive director will be the meeting coordinator. Dates and hotel are to be determined.

SMH currently seeks sponsors in the Washington, DC area to host the 2011 annual meeting.

Election. The Nominations Committee developed an excellent, well qualified slate of candidates for officer positions. Thanks are due to all candidates for their willingness to serve the Society. The Newsletter Editor produced the ballot in a timely way and we agreed with the recommendation of Advantage Printing to include a separate addressed return envelope for the convenience of members. The Newsletter was mailed at the post office in Leavenworth, KS on February 20, 2007. For unknown reasons the USPS delayed delivery of the Newsletter for one month from the date of mailing. Inquiries at the Post Office have failed to disclose a reason though the investigation continues. Due to the delay in receipt of ballots I asked the Teller's Committee to extend the date for acceptance of ballots and notification was posted on the SMH web site. Over 350 ballots were received. The Tellers Committee met on April 12 to count the ballots. Carol Reardon was reelected President, Brian Linn was elected Vice President. John Guilmartin, Brian Holden Reid were reelected as Trustees and Reina Pennington, Jennifer Speelman, James Willbanks and Mitchell Yockelson are the newly elected trustees. All four constitutional amendments passed by substantial majorities. In future the Vice President will run unopposed for President and the President and Vice President will be restricted to serving one term of two years. To avoid problems with delayed ballots and for convenience future SMH elections will be done online.

Website. The SMH webmaster Kurt Hackemer, our office manager Wendy Vandervort and I are working to have the SMH website www.smh-hq.org redesigned and to provide members access to online SMH services.

Membership Committee. The SMH Constitutional Amendment creating a permanent Membership Committee to advise the Society Council on ways to increase membership and enhance the benefits of membership passed. Alex Bielakowski, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, will chair the committee. Members, nominated by the President and approved by the Council, are: Kathy Barbier, Mississippi State University; Ian Brown, Coventry Health Care Inc.; Kate Epstein, Ohio State University; Ron Spiller, Edinboro State, PA; Paul Springer, U.S. Military Academy; and Tim Wolters, Utah State University.

Committee Appointments. Mike Neiberg will chair the Awards Committee for one more year. Reg Shrader and Ted Wilson will continue one additional year on the Finance Committee. Greg Urwin will serve a three year term. George Rabel and Frank Wetta will join Kay Reist on the Weigley Awards Committee. Jim Willbanks is the

new Parliamentarian. The new New England Regional Coordinator is Samuel Watson. Wayne Lee will join the Marshall Lecture Committee.

Archives. Kansas State University has agreed to accept the Society archives and I am currently working on a memorandum of agreement with Anthony Crawford the University Archivist. The Council approved making KSU the official SMH records depository. The SMH historical records formerly in my possession are now in the KSU library and we are coordinating the shipment of the American Military Institute Archives at the National Defense University to KSU. These consist of 59 letter-size and 3 legal size boxes. Records now held by past President Tim Nenner and Archivist Harold Langley will be sent to KSU. Harold Langley has stated that the archives now at NDU go back to the founding of the American Military Institute (AMI) in 1933, and described its times and people, its humble beginnings with a limited staff, and how it became the SMH that it is today. To organize this valuable historical resource SMH will provide \$3,000 to KSU to fund a graduate student or students' efforts including developing finding aids. Thanks go to Mark Parillo for coordinating KSU's acceptance of SMH records.

Weigley and Coffman Funds. The Weigley and Coffman Funds have been established as separate accounts by our Treasurer Graham Cosmas. The Weigley Fund is \$62,000 which at 5% will generate the \$3,000 income we need annually to fund six \$500 grants to graduate students to attend the annual meeting. Obviously, additional funds will enable us to increase the grants. The Coffman Fund totals \$17,700. It is short of its goal of \$20,000. If you pledged to either fund and have not sent in your check, if you want to show your support for the future of the study of military history, and if you want to honor two giants of our field, Russ Weigley and Mac Coffman, I urge you to send a check made out to the Society for Military History and noting it is for the Weigley or Coffman fund to SMH Treasurer Graham Cosmas, 2924 S. Buchanan St., Apt. B-1, Arlington, VA 22206.

New Website Award. SMH has established a new annual award for the best military history website. The award honors Martin Blumenson, author of numerous outstanding books on World War II. The award will consist of a plaque and \$500. The award has been funded thanks to a generous contribution from SMH member Steven L. Ossad. A sub-committee of the awards committee will establish criteria and select the winner. If you are interested in serving on this new sub-committee please contact me at rhberlin@aol.com.



OBITUARY: DIRECTOR REMEMBERED

Brigadier General Edwin H. Simmons and the Marine Corps Historical Program by Charles D. Melson, Chief Historian

General Simmons had a reputation throughout the military history community that was second to none. The true "Dean" of the Marine Corps historical program, General Simmons not only made history as a combat veteran of three wars but he ably chronicled it for future generations of Marines and historians as well. We will not see his likes again.

Dr. Charles P. Neimeyer

Brigadier General Edwin Howard Simmons passed away in Alexandria, Virginia, on 5 May 2007 at the age of 85. For more than a quarter century, General Simmons was the Director, History and Museums Division, Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps. While the Marines have had historical programs since 1919, General Simmons' tenure saw the institution reach its greatest expansion and sophistication. He personally managed this effort through the administrations of eight Commandants of the Marine Corps from Generals Chapman through Krulak.

The need for an all-encompassing program had been recognized as early as 1950 by Colonel Robert D. Heinl. It was put in place through the vision and foresight of General Wallace M. Greene, Jr. while Chief of Staff and Commandant and through the efforts of the Commandant's Advisory Committee on Marine Corps History (consisting first of Brigadier Generals Keith B. McCutcheon, Gordon G. Gayle, and Donn J. Robertson). When General Simmons arrived on board in December 1971, he brought together the all previous efforts of the library and archives of the Marine Corps, the Marine Corps Museum, combat art program, and the historical branch of Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps. With the occupation and the 1977 opening of Building 58 in the Washington Navy Yard as the Marine Corps Historical Center those in need of historical support now had "one-stop shopping."

Brigadier General Simmons came to this position from Paulsboro, New Jersey where he was born on 25 August 1921. With a journalism degree from Lehigh University, he entered the Marine Corps in 1942. Service in the Pacific followed, including hard fought campaigns on Guam and Okinawa. A tour at Quantico, Virginia, was next with stints as the editor of the *Marine Corps Gazette* and as a student at the Junior School (today's Expeditionary Warfare School). As a major he served in Korea as a weapons company commander at Inchon, Seoul, and the Chosin Reservoir in 1950. He returned to the United States in 1951 and duty stations at Camp Pendleton, California, the Ohio State University unit of the Naval Reserve Officer Training Command, and Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps. On the way he earned a master's degree in journalism and wrote and published about his wartime experiences. Promotion to lieutenant colonel brought assignments as naval attaché and with the military liaison office of the U.S. Embassy, Santo Domingo in 1959-1961. As a colonel, he again served at headquarters.

General Simmons' Vietnam service was defining as a Marine and historian. In 1965-1966 he commanded 9th Marines and served as G3 of III Marine Amphibious Force. He returned in 1970-1971 as a brigadier general as the assistant 1st Marine Division commander and the deputy of the 3d Marine Amphibious Brigade. In between was an assignment at headquarters as the deputy fiscal director and study at the National Defense University. His writing continued, this time about Vietnam. In this, General Simmons began the story of the Marine Corps' war through a series of articles published by the U.S. Naval Institute Proceedings. This pioneering narrative is still in print in both official anthologies and was published as a quality paperback.

General Simmons' assignment to headquarters and the creation of the History and Museums Division in 1971 began his long affair with the full range of Marine Corps Historical Programs. Pride of place went to researching and writing *The United States Marines, A History*. This story of the Marine Corps first appeared as a series of *Marine Corps Gazette* articles between November 1973 and December 1974. The first book edition was published in 1974 through Leo Cooper of London as one of the *Famous Regiments* series. While not the first or the last narrative of the Corps, it has served for more than three decades as the essential account for several generations of American Marines. My own experience with the book was that it was a great addition to my training "back pack" for garrison and field use (or just plain reading enjoyment).

