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## Join Us in Lexington!

Historic and scenic Lexington, Virginia, will be the site for the 2010 SMH Conference.

The theme of the conference, scheduled for May 20-23, is "Causes Lost and Won." The conference, hosted by the Virginia Military Institute and the George C. Marshall Research Library, which is part of the George C. Marshall Foundation, will take place on the post of VMI.

"We are pleased to welcome the SMH back to Lexington," said Marshall Foundation President Brian Shaw. "VMI's new Center for Leadership and Ethics, combined with the other facilities at VMI and the Marshall Library, will be



*Cadet barracks at VMI*



*Lee Chapel at Washington  
& Lee University*

the perfect venues for the event."

The conference theme provides an opportunity for a wide examination of military institutions and practices, including causes, conduct and resolution of past wars. While the theme of the conference will provide a basic guide to determining the full program, proposals on other facets and perspectives of military history will be considered.

Located at the southern end of the Shenandoah Valley, Lexington is at the juncture of Interstates 81 and 64, approximately three hours from Washington, DC. The closest airport is Roanoke, Va., about 50 miles away. More economical flights can often be found to Richmond, Va. (approximately two hours away) and to either of the two Washington airports.

In addition to the conference sessions and events, there will be no shortage for sightseeing and recreation. Lexington is also home to Washington and Lee Univer-

### New License Agreement Between the Society for Military History and EBSCO Publishing Inc.

On 29 June 2009 the Society signed a License Agreement with EBSCO Publishing Inc. giving them exclusive online rights to publish the *Journal of Military History*. Within one year all issues of *The Journal of Military History* and *Military Affairs* will be available online, free of charge to Society for Military History individual members.

Agreements between the SMH and H.W. Wilson, Project MUSE, ProQuest, and JSTOR have been terminated per those agreements. For current JSTOR subscribers access to the JSTOR website will terminate in December 2009. An announcement will be forthcoming when online access to the *Journal of Military History* is available at the EBSCO host data base.

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sity and Lee Chapel, the final resting place for Robert E. Lee.

Other sites in Lexington include the VMI Museum, the George C. Marshall Museum, the Stonewall Jackson House, and the Stonewall Jackson Cemetery. Located within easy driving distance are the Natural Bridge of Virginia, the Woodrow Wilson Birthplace and Library in Staunton, Va., the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, Va., and Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's home just outside Charlottesville, Va.

Civil War battlefields are easily accessible from Lexington. Information about trips during the conference will be featured in future issues of the newsletter.

Outdoor recreational enthusiasts may take advantage of the proximity of the Blue Ridge Parkway and many hiking trails. Fishing and other water activities are available on the Maury and James rivers. Golf and tennis is also easily available.

In a break from recent practice, no single hotel has been designated the "official" hotel for the conference. Blocks of rooms have been reserved at six different hotels located about one mile from VMI. Shuttle transportation to and from the conference will be established, and since VMI is out of session there will be plenty of parking there.

In addition to the historical attractions of the area, Lexington is home to many fine restaurants and "watering holes."

Please watch future issues of the newsletter for more information about the 2010 conference. A conference website will soon be established for registration and to provide other information.

Please join us in historic Lexington, Virginia next May.

## *From the President's Desk*

Let me say at the beginning how honored I am to be elected president of the Society. Ever since I joined as a graduate student over twenty-five years ago, the SMH has been my fictive clan. And one of the things I most like about us is, unlike many historical associations, we are not exclusionary, not elitist, and not ideological. We remain the Society *for* Military History. Our mandate is to encourage the study and dissemination of military history, and our inclusiveness is a great source of strength. We are a community of communities—academic, military personnel, independent scholars, and historians employed by government and non-government agencies. SMH members move easily between these communities throughout their lives: members of the armed forces attend graduate school, academics lecture at professional military institutions, independent researchers write military policy papers—and we all work with SMH members who are archivists and government historians.

We experience this inclusiveness and community most obviously at the SMH's annual meetings, but it is also apparent at conferences or archives whenever SMH members run into each other. The SMH is a remarkably egalitarian fellowship. I remember as a graduate student at my first meetings being amazed that "senior" scholars (a relative term, since most were in their 40s) such as Mac Coffman, Dick Kohn, Russell Weigley, David Trask, and many others—were so helpful and friendly. They gave me advice on archival collections, connected me with specialists in the field, and read my thesis drafts. This strong connection between senior and junior historians remains, as most graduate students who have attended SMH meetings can attest.

As a Trustee and then Vice-President, I have been both humbled and grateful for all the work that the SMH members do. The SMH, and myself, owe a great debt to Carol Reardon and Bob Berlin for all their hard work. The organization is on sound financial footing, it has conference sponsors for several years, and the *Journal of Military History* remains not only the premier journal in the field, but a stellar example of what a professional journal should be. And SMH members have been exceptional in their willingness to read manuscripts, write book reviews, present papers, serve as chair, and staff the SMH's many committees. As vice-president, I got a chance to work with the Regional Coordinators and learn all the things they do to expand our presence. The Regional Coordinators have

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access to funding for conferences and other activities that further the study of military history. They should be the first connection for SMH members who want to publicize an activity in their area or are looking for financial support. Speaking of which, the SMH is looking for regional coordinators in the Southwest and the West. If you are interested, please contact Joe Glatthaar at [jtg@email.unc.edu](mailto:jtg@email.unc.edu).

