From the Archives: Adaptation in the Foundation

By Paul A. Thomsen

At the conclusion of the first set of formal and informal American Military History Foundation (AMHF) meetings in June, 1933, the organization appeared to be brimming with popular and professional support. Many of the founding members were already expressing to friends and media outlets the fundamental importance in supporting the craft of military history scholarship, original research, and civil-military relations in the transformative and often unforgiving context of nations at war. Almost paradoxically, the AMHF, however, nearly died over the following months as their dreams ran afoul of poor fortune and impractical planning. The survival of the AMHF rested in the general membership’s willingness to adapt on a shifting sea of poor fortune.

While the philosophical origins of the American Military History Foundation can be traced to the United States Army’s officer corps, surviving period documents seem to indicate that Army War College Commandant Major General George Simonds and his immediate subordinates initially considered the AMHF to be a turn-key operation. In essence, the army officers provided a hierarchical structure and some financial underwriting as well as preliminary leadership, administrative, legal, and general membership support to cover initial expenses. The practical matters of achieving the goal, however, were left for membership discussion. Throughout the month of June, the group drew up a wish list. First, they needed a physical office, supplies, lists of prospective member addresses for solicitation, a legal mailing address, and supplementary daily office resources. Second, they needed to settle on a handful of pilot projects, which could showcase their vision for potential backers. Third, the members needed a set of reliable, amiable, and dedicated members to steer the AMHF as committee officers. Lastly,
they, like the War College, believed the organization needed to recruit an enthusiastic, business-minded, and, especially, rich benefactor to grow AMHF into a full “foundation” capable of acting as an autonomous American Army-oriented think-tank.

The War College founders, however, rapidly discovered that AMHF needed more than just a kick-start. The Army War College’s “Historical Section Library” and meager offices were drafted as temporary meeting and administrative space, but, almost immediately, amidst the Depression, the Army’s upper echelon began urging the members to look elsewhere for permanent accommodations. Over time, members were also discouraged from using army office resources for the non-profit work. Consequently, until independent quarters and resources could be garnered, AMHF’s more ambitious ideas (including the creation of a journal for military history) were shuttered. Their less ambitious projects (such as a directory of military history archival sources) were also scaled back to members with daytime access to army resources (which, ironically, was intended to be the central work of the AMHF to aid the army). Matters were further complicated when the army, likewise, began to reassign experienced War College officers/AMHF members to posts outside the Washington area in light of a shrinking pool of ranking active service veterans and a dwindling defense budget. Soon after many previously willing participants rapidly found either their daytime duties doubled or their work assignments posted too far away from the Washington area to attend regular AMHF gatherings. Lastly, no rich benefactors were discovered to be waiting in the wings.

Most remaining AMHF members agreed that things had to change immediately if the organization hoped to survive through the first year. At the onset of the September 21, 1933 meeting, considerable changes were already underway. Some members, who had been elected to AMHF positions and were in the process of being transferred, were replaced. The newly elected Treasurer, Lieutenant Colonel C. H. Patterson, and Secretary, Major R. B. Patterson resigned their respective positions. Due to the shrinking pool of viable candidates, the positions were then merged so that a single replacement could be more easily found. To mitigate both the appearance of institutional impropriety and similar losses in personnel, the continuing elected officers also

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now included a handful of retired Army and Navy officers (one of which was absent due to hospitalization), two active service members (War College staff), and two civilians (one was out-of-town for the meeting). The meeting however, ended on a positive note with Vice President Allen Boyd winning approval for Colonel E. T. Lull (who would later reluctantly fill the new combined Secretary-Treasurer position, continued his service after being transferred out of the War College, and remain active until his death in 1935) to be authorized to open an AMHF checking account. Until a rich benefactor could be found, the organization, they mused, could at least survive on deposited membership dues and some War College office supplies.

With the hope of a cash windfall and a think-tank behind them, the founders next dedicated their meager resources to their one guaranteed asset, an inclusive interest in the study of military history. They worked on membership growth in soliciting civilian, reserve, retired, and active duty members via mail. They submitted publicity to targeted media outlets and recruited talent based on personal recommendations. In 1935, they even attempted to establish a military history session at the American Historical Association’s Chicago meeting. The group also regularly utilized their established network of military contacts to generate scholarly articles featured in several service publications, including Army Ordnance.