Under General Simmons direction, the official histories of the Vietnam War were researched, written, reviewed, revised, and published. To date, the Marine Corps is the only Armed Service to have accomplished this task. For this, he assembled a team of qualified military and civilian writers with full access to the accumulated records of the Vietnam conflict. Under the lead of series editor Dr. Jack Shulimson, General Simmons acted as the publisher and applied his own personal experience and research to this multi-volume and multi-year project, seeing it through from beginning to end. After all was said and done, he personally approved each volume produced for the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

General Simmons believed in a balanced historical program that involved Marine Corps commanders through their unit historical files, command chronologies, and command inspection programs that ensured compliance and due diligence to this often ignored effort. Senior historian Charles R. Smith recalled the admonition: "The bull's eye of all this activity [of the Marine Corps Historical Program] is the active duty Marine Corps. The ultimate purpose is to produce products of use and inspiration to today's Marines...Our most tangible products are our publications and exhibits." General Simmons emphasized: "We write operational history. Not diplomatic history, not political history, not social history, but operational history and perhaps a little administrative history." But history writing and exhibits did not complete the program on their own; a viable and responsive reference service was needed to get these products to the Marine Corps and general public. Reference head Danny J. Crawford noted that General Simmons emphasized unit history and lineage supported by consistent documentation and biographical information to put a human face on the accomplishment of Marines great and small, a commemorative naming program for these noteworthy Marines, and the critical necessity for working files and knowledgeable historians to handle "short fuzed" requests from Marine Corps commands and staffs. This information served as the division's institutional memory that could easily have been forgotten during the demands of day-to-day activities

and the normal turnover of units and Marines. Reference Historian Robert V. Aquilina recalled that General Simmons believed in the human touch and the attention to detail in these efforts, “he insisted that active duty and retired Marines, along with friends and relatives of Marines, be given every consideration and respect.”

Material history was not neglected through the exhibits and command museums that proliferated during General Simmons’ tenure. These were established at the Washington Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Parris Island, South Carolina, San Diego, California, Camp Pendleton, California, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and Quantico, Virginia. This continual, if uneven, progress resulted in the establishment of the National Museum of the Marine Corps that transcended previous efforts. In support of professional military education, General Simmons was an early proponent of the General Alfred M. Gray Research Center as part of the Marine Corps University. A review of all these initiatives will show the interest, participation, and support of the Marine Corps Historical Program that General Simmons oversaw. General Simmons was always present to offer counsel and advice to senior leadership by pointing out that the nature of history is that while it does not usually offer concrete answers, but can provide an example or a template to follow.

In addition to his books *The United States Marines*, *Marines in Vietnam*, *Dog Company Six*, and *The Marines*, General Simmons wrote more than three hundred papers or articles for numerous military and general publications to include the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, the *Dictionary of American History*, *Naval Review*, *Naval Institute Proceedings*, the *Marine Corps Gazette*, *Leatherneck*, *Sea Power*, *Naval History*, and the *Journal of Military History*. In addition, he was a much-sought-after speaker, who used every opportunity to present the Marine Corps story, and to promote the historical profession to a wide variety of audiences ranging from informal groups of young Marines to keynote addresses at larger venues. General Simmons acted as a colleague, mentor, and collaborator with other journalists and historians to include Carl E. Mundy, Jr., Bernard E. Trainor, Michael Gordon, J. Robert Moskin, Allan R. Millett, John Greenwood, John G. Miller, Joseph H. Alexander, and Jon T. Hoffman. Scores of other Federal historians, curators, librarians, and archivists learned their trade from him as well. General Simmons was a well respected and active colleague of the Service historical offices of the Department of Defense, Joint Staff, U.S. Navy, U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force, and Coast Guard. Noted the Chief of Military History, Dr. Jeffrey J. Clarke, General Simmons’ demise is “a major loss to the military history community!”

General Simmons founded, led, and organized events for the Society for Military History, the Company of Military Historians, the Council on America’s Military Past, the United States Commission on Military History, the Military Classics of Washington, DC, the Order of the Carabao, and the order of Saint Crispin. Included is the Marine Corps Historical Foundation, now called the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation that was organized to promote Marine Corps history and built the new National Museum of the Marine Corps. Not only was he active in these organizations, General Simmons also encouraged and supported his professional staff to do the same. According to current Society for Military History president and Marine Corps University board member Professor Carol Reardon: “As part of the extended Marine Corps family, I realize how sad a day it is for all of us....The passing of General Simmons is a real loss.”

Military and service awards recognized General Simmons many efforts, to include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star Medal, three awards of the Legion of Merit one with Combat “V,” the Bronze Star Medal with Combat “V,” the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat “V,” the Purple Heart Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon. On the civil side, General Simmons received the Secretary of the Navy’s Distinguished Civilian Service Award, Phi Beta Kappa, two awards the Society for Military History’s Gondos Prize, Ohio State University’s Distinguished Graduate Medallion, the Marine Combat Correspondents Distinguished Service Award, the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation Distinguished Service Award, and was inducted in the *Marine Corps Gazette* Fifty Year Club. In October 2005, to mark the move of the History and Museums Division to Quantico, Virginia, the President of the Marine Corps University and Commander, Education Command, named a future wing of the Gray Research Center to be called the Brigadier General Edwin H. Simmons Marine Corps History Center.

With the recent deaths of former museum director Colonel F. Brooke Nihart, former chief historian Benis Frank, and General Simmons the future of the Marine Corps historical program is in the hands of a new generation of Marine civilian and field historians.

General Simmons is survived by his wife Francis G., his two sons Edwin H., Jr., and Clarke V.; and two daughters, Bliss and Courtney. They live in Alexandria, Virginia.

After services at the Fort Meyer Old Post Chapel, General Simmons was buried on 25 July 2007 with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery.

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Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting Holiday Inn; Frederick, Maryland April 22, 2007

President Carol Reardon called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. Sunday, April 22, 2007 at the Holiday Inn, Barbara Fritchie Room, in Frederick, Maryland.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual Business Meeting held on May 21, 2006 at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas were printed in the fall 2006 issue of the *Headquarters Gazette* and available to members. A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to approve them as printed was made. The motion was then seconded, and the minutes approved.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

President's Report. Carol Reardon thanked the Society officers and employees for their good work. The Executive Director has centralized annual meeting hotel contracts and arrangements to the benefit of members. Thanks are due the Catocin Center for Regional Studies and the Army Heritage and Education Center for hosting this year's annual meeting in Frederick.

Arrangements for the April 17-20, 2008, annual meeting in Ogden, Utah, directed by Professor William Allison of Weber State University are well underway. During the past year, the SMH council has approved the proposal of Professor Derek Frisby of Central Tennessee State University to host the 2009 SMH annual meeting at Murfreesboro, TN, near Nashville. The SMH leadership at the Council meeting accepted a proposal from the First Division Museum at Cantigny to host the 2010 meeting. The senior leadership will entertain formal proposals to host annual meetings in 2011 and beyond, with a special interest in holding the 2011 meeting in the Washington, DC, area.

President Reardon represented the Society at the annual meetings of the Council on America's Military Past (CAMP) and the American Historical Association (AHA). At the AHA meeting she attended the meeting for AHA affiliates, attended by both the incoming AHA president and the editor of the *The American Historical Review*, and had useful conversations about enhancing the visibility of military history through this organizations publications. Several articles on military history by Society members are in the March 2007 issue of *The Journal of American History* published by the Organization of American Historians. President Reardon is editing a forthcoming American military history issue of the *OAH Magazine of History*, a publication designed for K-12 history teachers. Additionally, SMH is the fourth largest contributor to the National Coalition for History, our advocate in Washington that works with Congress and other governmental offices to represent and protect the interests of the historical profession. Lee White, the new NCH executive director, accepted the president's invitation to attend the 2007 SMH Council meeting.

The George C. Marshall lecture at the AHA was a success with a standing room only crowd to hear Geoffrey Parker, and SMH hosted a successful post-lecture reception. John Shy will be the Marshall lecturer for 2008 and an invitation is out for 2009.

Preparations for awarding two new prizes approved by council in 2006 made substantial progress this past year. The Edward M. Coffman Prize, named for "Mac" Coffman, Professor Emeritus of History at the University of Wisconsin, has almost reached the initial goal of \$20,000 for the award's endowment fund. This is a "first manuscript" prize, the winner to receive a plaque, a monetary award, and expedited review for possible publication by the University of North Carolina Press. The first Coffman Prize is scheduled to be awarded at the 2008 annual meeting. Also at the 2006 SMH meeting, council approved an agreement with ABC-CLIO, in which the publisher would provide two \$500 grants to support the doctoral research of enrolled graduate students who are SMH members. The Graduate Awards committee that typically selects the Weigley Travel Grant winners also ran this competition, with the added involvement of a member of the ABC-CLIO staff, and the first two awards were presented at the Awards Luncheon at the Frederick meeting.