Chief among every president's duties is to increase the Society's membership, and you, the members, are already doing a great job. Thanks to your efforts, we currently have over 2,400 members. How can we do better? Past presidents and the Membership Committee have developed a number of initiatives. Much of what Joe and I will be doing is following their lead. One source of new members is graduate students working in military-related topics. The Society has an active interest in building for the future—not only does its Weigley Fund sponsor the travel expenses of several graduate students, but senior scholars serve as commentators for their papers. At the last conference nearly a quarter of the 400 participants were graduate students.

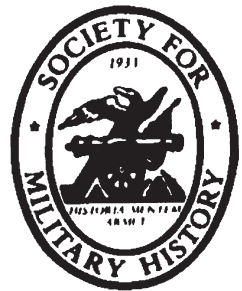
The Society also supports military historians early in their professional careers. Thanks to the generosity of his many admirers, the SMH will now offer the (Edward M.) Coffman Prize for the best manuscript by an author who has not previously published a scholarly book-length manuscript on military history. The competition is open to all first time authors and includes campaign and operation history, biographies, war and society, technology and other military themes. The Coffman Prize includes a cash award, a plaque and after successful editorial review, a publication contract with the University of North Carolina Press.

We can also do more in our departments and with our students. SMH members at institutions of higher education can make their colleagues aware of the breadth and diversity of SMH interests by discussing panels at the conference or bringing to their attention JMH articles relevant to their field of study. I have found most of my colleagues appreciate this, and it does a great deal to establish military history as a legitimate scholarly specialty. Those of us who are teaching military history courses should consider assigning the *Journal* in our seminars. As you know, there is no better source for explaining how to write a research article, how to cite sources, how to write (or not write) a book review. The student subscriptions for SMH membership and a year's subscription to the JMH are deliberately kept low--far less than most textbooks. As an added advantage, students can list membership in a professional organization on their vitas and learn about conferences and research. Some may be inspired to turn their own seminar papers into a conference paper or a publishable article.

The SMH also needs to do more to recruit members among the armed forces' colleges and professional military education institutions. This may seem like preaching to the choir, since their faculty and students have been strong participants in the SMH for decades – in scholarship, service, conference panels, happy hours, staff rides, and many other activities. And I was happy to see that the traditional heavyweights were joined at this year's annual meeting by faculty and students from the relatively 'new' Joint Forces Staff College. But I think we can do even more to connect the SMH with the armed forces' faculty and student historians. To that end, Joe Glatthaar and I are designating SMH 'ambassadors' at the service institutions. They will have a variety of tasks. One of them is recruitment. They will have SMH brochures to give colleagues and students to distribute at appropriate lectures and conferences. They will encourage faculty and students to propose panels for the SMH conference. The ambassadors will also inform the *Headquarters Gazette* of activities in their schools open to SMH members – conferences, lectures, etc. They will advise the Society's leadership on what else the SMH can do to attract members from the military community. We now have three ambassadors: Mike Pavkovic has agreed to serve at the Naval War College, Rich DiNardo at the Marine Corps University, and Tom Hughes will do triple duty at USAF Air Command and Staff College, Air War College, and the School of Advanced Air and Space Studies (SAASS). I hope that by the time you read this there will be SMH representatives at all the major service educational institutions.

To repeat my earlier point, the best recruiters the Society has are you, its members. Please let your Regional Coordinator and the Gazette know if your school or agency is hosting an event that would be of interest to your fellow members. If you would like some SMH brochures, please let either Wendy Vandervort, Bob Berlin, or myself know.

In closing, I want to emphasize my interest in keeping communications open. If you have a question or concern or suggestion, please let me know ([brianmlinn@yahoo.com](mailto:brianmlinn@yahoo.com)). I look forward to seeing you all in Lexington next May.



# NOTES...from the Executive Director

By Robert H. Berlin

## Annual Meetings

The April 2009 Society for Military History 76th annual meeting hosted by Middle Tennessee State University at the new Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center was a great success with over 450 registered. All were impressed by the beautiful guest suites, excellent meeting rooms, great book display area, and the diverse and stimulating sessions on the theme “Warfare and Culture” that ranged from “Race and Gender in Military History” to “Law, Education and Experience in South Africa.” Derek Frisby and his hard working, dedicated Middle Tennessee State colleagues worked long and hard to produce a highly successful meeting. The Awards Luncheon and Banquet were both well attended. Frank Wetta provided a superb Awards Luncheon Program. The Jack Daniel’s distillery tour, tasting and BBQ Dinner and Dance was greatly enjoyed by all attending. The graduate student luncheon arranged by Alex Bielakowski and the membership committee and hosted by the Society provided a great lunch for over eighty grad students and introduced them to the Society’s officers. Our annual meetings continue to offer a variety of intellectual and social opportunities for all attending.