The first few years were, indeed, tough for the American Military History Foundation. Still, as illustrated by the number of surviving archived SMH correspondence from Depression Era, these creative actions enabled the spirit of the organization to adapt and survive the impractical elements of the 1930s. By finding creative ways and talented individuals, adaption also became an intrinsic element in its general operational structure, ensuring diversification, growth, survival in later dark times, and eventual wholly independent prosperity.

NOTES...from your President

Gregory J. W. Urwin

Since assuming the presidency of our society last March 17 in New Orleans, I have striven to familiarize myself with my duties and responsibilities. While I picked up a lot by looking over Joe Glatthaar’s shoulder during his term, I still have much to learn. Fortunately, I can rely on the advice and support of Joe and other past presidents, Executive Director Bob Berlin and Vice President Rob Citino, our remaining officers and paid staff, and our Governing Council, regional coordinators, and committee chairs.

We all owe Joe Glatthaar profuse thanks for leaving the SMH in such fine shape. Our finances are sound, our ranks continue to grow, and our journal sets ever higher standards as it advances the serious study of military history. It is hard to believe that the SMH has achieved so much – and can offer its membership so many valuable services – while still holding the line on dues for the past decade. I assure you that all the people who help run the SMH on your behalf realize that they are working with other people’s money, and we are committed to using it wisely.

As an organization, we are still riding the high produced by our latest annual meeting in New Orleans. Despite numerous obstacles – some of which looked insurmountable at times – everything came off extremely well. For that we owe another round of thanks to our indefatigable and hard-working colleagues at the University of Southern Mississippi and its Center for the Study of War and Society – Allison Abra, Tyler Rotter, Stephanie Seal, Heather Stur, Kenneth Swope, Susannah Ural, Andrew Wiest, and Kyle Zelner. This group coalesced into a harmonious and well-oiled machine that provided the SMH with the kinds of experiences and memories that will bind our members together more tightly than ever.

During my first few months in office, I have devoted considerable time to filling vacancies on SMH committees. Like Joe Glatthaar, I believe that sound leadership consists of delegating authority to the right people and then letting them do their respective jobs. That does not mean relinquishing oversight, but a professional organization like this one cannot operate without large doses of trust and mutual respect. With so many talented and generous people to choose from, such a policy makes eminent sense.

In addition to utilizing colleagues who have already proved their worth to the society, I intend to continue Joe Glatthaar’s policy of cultivating our future leadership by giving younger
members the opportunity to serve. If you are interested, feel free to notify me by e-mail and send along an electronic copy of your c.v. My e-mail address is gregoryurwin@comcast.net. Should any vacancies come open during the remainder of my term, I may be able to find a suitable position for you. And I will pass on the vitae I receive to my successor in 2015.

While I want to make sure the SMH continues to operate as smoothly as ever, I would also like to leave it a little stronger than I found it. As of May 23, 2013, our society contains 2,689 individual members, 2,202 of them living in North America, and 258 more spread across the rest of the world. Nearly 230 of our comrades have invested in the society by taking out sustaining memberships, and an almost equal number are student members. The fact that the SMH contained 2,382 individual members just two years ago means that we can congratulate ourselves for experiencing a definite growth spurt during the Glatthaar years – a remarkable feat considering it coincided with a serious recession.

Nevertheless, there remain numerous constituencies that could be better represented within our ranks. These include students of ancient, medieval, and early modern warfare, and also many scholars who write on military affairs during the American Civil War. The SMH purports to be an international society, but we need to do a better job of recruiting in Europe, Latin America, Asia, and the Pacific Rim.

A new and revitalized Membership Committee headed by Stephen M. Bourque is exploring ways to draw more military historians into the big tent that is the SMH. Steve and his colleagues have already proposed several promising initiatives. I plan to report on these as they unfold in subsequent issues of the Headquarters Gazette.

In addition to recruitment, I would also like to make fund-raising a top priority for my administration. Earlier this year, fifty-six generous SMH members pledged $25,100 to establish our new Allan R. Millett Dissertation Fellowship, which will provide additional aid to the graduate students in our midst. Our society also maintains two other named fellowships designed to invest in the young scholars who represent our future. The Russell F. Weigley Graduate Student Grant Awards help defray the travel expenses of graduate students who have papers accepted for presentation at our annual conferences. The Edward M. Coffman Prize (also known as the Society for Military History First-Manuscript Prize) facilitates the publication of an outstanding dissertation on military history every year with University of North Carolina Press. It also comes with a stipend of $1,000.