This year's annual meeting saw the introduction of four "Presidential Panels," each co-sponsored by the professional organization of a scholarly specialty that shares common interests with our own. This year the American Society for Environmental History, De Re Militari, the Society of Civil War Historians, and the Peace History Society accepted the president's invitation and sent full panels. The De Re Militari Medieval panel filled the room, and the other invited organizations all enjoyed their experience with us. President Reardon plans to continue hosting Presidential Panels at future meetings.

The Vice President, John Lynn, not being present, President Reardon gave his report. We continue to have a full slate of regional coordinators. Susannah Bruce was the only new regional coordinator appointed over the past year; she represents the Southwest Region. Our other coordinators are David Ian Hall (International), Reina Pennington (New England and New York), Randy Papadopoulos (Mid-Atlantic), Rick Schneid (South), Dave Fitzpatrick (Midwest), Joe Fitzharris (Great Plains), and Mike Pavelec (Western). The election of Dr. Pennington to Trustee will require the appointment of a new Regional Coordinator for New England and New York.

On the whole, the regional coordinators were active this year. The busiest in terms of working with SMH-sponsored events were Rick Schneid, Randy Popadopoulos, and Joe Fitzharris. Randy was the middleman for grants to support the International Society for First World War Conference and the Barnes Conference hosted by Temple University's Center for the Study of Force. He has also been involved in the Washington, DC, Military Classics Seminar. Rick Schneid helped SMH to provide funding for: "The End of the Beginning": The Termination and Aftermath of War in Military History," a conference to be held in October at Delta State University; a conference "International and Internal Security" at Mississippi State; and the second Gunther Rothenberg Seminar, "The Projections of Limitations of Imperial Power." Members from the Southern Region continue to be active in the Consortium on the Revolutionary Europe. Joe Fitzharris has been active working with the Great Northern Plains History Conference, at which he organized sessions. He is also working with organizers of the Missouri Valley History Conference, with six or seven sessions on military history.

Additionally, David Ian Hall is pursuing projects in the United Kingdom and Europe. The Defense Studies Department of King's College will hold a small conference with the SMH on operational studies during the summer of 2008. Susannah Bruce is taking charge in the Southwest Region, busying herself with two upcoming regional conferences including military sessions, most importantly the Southern Historical Association meeting to be held in New Orleans in 2008.

The Executive Director created a new form for Regional Coordinators to apply to the Vice President for funds in support of regional activities. The form can be downloaded from the SMH website.

Executive Director's Report. Robert Berlin thanked President Reardon the officers, trustees and committees for their support and contributions to the Society during the past year. There are 2,485 individual members (including 280 student members), a gain of 232 members from my report last year. There are 110 sustaining members (paying \$100 and above) an increase of 9 from last year. SMH has exceeded the goal of having a membership of 2,400. There are 24 contributing members who made a donation above their dues, a decrease of 9 from last year. There are 525 institutional members, a gain of 10 from last year. Thanks are due to Wendy Vandervort for conducting the solicitation of subscribers to *Military History Quarterly* that produced 97 new SMH members and for all her efforts to increase membership.

As indicated by the Treasurer's report the Operating Fund had a revenue surplus of \$94,581. Total SMH assets are \$417,493, an increase of over \$17,000 from last year. The projected budget includes a surplus in excess of \$47,000. The Coffman and Weigley funds have been established as separate funds. SMH had its annual audit by James R. Turner & Company, P.C. Certified Public Accountant to verify the Treasurer's financial statements. Our finances are also reviewed by the finance committee.

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John F. Guilmartin, Jr., and Brian Holden Reid were reelected as Trustees. Reina Pennington, Jennifer Speelman, James Willbanks and Mitchell Yockelson were elected to their first terms as trustees. All four constitutional amendments passed by substantial majorities.

The SMH archives are currently in four locations: the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (records prior to 1980) and the homes of SMH Archivist Harold Langley, Past President Tim Nenninger and Executive Director Robert Berlin. Berlin plans to determine if the Kansas State University Archives can become the depository for all SMH Archives.

The Newsletter Editor/Webmaster and Secretary being absent due to having to take early flights the Executive Director gave their reports:

Website and Newsletter. The *Headquarters Gazette* newsletter has been edited by Kurt Hackemer and published and mailed in a timely and efficient manner. SMH arrangements with Advantage Printing of Leavenworth, Kansas continue to be excellent. Advantage Printing has been responsive to all requests and produces a quality product for SMH. The SMH website provides current, relevant information to members. The website has prominently featured links with information on the annual meeting. The webmaster is working on updating and expanding the SMH website www.smh-hq.org

Recording Secretary/Photographer. Council and business meeting minutes were produced in an expeditious and accurate manner and distributed via email. Business meeting minutes were published in the *Headquarters Gazette*. Photos of the annual meeting were also published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report. Graham Cosmas gave his report. The Society's financial position continues to be good. Our Operating Fund again has run a substantial surplus. As of 31 March 2006, the Operating Fund has a surplus of \$94,581.34. Endowment Fund income for the year amounted to \$7,607.33 in interest, dividends, and capital gains. As of 31 March 2007, our investments in the Endowment Fund have registered an unrealized gain in value (difference between purchase price and current market value) of \$11,792.00.

The Society's Endowment Fund continues to be managed by Merrill Lynch as a Working Capital Management Account. Aside from a small money market fund, our funds presently are invested in the two mutual funds mentioned above. At present these funds are paying good dividends and appreciating in market value. As directed by the Council, during the fiscal year, a total of \$137,500 was transferred from the Operating Fund surplus to the Endowment Fund and two new award funds: the Russell F. Weigley Fund for graduate travel scholarships to the annual meeting and the Edward M. Coffman Award Fund. The Weigley Fund now contains \$60,000 invested in a certificate of deposit and in the same two mutual funds as the Endowment Fund. The Coffman Fund, financed by member contributions, is presently invested in certificates of deposit. Both funds are being managed by Merrill Lynch as separate Working Capital Management Accounts. As of 31 March, the Operating Fund "cushion" amounts to more than \$163,000.

In January 2007, Mr. James R. Turner, a Certified Public Accountant, completed an audit of the financial statements and practices of the Society which was reviewed by the Executive Director, the Treasurer, and the Finance Committee. The auditor found the Society generally in good shape in its management of its funds and had no new recommendations for changes in our financial procedures. The practice of having an annual audit in connection with the preparation of the Society's tax returns will be continued.

Project MUSE for FY 06-07 produced revenue for SMH totaling \$44,562.19. MUSE and JSTOR have become a major source of income for the Society.

Journal of Military History (JMH) Editor's Report. Bruce Vandervort began by stating that some copies of the current issue have one signature that is upside down. Anyone with one of these copies can contact the Journal office for a replacement.

Circulation of the print version of the *Journal* declined overall last year. However, membership started to pick up towards the end of 2006, largely due to purchase of the MHQ mailing list and the fact that membership is now required of all who wish to present papers at our annual meetings. Bruce stated that the lower number of subscriptions to the print version of the *Journal* in the last two years does not indicate a decreased interest in our publication among readers, but rather a shift in their way of accessing it. As electronic publishers of our *Journal* can attest, and as SMH receipts from them demonstrate, the *JMH* has a large and growing on-line audience. Online readers will increase in the coming years. *JMH* continues its efforts to increase the print *Journal* subscription base. Those efforts, aided by the stipulation that presenters at our annual conferences must become members, have already had a positive effect.

Members will have noticed that the cover pages of the last two issues of the *Journal* have been produced in color. This has been positively received by advertisers and, we hope, by readers as well. From 1 January to 12 April this year, we have received 37 new manuscripts, as compared to 24 over the same period in 2006. The quality of submissions seems to be higher as well.

The Editor encourages more letters to the editor.

OLD BUSINESS

President Reardon called on Bill Allison from Weber State University to discuss planning for the 2008 annual meeting in Ogden, Utah, on April 17-20, 2008. He explained that Ogden is forty minutes on I-15 from Salt Lake City, and there is shuttle service and may be commuter rail by the time of the meeting. The meeting will be held at the Ogden Eccles Conference Center. The Center has superb facilities. The nearby Marriott Ogden has 190 rooms at a rate of \$80 (single)/\$88 (double) per night. The rate includes a continental breakfast. The Marriott will be extensively renovated this summer and the negotiated rate is below standard rates. Members will have to reserve by March 26, 2008, to obtain this rate. 50 Rooms will also be held at The Hampton Inn that is co-located with the Eccles Conference Center at a rate of \$109. Exciting events and sponsored receptions have been planned for the meeting. The meeting theme is "The Military and Frontiers" and the Call for Papers has been published and a meeting website established: <http://www.weber.edu/History/WhatsHappening/SMH2008.html>.