Plan now to attend the 2010 meeting May 20-22 in Lexington, VA hosted jointly by the Virginia Military Institute and the George C. Marshall Foundation. The conference theme is “Causes Lost and Won” and the deadline for proposals is October 1, 2009. Proposals should be sent to Dr. Tim Dowling at DowlingTC@vmi.edu. The meeting will be held on the Post of the Virginia Military Institute with most sessions, the award luncheon and banquet being held at the beautiful, spacious new VMI Center for Leadership and Ethics. Lexington is at the juncture of Interstate Highways 81 and 64. While Roanoke Regional Airport is the closest airport, better fares may be found to Richmond or Dulles from which travel is by rental car. SMH has contracted rooms at six motels in the Lexington area. Rates are approximately \$130 per night plus tax including breakfast. Transportation will be provided from motels to the VMI campus. Meeting information including how to make lodging reservations will be available on the meeting website that will be active on 1 December.

## Election Results

Brian M. Linn was elected President; Joseph Glatthaar Vice President, Trustees elected include Tami Biddle, Sebastian Cox, Kelly DeVries, David Hogan, Greg Urwin and Kathleen Williams

The Tellers Committee, chaired by Steve Lofgren counted 310 ballots submitted. Thanks to all the excellent candidates who showed their commitment to SMH by running for office.

## Appointments

Ethan Rafuse will chair the Awards Committee. Members are: George Satterfield, Adrian Lewis, Rob Citino and Pete Kindsvatter.

Mat Moten, Bill Allison and Michael Neiberg are on the Finance Committee.

Membership Committee includes: Chair Alex Bielakowski, Ian Brown, Kate Epstein, Paul Springer, Bryon Greenwald, Mark Groteleuschen and Pete Mansoor.

Weigley Awards Committee members are Chair Kay Reist, George Rable and Frank Wetta.

Coffman Award Committee members are Chair Roger Spiller, Jerry Cooper and Jennie Kiesling.

Paul Thompson was appointed Archivist. Harold Langley completed twenty-five years of dedicated service as Archivist.

## Finances

The Treasurer, Graham Cosmas has reported an unrealized loss in value (difference between purchase price and current market value) of the Endowment Fund of \$60,662 while the Operating Fund had a surplus of \$51,764. Using the national company ADP to handle SMH payroll processing services and federal and state tax forms continues to be successful. SMH has moved its accounts from Merrill Lynch to Morgan Stanley because its long-time broker has changed firms to Morgan Stanley.



### **George C. Marshall Lecture**

SMH and the George C. Marshall Foundation completed a formal Memorandum of Understanding governing the annual George C. Marshall Lecture. Professor Hew Strachan, Chichele Professor of the History of War at Oxford University, will present the lecture at the annual meeting of the Organization of American Historians at the Hilton Washington, DC, April 9, 2010 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM with a reception following.

### **American Council of Learned Societies**

The Society has resubmitted its application to join the Council providing requested information and documents.

### **Electronic Publication of *The Journal of Military History***

The Society has entered into an exclusive seven year license agreement with EBSCO Publishing Inc. for electronic publication. With the Council's authorization legal counsel reviewed the agreement and participated in negotiations between the Society and EBSCO. The agreement will provide increased revenue to the Society, consolidates electronic publication of the *Journal*, and will provide free electronic access to the *Journal* for the Society's individual members. The Society's non-exclusive agreements with JSTOR, MUSE, ProQuest and H.W. Wilson will be terminated.

### **Award name change.**

The name of the Victor Gondos Memorial Service Award has been changed to the Edward H. Simmons Memorial Service Award honoring a past Society president who was instrumental in the creation and success of the Society.

### **Facebook.**

Thanks to the efforts of Mark Grimsley, the Society for Military History is now on Facebook and members in good standing can and are encouraged to join.

## **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

### **Call for Papers**

The Society for Military History is pleased to announce a call for papers for its 77th Annual Meeting, hosted jointly by the Virginia Military Institute and the George C. Marshall Foundation at Lexington, VA on May 20-22, 2010. The conference theme is "Causes Lost and Won," and will provide an opportunity for a wide examination of military institutions and practices - including the causes, conduct, resolution, and consequences of past wars. 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.

Panel proposals must include a panel title, contact information for all panelists, a brief description of the purpose and theme of the panel, one-paragraph abstracts of each of the three papers, a brief curriculum vitae for all panelists, including commentator and panel chair. Proposals for individual papers are welcome and should include a brief abstract, abbreviated curriculum vitae, and contact information. All panelists must be Society for Military History members. The deadline for proposals is October 1, 2009. Proposals may be submitted electronically to the conference coordinator, Dr. Timothy C. Dowling (DowlingTC@vmi.edu) or by regular mail to Dr. Timothy C. Dowling, Department of History, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA 24450. The program committee will acknowledge receipt of your proposal within two weeks of its submission. If you fail to receive such notice, please contact the conference coordinator.

The meeting will be held on the Post of the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia, with the VMI Center for Leadership and Ethics and the George C. Marshall Library serving as principle venues. Lexington is conveniently located at the juncture of Interstate Highways 81 and 64 and is easily accessible via Roanoke Regional Airport. The City of Lexington offers excellent local restaurants and shopping and a broad choice of hotels with comfortable accommodations.

For more details, please contact Dr. Tim Dowling at DowlingTC@vmi.edu or (540) 464-7472.

### **Call for Papers**

Unarmed on the Battlefield: Non-Combatants and the Experience of Combat in Modern War University of Glamorgan, Cardiff/Pontypridd, April 15 and 16, 2010.