As in the case of the Millett Fellowship, the Weigley and Coffman awards are supported by endowments, but neither of these is self-sustaining. According to Treasurer Graham A. Cosmas, the Weigley Fund contained $71,608.09 as of last December 31, earning 2.9 percent interest. At that rate, the fund should total $100,000 in order to generate $3,000 in annual income – enough to pay for the six Weigley travel grants at the current low level of $500 apiece. The Coffman Fund totals $28,158.00. It earns 2 percent interest. This endowment needs to be more than doubled to $60,000 to pay for itself. Those of you well versed in fiscal matters realize that the SMH has pursued a conservative investment policy, which seemed prudent during a period of severe recession. Now that the American economy is in recovery mode, our Finance Committee has begun exploring new options that will produce higher yields.

Even with a new investment strategy, however, it is advisable for us to bolster both the Weigley and Coffman funds. The $500 stipends presented to Weigley Award winners do not go as far as they did a decade ago. That endowment needs to be increased so we can raise stipends to $750 or $1,000 without cutting back on the number of travel grants awarded each year. We also need to put the Coffman Fund on a firmer footing.

No one likes asking friends and colleagues for money, but if you believe in the SMH and its mission, these are causes well worth supporting. I doubt that any other professional organization offers its members as many benefits at such bargain rates. Contributions of any size are welcome. You can make your donation to these endowments and the SMH Operating Fund by check, credit card, or PayPal. All of these options are available on the donation page on the SMH website: http://www.smh-hq.org/donations.html. Thank you for considering this request. I know that I will be able to report on the growth of our endowments in future installments of this column.
Cold War Essay Contest

For the ninth year, the John A. Adams ’71 Center for Military History & Strategic Analysis at the Virginia Military Institute (VMI) is pleased to announce that it will award prizes for the best unpublished papers dealing with the U.S. military in the Cold War era (1945-1991). Any aspect of Cold War military history is eligible, with papers on war planning, operations, intelligence, logistics, and mobilization especially welcome. Essays that explore the connection between Cold War military history and contemporary national security affairs are likewise open for consideration.

Prizes: First place will earn a plaque and a cash award of $2,000; second place, $1,000 and a plaque; and third place, $500 and a plaque.

Procedures: Entries should be sent electronically to the Adams Center at VMI by 31 October 2013. Please make your submission by Microsoft Word and limit your entry to a maximum of 7,500 words (minimum 4,000 words) of double-spaced text, exclusive of documentation and bibliography. A panel of judges will examine all papers; the Adams Center director will announce the winners in late 2013. The Journal of Military History will consider prize-winning essays for publication. In addition, the Adams Center would like to post the best papers, with the permission of the author, on its website.

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Call for Papers

Medical History of WWII
San Antonio, Texas, US
Proposal Deadline: 3 September 2013

On 6-8 March 2014, the Army Medical Department Center of History and Heritage and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences will be co-sponsoring a conference on the medical history of WWII. It will be hosted at the Army Medical Department Museum in San Antonio, Texas.

Presentations on all facets of medicine and the war are welcome, including consideration of the repercussions of the war on the practice of medicine, medicine in various campaigns,
effects on the home front, and related topics. Presentations should be 30 minutes long, and two-paper panels are welcome.

Contact: Dr Sanders Marble, Office of Medical History, US Army, william.s.marble.civ@mail.mil.

**NHPRC Funds Marshall Papers Project**

(lexington, VA) -- National Historic Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) awarded the George C. Marshall Foundation continuing support of $33,000 in the 2013-2014 year for editing and preparing for publication volume 7, the final volume of The Papers of George Catlett Marshall. Volume 7 is expected to be published in 2015. NHPRC has been a significant contributor to the project since 1977.

Editor of The Marshall Papers is Mark A. Stoler, Ph.D., a distinguished military and diplomatic historian who wrote the acclaimed biography of Marshall, George C. Marshall: Soldier-Statesman of the American Century. Managing editor is Daniel D. Holt, who recently retired as director of the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum and is an expert in the era to be covered in the remaining papers. Mame Warren, previously director for Hopkins History Enterprises at the Sheridan Libraries at Johns Hopkins University, is assistant editor.

When completed, the Marshall Papers project will result in a seven-volume set of the edited papers of George C. Marshall. Volumes 1 through 6 have been published by the Johns Hopkins University Press. Copies are available at the Marshall Museum Shop and at major libraries. The online digital formats of volumes 1 through 5 are posted at www.marshallfoundation.org. Volume 6 will be posted online within the next year.