President Reardon called on Derek Frisby from Middle Tennessee State University to report on planning for the 2009 annual meeting. The meeting will be in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, on April 2-5, 2009. Located thirty minutes south of Nashville, historic Murfreesboro sits in the heart of Middle Tennessee. The recently renovated Nashville International Airport (BNA) offers direct and non-stop flights to/from every major US city via all major airlines, including American and Southwest airlines. The Murfreesboro Embassy Suites Convention Center (scheduled to open in 2008) will serve as the conference venue and headquarters hotel. The area surrounding the convention site features affordable shopping and appetizing dining opportunities in a new facility known as The Avenues. Downtown Murfreesboro, just a short distance from the convention center, features a new local history museum and features one of the few antebellum county courthouses remaining in Tennessee. Additionally, the convention center is only a few minutes from the Stones River National Battlefield, where Civil War armies clashed in late 1862.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation of Approved 2007-2008 Budget. Graham Cosmas reported that the Council has approved the 2007-2008 budget. It projects total revenues of about \$292K and expenditure of about \$245K leaving a surplus in excess of \$47K.

Announcement of New Committee Appointments. Mike Neiberg was asked an agreed to continue an additional year as chair of the Awards committee. George Rable of the University of Alabama was appointed to the Graduate Awards Committee. Greg Urwin of Temple University was appointed to the Finance Committee. Since Reina Pennington was elected a trustee a replacement will be needed for her as Regional Coordinator.

Announcement of New Initiatives. President Reardon stated that the invitation to high school teachers to a pre meeting event hosted by ABC-Clio was "good but not great." It will be continued with revisions next year. Other initiatives have already been discussed.

Announcement of SMH Policies and Procedures. Robert Berlin stated that all four Constitutional Amendments passed. This means the President and Vice President each serve one two year term and that the Vice President can run unopposed for President. The George C. Marshall Committee and Membership Committees are formally established.

There being no other new business the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 A.M.

Robert H. Berlin
Executive Director

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

SOCIETY FOR MILITARY HISTORY

2007 AWARDS AND PRIZES

The Society for Military History 2007 Awards and Prizes were presented at the annual awards banquet on April 20 at the Holiday Inn & Conference Center in Frederick, Maryland. The winners are:

Samuel Eliot Morison Prize: James McPherson

The Morison Prize recognizes not any one specific achievement, but a body of contributions in the field of military history, extending over time and reflecting a spectrum of scholarly activity contributing significantly to the field.

Victor Gondos Memorial Service Award: Larry Bland

The Gondos Award is presented for long, distinguished or particularly outstanding service to the Society for Military History.

Distinguished Book Awards were presented to:

John Grenier, for *The First Way of War: American War Making on the Frontier, 1607-1814*, published by Cambridge University Press.

Robert A Doughty, for *Pyrrhic Victory: French Strategy and Operations in the Great War*, published by The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press.

Adrian Goldsworthy, for *Caesar: Life of a Colossus*, published by Yale University Press.

Peter Karsten, editor, for *Encyclopedia of War and American Society*, published by Sage Publications.

Moncado Prizes are awarded annually to the authors of the four best articles published in *The Journal of Military History* during the previous calendar year. This year's winners are:

Andrea Brady, "Dying with Honour: Literary Propaganda and the Second English Civil War," *The Journal of Military History* 70 (January 2006): 9-30.

Stephen R. Ortiz, "The 'New Deal' for Veterans: The Economy Act, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Origins of New Deal Dissent," *The Journal of Military History* 70 (April 2006): 415-438.

Tim Cook, "The Politics of Surrender: Canadian Soldiers and the Killing of Prisoners in the Great War," *The Journal of Military History* 70 (July 2006): 637-666.

Ciro Paoletti, "Prince Eugene of Savoy, the Toulon Expedition of 1707, and the English Historians - A Dissenting View," *The Journal of Military History* 70 (October 2006): 939-962

Russell F. Weigley Graduate Student Travel Grants honor one of the great American military historians of the 20th century and support participation by outstanding graduate students in the Society's annual meeting. This year's grants were presented to:

Barton Myers, University of Georgia

John Maass, Ohio State University

Jody Perrun, University of Manitoba

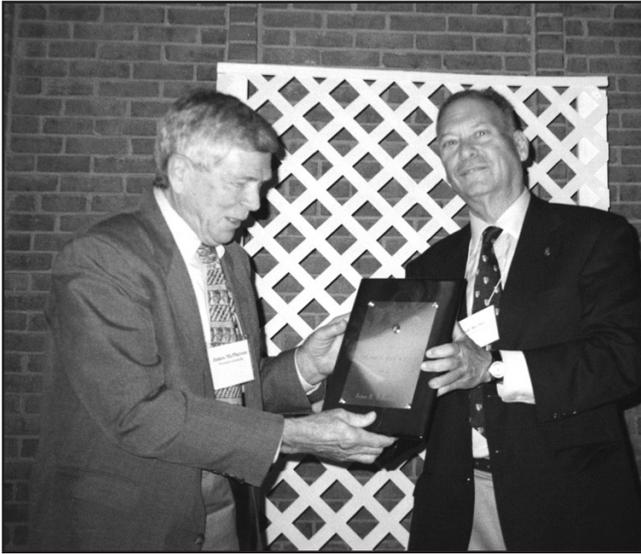
Angela Zombek, University of Florida

Jim Flook, University of Florida

Thomas Nestor, Texas A&M University

The members of the Awards committee were Kelly DeVries, Geoff Jensen, Jennifer Keene, Michael Neiberg (Chair), and Ethan Rafuse. The members of the Weigley Awards committee were: Chip Dawson, Kay Reist (Chair), and Jim Willbanks.

2007 ANNUAL MEETING



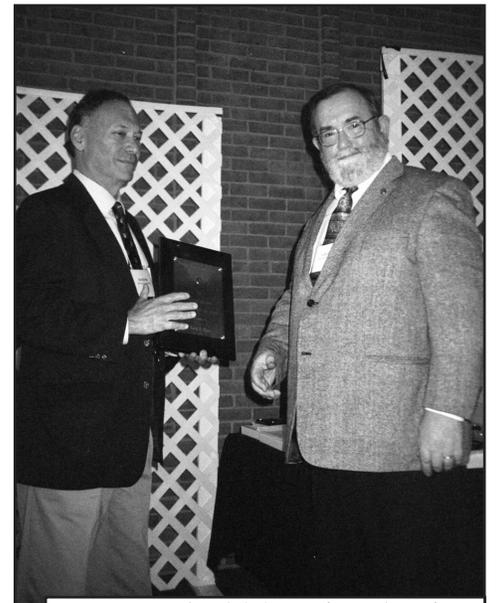
Professor James McPherson (L) receives the Society's Samuel Eliot Morison Prize from Executive Director Robert Berlin (R).
Photo credit: Tom Morgan



Tim Cook (R) receives a Moncado Prize from Executive Director Robert Berlin (L).
Photo credit: Tom Morgan



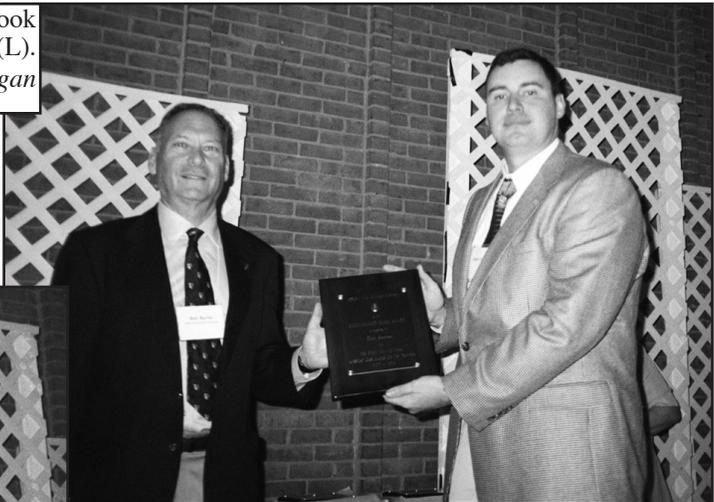
Pat Carlin of ABC-CLIO (L) presents a Travel Grant Award to Jonathon White (R).
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Larry Bland (R) receives the Victor Gondos Memorial Service Award from Executive Director Robert Berlin (L).
Photo credit: Tom Morgan