Keynote Speaker: Professor Keith Jeffery, Queen's University Belfast

The historiography of warfare in the modern age focuses overwhelmingly on the experiences of the armed protagonists who play a direct, fighting role in combat. Yet throughout the early-modern and modern periods, armies have gone to battle accompanied by a range of non-combatant personnel, who although unarmed have nonetheless played a key battlefield role. From the Thirty Years War to the Second World War, medical officers, stretcher-bearers, chaplains, musicians, and standard-bearers have had the unenviable experience of being defenceless in the intensely violent environment of the battlefield. These men and women have occupied an unusual position in that they were able to bear witness to killing in which they themselves did not take part. Until well into the nineteenth century, European armies were also often accompanied by camp-followers, including soldiers' wives and children, prostitutes, craftsmen and traders who, although they usually witnessed combat from a distance, were able to view the human impact of modern warfare in the immediate aftermath of battle. From the Crimean War onwards, moreover, a new category of professional witnesses emerged driven by the needs of the media. War correspondents, war artists, and photographers increasingly attempted to capture the graphic reality of war for civilians on the home-fronts, again often at the risk of their own lives. This two-day conference will examine the experiences of these non-combatant witnesses of combat from the sixteenth to the twentieth centuries and consider the extent to which they informed contemporaries' understanding of violence and war.

The conference, which is funded by the University of Glamorgan in association with the Centre for War Studies (Trinity College, Dublin), will be co-convened by Dr. Jane Finucane (Glamorgan) and Dr. Edward Madigan (TCD). Four hundred word abstracts should be sent to [warstudies@tcd.ie](mailto:warstudies@tcd.ie) by November 30 2009. It is anticipated that a selection of papers will be published.

### **Call for Papers**

The Victoria College/University of Houston-Victoria Library is commemorating the sixtieth anniversary of the Korean War by sponsoring a conference to be held at the Victoria College, Victoria, Texas, on June 24-26, 2010. Presentations on all aspects of the conflict will be considered. Proposals must include a brief biography, a one-paragraph abstract, and the name, street address, and e-mail address of the presenter. Submissions should be sent to James M. Smallwood at [jms8466@okstate.edu](mailto:jms8466@okstate.edu) or by mail to 1413 S. Lindsay St., Gainesville, Texas 76240-5625, no later than January 15, 2010.

### **Call for Submissions**

*First World War Studies*, the journal of the International Society of First World War Studies, is pleased to announce its first call for submissions. The premier issue will appear in March 2010.

*First World War Studies* is a peer-reviewed, scholarly journal that seeks to publish articles that explore comparative, trans-national, and multi-disciplinary strengths evident in the International Society for First World War Studies and pursue as its guiding principles the same intellectual assets. As the Society draws its strengths from graduate students to more experienced scholars, the journal is equally committed to a collegial academic forum open to any scholar irrespective of degree, academic seniority, or disciplinary affiliation. The journal approaches the subject of the First World War without chronological, geographic, or topical constraints. It embraces not merely the period associated with the years between 1914 and 1918, but seeks to include the diplomatic, political, social, cultural, and military complexities evident before, during, and most certainly after the cessation of hostilities. The journal will contribute significantly to the ongoing debates concerning the origins and causes, conduct, and implications of the First World War.

First World War Studies is the only scholarly journal devoted to this extraordinary and controversial conflict and maintains an Editorial Board that consists of many internationally recognized scholars.

Articles should be no more than 8,000 words and conform to Chicago referencing, including a 500 word abstract, 5-7 key words, and full author contact information. As we approach the 100th anniversary of the start of the war, the journal will eagerly consider "special issues" that thematically or topically focus upon any aspect of its origins, prosecution, and legacy.

First World War Studies also seeks book reviewers. All who are interested are invited to send short emails to the editor listing their area of expertise. Normally books will be assigned to review, although scholars interested in writing review essays are encouraged to submit proposals. Please

bring to our attention new titles in any language appropriate to the scope of the journal.

Submissions should be sent as attachments in word format and address all queries to the Editor, Dr. Steven Sabol, at [sosabol@uncc.edu](mailto:sosabol@uncc.edu).

For more information about the International Society for First World War Studies, please go to our website at <http://www.firstworldwarstudies.org>.

### **Call for Articles**

*Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*

Special Issue: Civil War in Pennsylvania (October 2011)

The *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* is issuing a call for articles for a special issue of the magazine on the Civil War in Pennsylvania scheduled for an October 2011 publication. The editors seek submissions of the following two sorts.

**Scholarly Articles:** The editors seek proposals for scholarly articles (25-35 pages, double spaced) featuring new research on the Civil War in Pennsylvania. Articles can focus on military, political, or civilian topics. Selections will be made based on the quality of the submission and with an eye toward representing the diversity of current Civil War research.

**Favorite Sources/Hidden Gems:** The editors seek proposals for short articles (250-750 words) featuring favorite sources/hidden gems highlighting some aspect of the Civil War in Pennsylvania. We invite articles focusing on both written and non-written sources, including but not limited to diaries, manuscript collections, novels, government documents, photographs, museum artifacts, and monuments. These items may or may not be found in the state, but all featured items will serve to illuminate some aspect of how Pennsylvanians experienced the war. Selections will be made based on the quality of the submission and with an eye toward representing the wide variety of source material available for understanding the Civil War in Pennsylvania.