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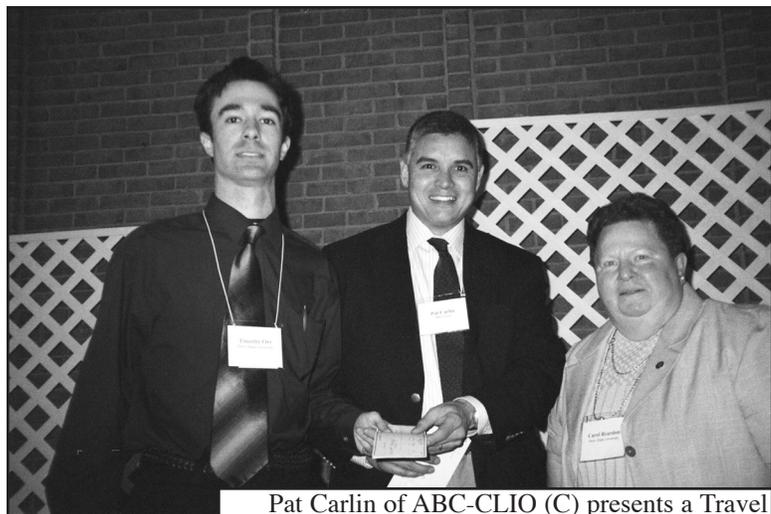
John Grenier (R) receives a Distinguished Book Award from Executive Director Robert Berlin (L).
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Peter Karsten (R) receives a Distinguished Book Award from Executive Director Robert Berlin (L).
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Brigadier General (Retired) Robert Doughty (L) receives a Distinguished Book Award from Executive Director Robert Berlin (R).
Photo credit: Tom Morgan



Pat Carlin of ABC-CLIO (C) presents a Travel Grant Award to Timothy Orr (L) as President Carol Reardon (R) watches.
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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Call for Papers: 2008 SMH Annual Meeting

75th Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Ogden, Utah, April 17-20, 2008.

The Society for Military History is pleased to announce its call for papers for the 75th Annual Meeting, hosted by Weber State University at the Ogden Eccles Convention Center in Ogden, Utah, April 17-20, 2008. The conference theme is "The Military and Frontiers," highlighting the military's role relating to geographic, technological, political, social, and other frontiers. Panel proposals must include a panel title, contact information for all panelists, a brief description of the purpose and theme of the panel, abstracts of each of the three papers (one paragraph each), brief CVs for all panelists, including commentator and panel chair. Proposals for individual papers are welcome and should include a brief abstract, brief CV, and contact information. Deadline for proposals is November 1, 2007. While the theme of the conference will provide a basic guide to determining the final program, the Program Committee will gladly consider proposals on other facets and perspectives of military history. Proposals may be submitted electronically to Dr. Nikolas Gardner at Nikolas.Gardner@maxwell.af.mil or by regular mail to Dr. Nikolas Gardner, Chair, SMH 2008 Program Committee, Air War College, 325 Chennault Circle, Maxwell AFB, AL 36112.

The meeting will be held at the Ogden Eccles Conference Center in downtown Ogden, with the Ogden Marriott and Hampton Inn Downtown serving as host hotels. Ogden is easily accessible via Salt City International Airport. The conference site is located just off of Ogden's Historic 25th Street, which offers a range of local restaurants, pubs, and shopping. Information concerning registration and lodging can be found at: <http://www.weber.edu/History/WhatsHappening/SMH2008.html>. Please contact Prof. Bill Allison at wallison@weber.edu or (801) 626-6710 for more details.

Society for Military History Election Results

The Tellers Committee met on April 12 to count the 360 ballots received. Carol Reardon was reelected President, Brian Linn was elected Vice President. John Guilmartin, Brian Holden Reid were reelected as Trustees and Reina Pennington, Jennifer Speelman, James Willbanks and Mitchell Yockelson are the newly elected trustees.

All four constitutional amendments passed by substantial majorities. In future the Vice President will run unopposed for President and the President and Vice President will be restricted to serving one term of two years. The amendments make the Membership and Marshall Lecture Committees permanent.

SMH Members' Help Sought

The National Museum of the United States Army is engaged in the process of developing themes and specific exhibits for their galleries. Whenever possible, they intend to use the words of real soldiers wherever feasible and appropriate to tell the Army story. For many periods, locating personal narrative accounts of Army service is a question of winnowing through an embarrassment of riches, as there are so many moving, poignant accounts to draw from. This is certainly the case in looking at the two World Wars, the Civil War, and some other periods. The difficulty arises in finding good accounts from earlier periods and more obscure conflicts or periods of service. Examples are the War of 1812, frontier Army service in the pre-Civil War era, the Cold War, and the first Gulf War, to name a few. The museum is requesting the assistance of SMH members in locating and or recommending personal narrative accounts of US Army service that are enlightening, informative, and useful in reflecting the soldier experience in the US Army over time. They are especially interested in enlisted men's accounts.

Those who might contribute to this effort should contact Stephen McGeorge at stephen.c.mcgeorge@us.army.mil. While a gloss or summary of what an individual account covers will be helpful, it is not necessary. The essential information he needs is a bibliographical citation sufficient to locate the account and evaluate it as it may pertain to a variety of National Museum gallery and exhibit themes.

Carol Reardon Receives 2007 Atherton Award for Excellence in Teaching

SMH President Carol Reardon is one of four Penn State faculty members have been honored with the 2007 George W. Atherton Award for Excellence in Teaching. The award, named after Penn State's seventh president,

honors excellence in teaching at the undergraduate level. Reardon teaches a variety of military history courses, ranging from survey courses in the Civil War era and on Vietnam to upper-level and graduate courses on American military history and topical issues in military history. She is lauded for her passion for subjects as well as her ability to connect with her students through humor and examples that relate to their lives. History must “live and breathe,” Reardon says, for it to have personal relevance to students’ lives. To make that point, Reardon encourages students to seek history from unconventional sources. In Reardon’s Civil War course, each student is assigned a real soldier in the Confederate Army to track through the course of the war. “I always felt like she was teaching the class like it was a story and we were living right in it,” a student said. Congratulations, Carol!

**Naval History Symposium
September 20-22, 2007
United States Naval Academy
Annapolis, Maryland**

The 2007 Naval History Symposium marks the full resumption of this scholarly enterprise at the History Department of the US Naval Academy. In keeping with past practice, the Symposium will be an alternate year event, with the next Symposium scheduled for 2009. At this year’s symposium, there will be 36 panels composed of scholars from all over the world focusing on a wide range of naval and maritime history, plus two keynote speeches by renowned naval historians. The symposium is open to all. To attend, you must register. For more information on the program, registration, lodging and transportation, please visit our website at www.usna.edu/history/symposium, or email to yu@usna.edu, or call (410) 293-6250.

Prize Announced

SMH member George F. Hofmann has been awarded the Army Historical Foundation’s LTG Richard G. Trefry Award, honoring Hofmann’s contribution to army history in his book *Through Mobility We Conquer: The Mechanization of U.S. Cavalry*. The book examines the evolution of armor in the U.S. Army and the assimilation of cavalry into the armored force. After the tremendous loss of life in WWI, the U.S. Army began to research ways to minimize attrition in future conflicts. The increased mobility offered by advances in motorized technology brought new possibilities to the battlefield, but also brought the problem of how to best merge the existing cavalry with new motorized vehicles and weapons. Hofmann draws upon a wide variety of primary sources to chronicle the transition from cavalry to mechanized units and to tell the story of the traditional cavalry branch chiefs who fought change and the visionary officers who sought it.

Call for Papers

The 2008 Missouri Valley History Conference will be held March 6-8 2007 in Omaha, NE. The Society for Military History sponsors a full slate of sessions at the MVHC. Individual proposals and session proposals are welcome. For individuals, send a one-page proposal and short vitae (only vitae if volunteering to chair/comment). For sessions, send one-page session proposal, one-page proposals for each paper, and short vitae for all participants. Please include E-mail addresses. The Society for Military History offers a monetary award as part of the Kevin J. Carroll Prize for the Best Graduate Student Paper in Military History presented at the MVHC. This conference web site is www.unomaha.edu/uno/history/mvhchome. Deadline for proposals is October 15, 2007. Send proposals and vitae to: Connie K. Harris, PO Box 121, Grasston, MN 55030. Or send by e-mail to: ckharris1@juno.com.

Call for Papers: The International Community of Flight: A Centennial History

In 1908, just five years after making their first, short pioneering flights, the Wright Brothers introduced their invention to the world with spectacular demonstrations in the United States and France. The flights of 1908 confirmed the accomplishments of the two brothers from Ohio not just to the public at large, but to the international community of experimenters who had also dreamed of a flying machine. The Wrights had been members of this community from the start of their inquiries in the 1890s. Once publicly presenting their invention, the Wrights immediately became leading figures in an international community dedicated to bringing the benefits of flight to the world. Flight has been a truly international phenomenon ever since.

The centennial year of those flights affords the opportunity to reflect upon this international community of flight. A conference is being planned for the centennial in Dayton, Ohio, May 8-10, 2008, at Wright State Univer-

sity. Conference organizers are seeking paper and panel proposals focusing broadly on the international nature of the history and development of flight, 1908-2008. Possible topics include, but are not limited to, flight research, development of airlines and international transportation, important individuals, political and diplomatic initiatives, aviation and the arts, international cooperation, and international competition.

Both individual papers and panel proposals will be accepted. Those submitting an individual paper need to submit a one-page abstract of the paper and a one-page c.v. Panel proposals should include a brief explanation of the overall theme of the panel, plus one-page abstracts of each paper and one-page c.v.'s for each participant. Those submitting panels are strongly encouraged to also include the names and c.v.'s of proposed chairs and commentators. Established scholars and graduate students are encouraged to apply.

All materials must be submitted via e-mail to: François Le Roy, Chair, Program Committee, at Leroy@nku.edu by October 15, 2007.

Naval Historical Center Announces Awards

Hayes Fellowship: The Director of Naval History selected Captain Mark R. Hagerott, USN, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Maryland, to receive the \$10,000 Rear Admiral John D. Hayes Predoctoral Fellowship in U.S. Naval History for 2007-2008. Captain Hagerott is preparing a doctoral dissertation entitled "The Influence of Large Technological Systems on the Education and Professional Development of the U.S. Navy Officer Corps, 1955-1975." Hagerott intends to investigate if the Navy's technical specialists exerted an historically unique influence over the selection, training, and promotion of line officers who would command the fleet's surface ship and submarines.

Hooper Grant: The Director of Naval History selected Dr. George J. Billy, Chief Librarian of the Bland Memorial Library, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, NY, to receive a Vice Admiral Edwin B. Hooper Research Grant in U.S. Naval History (\$2,500) for 2007-2008. Dr. Billy has devoted considerable attention to the study of U.S. submarine operations in World War II. He will employ his Hooper Grant to support a book project on the thirteen war patrols of USS Swordfish.

The Edward S. Miller Research Fellowship in Naval History.

The Naval War College Foundation intends to award one grant of \$1,000 to the researcher who has the greatest need and can make the optimum use of research materials for naval history located in the Naval War College's Archives, Naval Historical Collection, Naval War College Museum, and Henry E. Eccles Library. A guide to the College's manuscript, archival, and oral history collections may be found on the Naval War College's website <http://www.nwc.navy.mil/museum>. Scroll down to 'naval history resources' and click on "Naval Historical Collection Publications." Further information on the manuscript and archival collections and copies of the registers for specific collections are available online or on request from the Head, Naval Historical Collection. E-mail: evelyn.cherpak@nwc.navy.mil.

The recipient will be a Research Fellow in the Naval War College's Maritime History Department, which will provide administrative support during the research visit. Submit detailed research proposal that includes statement of need and plan for optimal use of Naval War College materials, curriculum vitae, at least two letters of recommendation, and relevant background information to Miller Naval History Fellowship Committee, Naval War College Foundation, 686 Cushing Road, Newport RI 02841-1207, by 1 August 2007. For further information, contact the chair of the selection committee at john.hattendorf@nwc.navy.mil. Employees of the U.S. Naval War College or any agency of the U.S. Department of Defense are not eligible for consideration; EEO/AA regulations apply.

Book Published

John P. Sinnott and Granville M. Brumbaugh co-authored *To Paris! 1914 Then and Now* (Snake Nation Press). This book follows the right flank of the German advance through Belgium and Northern France during the first six weeks of World War I with pictures taken in 1914 and photos of those same locations taken in October 2003. The historical context of the campaign and its strategies and tactical aspects also are addressed in the book, reflecting not only the long-term effects of the failure of the August 1914 offensive - many of which are today's headline news - but also on a number of interesting and little-known contradictions in the German war plan and its execution.

Researcher Looking for Information

Ginger Cucolo is a military spouse who is researching ID Tags/Dog Tags for a book she is writing. In her words: I am trying to reach active duty, veterans, and family members who have personal stories about (and images of) their Dog Tags. I have a website: www.dogtaghistory.com, and on it there are questionnaires for those that are interested in sharing their stories. Here is the angle: The 100 year anniversary of the official use of military personal identity tags, affectionately known as Dog Tags, recently passed without fanfare. We are currently in a war where the Dog Tag is once again a highly personal item to warriors in every service and their families. Each Dog Tag carries its own human interest story, and is much more than a piece of metal with words and numbers imprinted on it. Receiving it, hanging it around the neck, and feeling it is at once a silent statement of commitment. The tag itself individualizes the human being who wears it within a huge and faceless organization. The armed forces demand obedience, commitment, and duty to a higher cause, but the Dog Tag which hangs privately within their shirts, close to their chests, becomes a part of them. In a way it brings comfort to that fear of every Soldier facing death: I do not want to be forgotten; I will not be unknown. Understanding and sharing the history of Dog Tags and their deeply personal meaning in today's world is at the core of this book. I would be interested in knowing if any of your historians have any stories to share about this subject, or know of anyone else I can contact. I would greatly appreciate it. I have written permission from the Army to research and publish on this subject if you need verification. Please check out the site to get more information. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Ginger Cucolo, info@dogtaghistory.com

Call for Papers

The History Department is pleased to invite proposals for the University of Victoria Military Oral History Conference to be held in Victoria, BC on 21-23 February 2008. The intention of the conference is to bring together senior undergraduate and graduate students, academics and veterans working in a variety of fields in military history in order to foster discussion in a multi disciplinary environment. Papers addressing all facets of military history which rely heavily upon oral history will be considered. This includes, but is not limited to, the writing of popular military history, official history, operational history, military families and the home front, First Nations, Military Medicine, records management and archival preservation.

Proposals are welcome from all scholars, but senior undergraduate and graduate students are especially encouraged to submit. We also encourage submissions from community scholars, independent scholars, archivists and librarians working in the field. We encourage a broad interpretation of the conference theme from a variety of fields and backgrounds. Panel submissions will be considered.

Proposals should not exceed 250 words and should be accompanied by a short biographical sketch. The proposal must outline how it fits with the conference theme - i.e., military oral history. The deadline for submissions is 15 November 2007. Subsidies for students, to offset some of the costs associated with travel to the conference, are available.

Please submit proposals to Dr. Shawn Cafferky, Department of History, University of Victoria, P.O. Box 3045, Victoria, B.C., V8W 3P4 or E-mailed to shawncaf@uvic.ca. For more information, contact: Dr. David Zimmerman (250) 721-7399 dzimmerm@uvic.ca or Dr. Shawn Cafferky (250) 721-7287 shawncaf@uvic.ca

Research Help Wanted

Isthmus of Panama Expedition: Seeking persons with information about 1953 US and Panamanian military trip across Isthmus of Panama following Spanish explorer Vasco Nunez Balboa's 1513 route to Pacific Ocean. Expedition was composed of approximately 40 US Army, 6 US Marines, 2 US Navy Corpsmen and 10 Panamanian personnel. Contact John F. Forgette, 104 South Garden Street, Bellingham, WA 98225-5818; (360) 671-5083.

Upcoming Symposium

The Air Force Historical Foundation proudly announces its symposium, The Evolution of Air and Space Power - Know the Past, Shape the Future, in celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the United States Air Force, Oct 16-17, 2007, Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, Arlington, Virginia. There will be three panels:

1. War in the Shadows, moderated by Maj Gen Richard L. Comer, USAF (Ret), with four papers.
2. Conventional War, moderated by Mr C. R. (Dick) Anderegg, Director, US Air Force History and Museums Programs, with five papers.
3. Space and Cyber War, moderated by Ms Natalie Crawford, RAND Corporation, with four papers.

Keynote Speaker: Dr Philip Meilinger.
Banquet Speaker: Mr Keith Ferris, aviation artist.
First Annual General Carl "Tooey" Spaatz Award presentation.
Information and updates available on Web site, www.afhistoricalfoundation.org.

Research Help Wanted

Memories and recollections of your father, grandfather or other relative who was an American soldier of World War I (1917-1919) for inclusion in a forthcoming book about the American veterans of World War I. I need your poignant stories of his having been gassed, wounded or shell-shocked (PTST). Also need the stories of those who cared for these men in Veterans Administration Hospitals or elsewhere. Credit given for your contribution. David Homsher: daveh@battlegroundpro.com.