**Submission details:** Submissions should be addressed to Tamara Gaskell, Editor, *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107 or by e-mail to [pmhb@hsp.org](mailto:pmhb@hsp.org).

**Guest editors:** Potential contributors are encouraged to consult with one of the two guest editors for this issue of the *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*. Matt Gallman at the University of Florida can be reached at [gallmanm@history.ufl.edu](mailto:gallmanm@history.ufl.edu). Judy Giesberg at Villanova University can be reached at [giesberg@villanova.edu](mailto:giesberg@villanova.edu).

Deadline for submissions: January 8, 2010.

### **Call for Articles**

*The Baltic Security and Defence Review* is a peer reviewed academic journal published twice a year by the Baltic Defence College, a staff college for the three Baltic States located in Estonia. The language of the journal is English. The journal focuses on current security issues and military history – with an emphasis on security issues as they affect the Baltic States. We welcome scholars to submit academic articles of 6,000 – 10,000 words in length with endnotes (Chicago style) on subjects dealing with security issues and military history of the Baltic region as well as articles on current NATO and European security issues.

Articles for the 2009 Issue should be submitted by 1 October.

Submit all articles and inquiries to:

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The Baltic Defence Review

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51013 Tartu, Estonia

Email: [info@bdcol.ee](mailto:info@bdcol.ee)

You can submit directly by email to the Dean of the Baltic Defence College: [james.corum@bdcol.ee](mailto:james.corum@bdcol.ee).

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# Images from the 2011 Murfree



Recipients of the Russell Weigley Graduate Student Travel Grants (L-R): Timothy Orr, Timothy Balzer, Shawn Fisher, Triet Nguyen, Robyn Rodriguez, and John Mitcham.



Bob Berlin and Carol Reardon exchange book gifts at the SMH Council Meeting.



Harold Langley (R), SMH Archivist, receives an award for his 25 years of service to the Society from Bob Berlin.



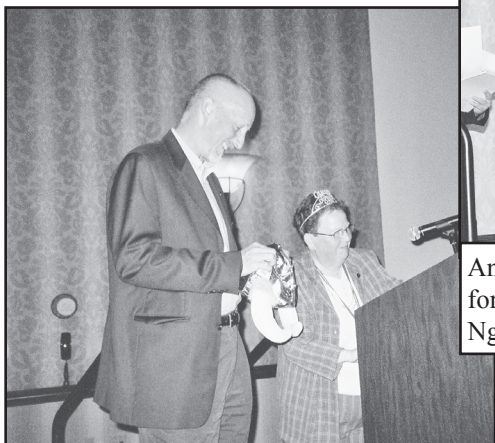
John Guilmartin and Susannah Ural at the SMH Council Meeting.



James Ostwald accepts a Distinguished Book Award from Bob Berlin for *Vauban Under Siege* as Kelly DeVries looks on.



# 2009 Annual Meeting Spartanburg, TN



Incoming President Brian Linn considers how flattering his new horned helmet will look as outgoing President Carol Reardon prepares to retire the tiara.



Andy Wiest (R) accepts a Distinguished Book Award for *Vietnam's Forgotten War* with Harry Tran (Tran Ngoc Hue) (L), one of the book's main characters.



Kelly DeVries (L) congratulates Richard Kohn upon his receipt of the Samuel Eliot Morison Prize as President Carol Reardon looks on.



Enjoying the Annual Meeting Reception.



Andrew J. Birtle accepts a Moncado Prize for "PROVN, Westmoreland and the Historians: A Reappraisal" as Kelly DeVries, Carol Reardon and Bob Berlin look on.



Conrad Crane's banquet address.

# Sustaining and Contributing Members

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.

## **Sustaining Members of the Society**

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Dr. Kathleen B. Williams

### **Prize Awarded**

Nicholas Ludington, Secretary of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute Board of Trustees, announced that the 2009 Theodore and Franklin D. Roosevelt Naval History Prize will be awarded to Jonathan Reed Winkler for his book: *Nexus: Strategic Communications and American Security in World War I* (Harvard University Press, 2008). Ludington said, "The judges were unanimous in their enthusiasm for Nexus which shows how the U.S. government worked to achieve dominance in communications during World War I, leading to strategic and military dominance across the entire 20th century."

Andrew Rich, Roosevelt Institute President and CEO, said, "Nexus skillfully weaves together extensive research stretching from the outbreak of war in 1914 through to the dawn of the internet. This was the key period that established a global intelligence and communications infrastructure helping to launch the United States as the predominant power of the century." As Winkler's book states: 'What is the Internet but the latest iteration of a series of attempts to organize the world's communications in ways that will be redundant and survivable and that will link places of strategic and commercial importance?'

Jonathan Reed Winkler is an assistant professor of history at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. He is a historian of U.S. diplomatic, military and naval history, and international affairs of the modern era. A native of Ohio, he received his doctorate in diplomatic and international history from Yale University in 2004, winning the John Addison Porter Prize from Yale (2004), and the Betty M. Unterberger Prize from the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations (2005). Winkler's book has also been awarded the 2009 Outstanding Publication Award from the Ohio Academy of History.