Conference Announcement **Nature of War, 9-14 September 2007**

In the Twenty-First Century, is war changing its nature as well as its character? Many of war's features today are less new than we sometimes think. Non-state actors were as much a feature of warfare in the 15th and 16th centuries as they are of our own. Non-combatants were as likely to become victims of war in previous generations as in ours; and many civilians were prompted themselves to take up arms, often regardless of age and sex. Historical perspectives on war are therefore one way in which we can analyze it, and also understand what is really new and what simply seems to be new.

The Nature of War will study war in its various manifestations, its theorists, its apparent permanence as a feature of the human condition and its contemporary evolution. The programme will begin by examining the ideas which shaped thinking on war for most of the twentieth century. Next we shall explore how the US - the world's only superpower - has developed its own evolving approach to warfare. Finally we will address those issues which have become increasingly important in our understanding of war in the twenty-first century.

Christ Church again welcomes speakers of the highest distinction and scholarship, drawn from the academic and military worlds. The academic programme is based on a theme introduced by the late Robin Neillands and is led by Professor Hew Strachan, Chichele Professor of War at the University of Oxford, Academic Advisor to The Nature of War and the event's distinguished keynote speaker.

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Pritzker Military Library Award Announced

James M. McPherson, whose outstanding historical work on the American Civil War has placed him among the top writers of our time, has been selected to receive the first-ever Pritzker Military Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing. The \$100,000 honorarium, citation and medallion, sponsored by the Chicago-based Tawani Foundation, will be presented at the Library's black-tie Liberty Gala on October 6th at Chicago's Drake Hotel (140 E. Walton Place). The announcement was made today via world-wide webcast by the Library's founder and CEO, James N. Pritzker at www.pritzkermilitarylibrary.org.

The Pritzker Military Library Award recognizes a single living author for a body of work dedicated to enriching the understanding of American military history including military affairs. The recipient's contributions may be academic, non-fiction, fiction or a combination of any of the three and their work should embody the values of the Pritzker Military Library.

“Our purpose in establishing the Pritzker Military Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement is to acknowledge the highest levels of scholarship and writing in a field that often does not gain appropriate recognition,” Pritzker said. “By providing an annual award to the most thoughtful and articulate scholar writing about war and military activities, we may in turn be lead to better solutions and perhaps a better life for all of us.”

James McPherson is the George Henry Davis ‘86 Professor of History Emeritus at Princeton University. He has published numerous volumes on the Civil War, including *Lincoln and the Second American Revolution, Drawn with the Sword: Reflections on the American Civil War* and *For Cause and Comrades: Why Men Fought in the Civil War*, which won the prestigious Lincoln Prize in 1998. He was awarded a Pulitzer Prize for his single-volume treatment of the Civil War, *Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era*.

“I am profoundly honored to receive this award,” said McPherson in response to the announcement. “I started my career as a historian of the radical social and political consequences of the Civil War and soon discovered that these changes depended on the military course of the conflict.” McPherson would pursue his goal as a military historian in order to “explore and write about the complex and crucial interconnections between the battlefield and home front, not only in the Civil War, but in all wars. I am proud that my contributions to understanding these relationships are being recognized.”

James McPherson’s nomination was submitted by his publisher, Oxford University Press. “Oxford University Press warmly congratulates Jim McPherson on his receipt of the first Pritzker Military Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing,” said Niko Pfund, Vice President and Publisher. “Few scholars more consistently combine first-rate scholarship with accessible historical writing, and few authors are more of a pleasure to publish. We are delighted that so richly deserving a writer and thinker has been chosen to inaugurate this prestigious award.”

A national panel of historians, writers and individuals related to the study of American history and heritage reviewed nominations and definitive works submitted by publishers, agents, book sellers and other professional literary organizations. The finalist recommendation was unanimously endorsed by the executive council of the Foundation established to oversee the award process.

The Pritzker Award will be presented on Saturday, October 6, 2007 during the Library’s annual Liberty Gala at Chicago’s historic Drake Hotel. The Library will also recognize veteran journalist John Callaway for his 50 year broadcast career. The evening will include a tribute to members of the armed forces and features a dramatic presentation by the Steppenwolf Theater Company. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit the library website at: www.pritzkermilitarylibrary.org.

U.S. Army in World War II Series Out of Print?

Recently, it came to the attention of the U.S. Army Center of Military History that certain booksellers are advertising that many of the volumes of the official series, *The U.S. Army in World War II* - popularly known as “the green books - are out of print, and that they have the few remaining copies for sale. Frequently in the past, private publishers have republished volumes from the series on the pretext that they have gone out of print, and then they have charged top dollar for them. Suffice to say, all of the series is still in print and will be for the foreseeable future, given the demand in the private sector and their ongoing use in Army schools and historical programs. While occasionally out of stock (as opposed to out of print), they are available for purchase through the Government Printing Office at <http://bookstore.gpo.gov>, or by calling (866) 512-1800 toll free. A complete catalog of CMH publications is available at the CMH website at www.army.mil/cmh/catalog/index.html.

Taps

Regrettably, the Society all too often finds itself listing obituary announcement. Since the last newsletter it has come to our attention that the following SMH members have passed away: Mr. William Elisburg, Key Biscayne, Florida; Mr. Benis M. Frank of Bowie, Maryland.

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At the Society's 2002 annual meeting in Madison, the decision was made to establish a sustaining membership level of \$100 as a means for those members who are financially able to demonstrate their increased support for the Society. It was also decided to recognize contributing members, those who contribute funds to the Society in excess of regular membership, either less or more than sustaining membership. It is with grateful appreciation that the Society acknowledges those members who have made additional contributions during the last year.

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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.

CIA DOCUMENTS REVEAL “UNFLATTERING” HISTORY- On June 26, 2007 the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) released two sets of previously classified historical documents detailing some of the most infamous activities by the agency involving overseas assassination plots, kidnapping, and domestic spying. The material is being released in response to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request originally filed by the National Security Archive in 1992.

The first collection, which some call the “Family Jewels,” consists of almost 700 pages and was compiled in 1973 under Director of Central Intelligence James Schlesinger, who asked CIA employees to report activities they thought might be inconsistent with the Agency’s charter. The second collection, the CAESAR-POLO-ESAU papers, consists of 147 documents and 11,000 pages of analysis from 1953 to 1973. The CAESAR and POLO papers studied Soviet and Chinese leadership hierarchies, respectively, and the ESAU papers were developed by analysts to inform CIA assessments on Sino-Soviet relations.

The release of the documents was announced last week in a speech given to the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) by CIA Director Michael V. Hayden. “Most of it is unflattering, but it is CIA’s history,” Hayden told the group.

CHENEY ACCUSED OF SEEKING TO ABOLISH SECURITY OVERSIGHT OFFICE- In a letter released on June 21, 2007, Chairman Henry Waxman (D-CA) of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee accused Vice President Dick Cheney of seeking to abolish the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) at the National Archives. The Vice President’s action was allegedly in retaliation for the ISOO’s attempts to force his office to comply with reporting requirements dealing with national security classification under Executive Order (EO) 12958.

EO 12958 sets up a system for classifying, safeguarding and declassifying national security information. One of ISOO’s main functions is to oversee the security classification programs in federal agencies and to ensure compliance with its standards through inspections of federal agency records and procedures. In 2006, the Office of the Vice President (OVP) refused to comply with ISOO’s inspection and reporting requirements on the grounds that they did not fall within the definition of “agency” as set forth in EO 12958. The Office of Vice President asserted that it was not an “entity within the executive branch” and thus exempt from having to report its security classification activities to ISOO.

In 2006, the ISOO sent two separate letters to the Office of the Vice President requesting that they comply with the executive order and allow ISOO access to their records, and both were ignored. In January 2007, the ISOO then sent a letter to Attorney General Gonzales requesting his interpretation as to whether the Vice President’s Office was an “agency” and subject to the reporting requirements of the executive order, and no response was forthcoming.

According to the Waxman letter to Cheney, Executive Order 12958 is currently being revised. ISOO Director J. William Leonard told the Oversight Committee that during the inter-agency review of the proposed changes, the Office of the Vice President sought to abolish the ISOO, and also to amend the EO to include a provision exempting the OVP from oversight. Leonard stated that the inter-agency review group had rejected the OVP’s recommendations.

Waxman’s committee requested that the OVP give responses to a series of questions concerning its dealings with the ISOO by July 12. Neither the White House nor the OVP has responded to the Oversight Committee’s allegations.

LOS ALAMOS LAB BLOCKS RESEARCHER ACCESS TO ARCHIVES- Los Alamos National Laboratory will no longer permit historians and other researchers to have access to its archival records because Los Alamos National Security (LANS), the private contractor that now operates the Lab, says it has “no policy in place” that would allow such access.

“Policies that had previously applied to the University of California relating to the disclosure of information directly to you are no longer applicable,” wrote Judy Archuleta of the Los Alamos Information Practices Office to Alex Wellerstein, a graduate student at Harvard.

Mr. Wellerstein had sought copies of Lab records on the history of nuclear secrecy policy and he had been led to believe that access to such material would be granted, in accordance with past practice. “Because LANS is a private company, the policies that applied [previously] are no longer in place,” she said. “No policy is presently in place that authorizes the direct disclosure of the information you seek,” she wrote.

Instead, Mr. Wellerstein was told that he should pursue his research through the Freedom of Information Act. “The FOIA process, however cumbersome, currently provides the only means of accessing our records,” wrote Roger A. Meade, the Los Alamos Archivist/Historian to Wellerstein on April 17, 2007. But FOIA requests are poorly suited to archival research since they can easily take years to process and must specify in advance the records that are sought. In effect, when it comes to historical or other public research, the Los Alamos archives are closed for business.

KEN BURNS AND LATINO COMMUNITY BATTLE OVER WWII LEGACY- The battle between documentary filmmaker Ken Burns and key national Latino groups over Burns’s upcoming World War II series on the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) has escalated this week, according to an article in the Washington Post. At issue is the fact that there is no mention in Burns’s 14-hour documentary of the role of Latinos in battle, or on the home front, during World War II.

A Latino business organization and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus have asked two major corporate underwriters of the project, General Motors and Anheuser-Busch, to disassociate themselves from the documentary. They are also upset that federal funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities was used to produce the film.

Burns has agreed to add footage to the project to address the concerns raised by Latino leaders, but he and the PBS have refused to re-edit the film itself, which has already been completed. However, Latino groups are unhappy with the plan. They feel that tacking additional material onto the film diminishes the contributions Latinos’ made to the war effort. The documentary is set to premiere in September.

HISTORIANS OPPOSE DESTRUCTION OF GUANTANAMO DETAINEE RECORDS- On April 26, 2007, the National Coalition for History, the American Historical Association, and twenty other organizations wrote to U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales and Archivist of the United States Allen Weinstein to express concerns about the possible destruction of records relating to the cases of detainees being held at the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. A recent federal court Protective Order concerning the case records could possibly be interpreted to authorize or direct the destruction of government records that should be permanently preserved, such as the Combatant Status Review Tribunal record and interview notes.

The Protective Order requires that “All documents containing classified information prepared, possessed or maintained by, or provided to, petitioners’ counsel (except filings submitted to the Court and served on counsel for the government), shall [u]pon final resolution of these cases, including all appeals, ...be destroyed by the Court Security Officer.” The protective order permits, but does not require, the government to retain one complete set of any such materials. The organizations’ letters ask the Attorney General and the Archivist to ensure that a complete set of the records is retained, and permanently preserved as a set, in order to ensure an accurate historical and legal record.

NAZI AND JAPANESE WAR CRIMES DECLASSIFICATION PROJECT CONCLUDES- The Nazi War Crimes and Japanese Imperial Government Records Interagency Working Group (IWG), the group tasked with locating, declassifying, and making publicly available U.S. records of Nazi and Japanese war crimes, concluded its work on March 31, 2007.

The IWG was formed under the Nazi War Crimes Disclosure Act of 1998 and the Japanese Imperial Government Disclosure Act of 2000. Its membership consists of representatives of seven Executive Branch agencies and three Presidentially appointed public members. The IWG was extended twice, most recently in March 2005, to complete the largest ever congressionally mandated single-subject declassification effort.

The group's Final Report to Congress will be issued in mid-April. It will describe the history of the legislation that brought about the declassification effort; agencies' implementation of the act; the declassification results; and recommendations for future declassification policies. The seven-year, roughly \$30 million declassification effort, resulted in the opening of more than 8 million pages of U.S. records-not all of them directly linked to war crimes. Notably, the records include the entirety of the operational files of the Office of Strategic Services (the predecessor agency of the CIA), and more than 163,000 pages of CIA materials of a type never before opened to the public.

The declassified records also included more than 435,000 pages of FBI files, 20,000 pages from Army Counter-intelligence Corps files, 100,000 pages related to Japanese War crimes, and 6 million additional pages of records.

MEETINGS CALENDAR 2007

August 22 Air Power, Insurgency and the "War on Terror". King's College London at the Royal Air Force College. Full information at <http://www.airpowerstudies.co.uk/conference2007.htm>.

September 3-6 Palestine and the First World War: New Perspectives, to be held at the Tel-Hai Academic College in Upper Galilee, Israel. Contact Ms Diana Rachamim, Conference Coordinator, Tel Hai Academic College, Israel. E-mail: conference@adm.telhai.ac.il.

September 6-7 Franco-Irish Connections, Military Aspects. Full information at www.servicehistorique.sga.defense.gouv.fr.

September 7-9 Western Front Association Annual National Seminar, Theme: Belligerent War Aims. Location: The Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. For more information contact RADM T. J. Johnson E-mail tjohnson59@aol.com.

September 12 Crossing the Divide: Continuity and Change in Late Medieval and Early Modern Warfare. Contact: Frank Tallett, University of Reading, Department of History, Whiteknights, Reading RG6 6AA. Tel: ++ (0)118 3788147. E-mail: f.tallett@reading.ac.uk.

September 25-27 Transforming the Cold War: The U. S. and China, 1969-1980, sponsored by the Department of State and George Washington University. Contact: Chris Tudda, Historian, Declassification and Publishing Division, Office of the Historian, Department of State. Tel: (202) 663-3054. E-mail: tuddacj@state.gov. Web: <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ho/64142.htm>.

October 3-6 2007 Northern Great Plains History Conference will be held in Duluth, MN. SMH is very active at this conference. For more information, check <http://personal2.stthomas.edu/jcfitzharris/NGPHC/>. Contact: Joe Fitzharris, Department of History - Mail #4018, University of St. Thomas, 2115 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105. E-mail: jcfitzharris@stthomas.edu.

October 17-20 Society for the History of Technology annual meeting. More information: <http://www.historyoftechnology.org/fiftieth.html>. Contact: Paul Ceruzzi, Program Committee Chair: Tel: (202) 633-2414, or send an E-mail to ceruzzip@si.edu.

October 18-19 Symposium on Cryptologic History, sponsored by the National Security Agency's Center for Cryptologic History. Contact: history@nsa.gov.

October 25 The War in Afghanistan, to be hosted at the Royal Military College of Canada, Kingston, Ontario. Contact: Catherine Brown, War Studies, Royal Military College of Canada, PO Box 17000, Station Forces, Kingston, ON K7K 7B4. Tel: (613) 541-6000. E-mail catherine.brown@rmc.ca.

November 29-30 Occupying "the Other": Australia and Military Occupations from Japan to Iraq. The Centre for Asia Pacific Social Transformation Studies (CAPSTRANS), University of Wollongong. Contact: Dr Christine de Matos, CAPSTRANS, University of Wollongong NSW 2522. Tel: 61-2-4221 3627. E-mail: cdm@uow.edu.au.

MEETINGS CALENDAR 2008

February 21-23 Military Oral History Conference: Between Memory and History. University of Victoria, Victoria, British Columbia. Contact: Dr. Shawn Cafferky, History Department, University of Victoria, P.O. Box 3045, Victoria, B.C. V8W 3P4. Tel: (250) 721-7287. E-mail: shawncaf@uvic.ca.

March 6-8 Missouri Valley History Conference, which includes several panels sponsored by SMH. Conference web site: www.unomaha.edu/uno/history/mvhchome. SMH contact: Connie Harris, PO Box 121, Grasston, MN 55030. E-mail: ckharris1@juno.com.

April 17-20 Society for Military History Annual Meeting, Ogden, Utah. The Department of History,

Weber State University will host the meeting at the Ogden Eccles Conference Center/Hampton Inn and Suites. Contact: Bill Allison. Tel: (801) 626-6710. E-mail: wallison@weber.edu. Website: <http://www.weber.edu/History/WhatsHappening/SMH2008.html>.

June 15-17 Society for Civil War Historians, Union League in Philadelphia, PA. Sponsored by the Richards Civil War Era Center at Penn State. Web site: www.richardscenter.psu.edu.

July 25-27 10th Conference on Women and the Civil War. Gettysburg, PA. Full information at www.swcw.org.



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