The Theodore and Franklin D. Roosevelt Naval History Prize was established in 1984 by the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, the Theodore Roosevelt Association, and the New York Council Navy League of the United States. Theodore Roosevelt is regarded as a founder of the Navy League and Franklin Roosevelt was a member. The judges are historians from the three organizations along with historians from U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, the Naval War College, Virginia Military Institute, and Princeton University. Previous winners include: Ronald Spector, Captain Edward Beach, U.S. Navy (Ret.), Townsend Hoopes and Douglas Brinkley, James McPherson, Craig Symonds and Evan Thomas.

### **Free Article for SMH Members**

The April 2009 issue (Volume 51, Number 2) of *Comparative Studies in Society and History* includes an article entitled "Soldiers, Citizens, and the State: East German Army Officers in Post-Unification Germany," by Andrew Bickford at George Mason University. Was German unification a smooth transition, as official narratives hold? Or did it fail? Bickford's article is now freely available for Society for Military History members to read at <http://journals.cambridge.org/csssmh>.

### **Grant Competition**

The International Security and Foreign Policy Program of the Smith Richardson Foundation will award grants through its annual competitions for junior faculty and Ph.D. students at U.S. institutions.

The Junior Faculty Research Grant Program is an annual competition that awards at least three research grants of \$60,000 to support tenure-track junior faculty engaged in the research and writing of a scholarly book on an issue or topic of interest to the policy community. The deadline for submission is June 30, 2009, and the results will be announced by October 31, 2009.

The World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship is an annual competition to support Ph.D. dissertation research on American foreign policy, international relations, international security, strategic studies, area studies, and diplomatic and military history. The Foundation will award at least twenty grants of \$7,500 each. The deadline for submission is October 15, 2009, and the results will be announced by January 31, 2010.

For further information on eligibility and how to apply, please visit the website of the International Security and Foreign Policy Program at the following address: <http://www.srf.org/grants/international.php>.

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# NCH Washington Update

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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.*

**STATE DEPARTMENT HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETS-** On June 23, 2009, the Historical Advisory Committee (HAC) met for the first time since the issuance of the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) report on the operations of the Office of the Historian at the U.S. Department of State. The OIG recommended that Director of the Office of the Historian, Dr. Marc Susser, be replaced. As a result, Susser was reassigned within the State Department, and Ambassador John Campbell was named as Acting Director of the Office of the Historian.

Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs P. J. Crowley opened the meeting by expressing his commitment to the mission of the Office of the Historian and to ensuring that the necessary resources are allocated to the Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS) to meet its 30-year publication deadline.

Ambassador Campbell began his presentation by announcing he intended his tenure to be brief. He stated he would be leaving the position by September 1, 2009, to assume a position with the Council on Foreign Relations. His intent is to stay no longer than that date or whenever a permanent replacement has been named, whichever comes first.

He committed himself to ensuring that the Office of the Historian addresses all of the recommendations of the IG's report, restoring the morale and decorum among the staff and reviving the relationship between the Office and the HAC.

Ambassador Campbell noted there were 24 specific recommendations in the IG's report designed to improve the transparency and efficiency of the Historian's Office. Campbell said a few had already been met, and that he had set up task forces to address the remaining ones. These include improving the office working environment, internal and external professional development, office security, the issue of print versus electronic volumes and timely completion of the Carter and Reagan FRUS volumes. He noted that staff attrition had further delayed the completion of FRUS volumes.

It was announced that William McAllister had been named Acting General Editor of the FRUS.

**NIXON LIBRARY RELEASES ADDITIONAL MATERIALS-** On June 23, 2009, the Nixon Presidential Library opened approximately 154 hours of tape recordings from the Nixon White House recorded in January and February 1973, and consisting of approximately 994 conversations. The conversations cover topics such as the conclusion of a peace settlement between the United States and the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and the return of American POWs, President Nixon's second inauguration, the U.S. and Europe, the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision, energy policy, the reorganization of the executive branch, and the first Watergate trial.

The newly released recorded conversations are available on the Library's website. They are also available at both the Nixon Library in Yorba Linda, CA and at the National Archives College Park, MD facility.

There are no transcripts for these recordings; however, tape subject logs are available at each location and on the web to aid researchers in locating specific conversations and participants. Each log identifies the name, date, and location of the conversation as well as an outline of the general content. In addition, researchers may consult finding aids—a tapes description and a Scope and Content note—to these newly released tapes on the web. Listening stations will be available for researchers at both locations on a first come, first served basis. This is the 13th opening of Nixon White House tapes since 1980 and with this release approximately 2,371 hours of tape recordings from the Nixon White House are now available to the public.

The opening also includes approximately 10.5 cubic feet of previously restricted materials from the White House Special Files, Staff Member and Office Files; the National Security Files; and the Henry A. Kissinger Files. The materials include documents on U.S. policy toward Europe, on U.S. policy in the Middle East, on the investigation of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, on the



investigation of Jack Anderson, also known as the Radford Affair, and on the conduct of the war in Cambodia and Vietnam. The opening also includes CIA Bay of Pigs materials personally delivered to the White House in 1971 by the Director of Central Intelligence, Richard Helms, at President Nixon's request. The President asked for these materials in support of activities associated with the so-called Plumbers unit. Although other copies of these documents have been released by the CIA on its website, these materials were not previously publicly known to have been received by the Nixon administration.

The Library also opened the files of Nixon aide Kenneth Cole from the White House Central Files, Staff Member and Office files collection at its Yorba Linda facility. The bulk of the Nixon presidential materials collection is still housed at the National Archives in College Park. To accelerate processing for the benefit of researchers some domestic policy collections, like the Cole collection, were moved to California in advance of the move of the entire textual holdings in 2010. In May 1973 Cole replaced John Ehrlichman as President Nixon's chief domestic affairs advisor. The 12,000-page Cole collection provides a new portal into the formulation of President Nixon's domestic policy. This collection is only available at the Library's Yorba Linda Facility.

**NARA OPENS FEDERAL AGENCY CIVILIAN PERSONNEL RECORDS-** This week, the National Archives' National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) announced it has opened more than 6 million individual personnel files of former federal civilian employees from the mid-1800s through 1951.

This opening of 6 million files adds to the existing collection of more than 9 million military personnel files that are already available for research and is part of NARA's goal of establishing the largest archival repository in the United States outside the National Archives in the Washington, DC area. In late 2010, the records will be moved to a state-of-the-art repository that is under construction in suburban St. Louis County, Missouri.

To purchase a copy of a particular record, send a written request to NPRC, Civilian Personnel Records, 111 Winnebago Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63118-4199. The request should include the requester's contact information, the former federal employee's full name, date of birth, name of employing agency, and period of employment. Copies of the records can be purchased for either \$20 or \$60, depending upon the size of the record.

Visitors to NPRC in St. Louis can make an appointment to view these records for free in the Archival Research Room. Visitors interested in doing so should call (314) 801-0850 to schedule an appointment.

**LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, UNESCO AND PARTNERS LAUNCH WORLD DIGITAL LIBRARY-** The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and 32 partner institutions recently launched the World Digital Library, a website that features unique cultural materials from libraries and archives from around the world. The site located at [www.wdl.org](http://www.wdl.org) includes manuscripts, maps, rare books, films, sound recordings, prints and photographs. It provides unrestricted public access, free of charge, to this material.

The launch took place at UNESCO Headquarters at an event co-hosted by UNESCO Director-General Koïchiro Matsuura and Librarian of Congress James H. Billington. Billington first proposed the creation of a World Digital Library (WDL) to UNESCO in 2005.

A team at the Library of Congress developed the World Digital Library. The Bibliotheca Alexandrina of Alexandria, Egypt provided technical assistance. Institutions contributing to the WDL include national libraries and cultural and educational institutions in Brazil, Egypt, China, France, Iraq, Israel, Japan, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, the Netherlands, Qatar, the Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Slovakia, South Africa, Sweden, Uganda, the United Kingdom and the United States.

The World Digital Library functions in seven languages – Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish – and includes content in more than 40 languages. Browse and search features facilitate cross-cultural and cross-temporal exploration on the site. Descriptions of each item and videos, with expert curators speaking about selected items, provide context for users and are intended to spark curiosity and encourage both students and the general public to learn more about the cultural heritage of all countries.

## HISTORIAN GERHARD WEINBERG TO RECEIVE 2009 PRITZKER MILITARY LIBRARY LITERATURE AWARD FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

Gerhard L. Weinberg has been selected to receive the 2009 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 annual Liberty Gala on October 24, 2009 at Chicago's Palmer House Hilton Hotel.

The Pritzker Military Library Literature Award recognizes a living author for a body of work that has profoundly enriched the public understanding of American military history. A national panel of writers and historians – including the first and second recipients, James M. McPherson and Allan R. Millett – reviewed nominations and definitive works submitted by publishers, agents, booksellers, and other professional literary organizations.

James N. Pritzker, founder of the Pritzker Military Library and a retired Colonel in the Illinois Army National Guard, said that “Dr. Weinberg is truly a gifted writer of military history who has devoted his skills and talent to produce *A World at Arms*, perhaps the finest study of World War II ever attempted by a single scholar.”

Gerhard Weinberg was born in Hanover, Germany on January 1, 1928. He attended school there, but was expelled for being Jewish in 1938, and went to England. In 1940, his family moved to the United States. Weinberg graduated from Albany High School and enrolled in the New York State College for Teachers. He later served in the US Army in occupied Japan, teaching American GI's history and government as well as literacy classes. He took an MA in History at the University of Chicago in 1949 and a Ph.D. in 1951.

Dr. Weinberg has taught at the Universities of Chicago, Kentucky, Michigan, and North Carolina, with visiting appointments at Bonn University in Germany and the US Air Force Academy. He has frequently lectured for the Extension Program of the Naval War College as well as at the Marine Corps University and the United States Military Academy at West Point.

He is author of many books including *A World at Arms: A Global History of World War II* (Cambridge University Press); *World in the Balance: Behind the Scenes of World War II* (University Press of New England); *Germany, Hitler, and World War II: Essays in Modern German and World History* (Cambridge University Press); *Hitler's Foreign Policy 1933-1939: The Road to World War II* (Enigma Press single-volume paperback available in Fall 2009); *The Foreign Policy of Hitler's Germany* (Prometheus Books); and *Visions of Victory: The Hopes of Eight World War II Leaders* (Cambridge University Press).

Dr. Weinberg currently serves as the William Rand Kenan, Jr. Professor Emeritus of History at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he has been a member of the history faculty since 1974. He lives with his wife in Efland, North Carolina. States Weinberg, “I am very grateful for the award and attribute much of the credit to the teachers at Hillcrest School in Swanage (England), Albany (New York), and Chicago who trained me wonderfully as well as to students, both undergraduate and graduate, who have challenged and inspired me over the years. And, of course, to all of the archivists who responded patiently to a very demanding visitor.”

The Pritzker Military Library Literature Award was established in 2007. The recipient's contributions may be academic, non-fiction, fiction, or a combination of any of the three, and his or her work should embody the values of the Pritzker Military Library. The finalist recommendation was unanimously endorsed by the executive council of the Foundation established to oversee the award process.

The award will be presented on October 24, 2009 during the Library's annual Liberty Gala at Chicago's historic Palmer House Hilton Hotel. The Library will also recognize the Union League Club of Chicago with the Founder's Award. The evening will include a tribute to members of the U.S. Armed Forces, a performance by members of the Steppenwolf Theatre Company, and the presentation of the Colby Award, which recognizes first works of fiction or non-fiction that have made significant contributions to the public's understanding of intelligence operations, military history, or international affairs, to authors Marcus Luttrell (*Lone Survivor*) and Dexter Filkins (*The Forever War*). For more information on the Liberty Gala or to purchase tickets, visit the Gala website at: [www.pmlgala.org](http://www.pmlgala.org).

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# MEETINGS CALENDAR 2009

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**August 26-27** Conference: Air Power and the Environment: The Ecological Implications of Modern Air Warfare, Royal Air Force College Cranwell. Details at <http://www.airpowerstudies.co.uk>.

**August 31-September 2** Seventy Years On: New Perspectives on the Second World War, University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Conference web site: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/newperspectives>.

**September 10-12** 2009 Naval History Symposium, sponsored by the History Department at the US Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD. Information: Commander C. C. Felker, [felker@usna.edu](mailto:felker@usna.edu).

**September 10-13** International Society for First World War Studies annual meeting, Imperial War Museum, London. Theme: "Other Combatants, Other Fronts: Competing Histories of the First World War." Full information can be found at [www.firstworldwarstudies.com](http://www.firstworldwarstudies.com).

**September 11-13** Western Front Association Annual National Seminar, The Liberty Memorial, Kansas City, Missouri. Contact Doran Cart at [dcart@theworldwar.org](mailto:dcart@theworldwar.org) for program details or visit the WFA Website at [www.wfa-usa.org](http://www.wfa-usa.org) for information.

**September 18-19** The U.S. Citizen-Soldier: Protector of the Homeland, hosted by the Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA. More information: [www.vmi.edu/citizensoldier](http://www.vmi.edu/citizensoldier).

**September 28-30** United States Air Force Academy 22nd Military History Symposium. Contact: LTC Grant Weller, [grant.weller@usafa.edu](mailto:grant.weller@usafa.edu).

**October 8** Air Force Historical Foundation 2009 Symposium: "The Balkans Air Campaigns of the 1990s and Their Influence Since 2001," Arlington, Virginia. Details at [www.afhistoricalfoundation.org](http://www.afhistoricalfoundation.org) or email Tom Bradley at [execdir@afhistoricalfoundation.org](mailto:execdir@afhistoricalfoundation.org).

**October 14-17** Northern Great Plains History Conference, St. Cloud, MN. SMH-specific information: <http://personal2.stthomas.edu/jcfitzharris/NGPHC/>.

**October 15-16** Symposium on Cryptologic History, the Johns-Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, Laurel, MD. Contact: Dr. Kent Sieg, [kgsieg@nsa.gov](mailto:kgsieg@nsa.gov).

**October 30-31** Conference on the Civil War, sponsored by the University of Mississippi's Center for Civil War Research. Contact: John Neff, Center for Civil War Research, Department of History, 322 Bishop, University of Mississippi, University, MS, 38655 (or alternately [jneff@olemiss.edu](mailto:jneff@olemiss.edu)).

**November 7** Western Front Association, New England-New York Chapter, annual seminar, Boston University. Contact Guy Cavallaro at [Ph1m2h3@aol.com](mailto:Ph1m2h3@aol.com) for more information.

**November 14** Western Front Association, Southwestern Chapter seminar, Ft. Marbry, Austin, TX. Contact David Beer at [dbeer@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:dbeer@mail.utexas.edu) for more information.

**25-27 November** Port-Cities at War from the 18th to 20th Centuries, at the Merseyside Maritime Museum, Liverpool, England. Contact: Robert Lee, Centre for Port and Maritime History, School of History, University of Liverpool, Liverpool L69 7WX: tel. 00 44 151 794 2415; [w.r.lee@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:w.r.lee@liverpool.ac.uk).

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**February 26-27** Western Front Association, Florida & Gulf Coast Chapter annual seminar, Tampa, Florida. Contact Len Shurtleff at [lshurtleff@aol.com](mailto:lshurtleff@aol.com) for program and registration information.

**April 15-16** Unarmed on the Battlefield: Non-Combatants and the Experience of Combat in Modern War. University of Glamorgan, Cardiff/Pontypridd, Wales. Contact: Dr. Edward Madigan at [warstudies@tcd.ie](mailto:warstudies@tcd.ie).

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

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



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## MEETINGS CALENDAR 2011

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

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## MEETINGS CALENDAR 2012

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

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