“Continuing financial commitment of the NHPRC to the Marshall Papers Project as well as recognition of the historic value of our signature project has been critical to the successful production of this long-term documentary edited series,” said Brian D. Shaw, president of the Marshall Foundation. Other continuing Federal support for the Papers Project has come from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The George C. Marshall Foundation, located in Lexington, Virginia, preserves, protects and promotes the example of George Marshall. The Marshall Foundation is the one place where the principles that motivated Marshall are kept alive through educational programs, online presence and facilities including a museum, research library, and archives.

**Pritzker Military Library Announces 2013 Literature Award Winner**

On behalf of the Pritzker Military Library, historian and journalist Sir Max Hastings announced Tim O’Brien as the winner of the 2013 Pritzker Military Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing. Sponsored by the Tawani Foundation, the coveted $100,000 literature award will be presented at the Library’s annual gala on November 16, 2013.

Since its inception in 2007, the Library’s Literature Award has become one of the most prestigious literary awards of its kind. Past recipients of the award, which includes a medallion, citation, and $100,000 honorarium, are Rick Atkinson, Carlo D’Este, Max Hastings, James McPherson, Allan Millett and Gerhard Weinberg.

“I’m delighted and honored to receive this very special award, which in previous years has gone to such distinguished writers,” said O’Brien. “To find myself in their company is both immensely satisfying and a little daunting.”

The selection of O’Brien, a novelist and short story writer, marks the first time the award has been given to a fiction writer. “Tim O’Brien’s fiction about Vietnam, which derives from his own experience as a soldier, is haunting, evocative, and wonderfully inventive,” said Rick Atkinson, recipient of the 2011 literature award. “Yet his writing transcends that particular war in that particular era to illuminate our sense of war universally.”

A combat veteran of the Vietnam War, O’Brien is the winner of the National Book Award, the Chicago Tribune Heartland Award, the Prix du Meilleur Livre Etranger, the National Magazine Award and the Katherine Anne Porter Award. His works include If I Die in a
Combat Zone, Box Me Up and Ship Me Home, The Things They Carried, and Going After Cacciato. His short stories have appeared in The Best American Short Stories of the Century and in publications such as The New Yorker, The Atlantic, and Esquire. His work was recognized by the Society of American Historians, who awarded him the James Fenimore Cooper prize for In the Lake of the Woods, which was also recognized as Time magazine’s Best Book of the Year in 1994. He lives in Austin, Texas.

Kudos!

The American Council of Learned Societies, to which the Society for Military History belongs, has announced the 2013 cohort of ACLS fellowship recipients. Among this year’s awardees is SMH member Aaron Sullivan, a doctoral candidate from Temple University who received a Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship. Aaron’s dissertation is titled “In the Jaws of the Lion: Loyalty and Liberty in Occupied Philadelphia.” Application deadlines for the next round of fellowships are already available on the ACLS website; application materials will follow by early August.

Lt Col Craig Price, USMCR, receives the 2013 Society for Military History-Joint Advanced Warfighting School writing award for his JAWS Master’s thesis entitled “Risk in War: Using History to Inform a Common Method for Understanding and Communicating Risk in Joint Operations.” Initiated in 2009, the SMH-JAWS Writing Award is presented to the JAWS student whose thesis makes the best use of or greatest contribution to the study of military history. Presenting the award to Colonel Price is SMH member Professor Bryon Greenwald, Dean of Faculty and Academic Programs, at the Joint Forces Staff College in Norfolk, VA. US Air Force Maj Gen Joseph S. Ward, Jr., Commandant of the Joint Forces Staff College, looks on.

Awards Announced for Excellence in U.S. Army History Writing

At its Sixteenth Annual Members’ Meeting, held 22 May 2013 at the Army-Navy Country Club in Arlington, VA, the Army Historical Foundation recognized six books and three articles as outstanding achievements in writing on U.S. Army history. MG John Herrling, USA-Ret., announced the winners of the 2012 AHF Distinguished Writing Awards.

Society for Military History members, as well as The Journal of Military History, were recognized for their excellent work. The winners:

Book Awards


**Article Awards**


**Journals and Magazines:** “Could Custer Have Won,” by Paul Andrew Hutton (*MHQ*, Winter 2013).

The book award winners received a plaque honoring the book and a $1,000 cash award. The winner in the Reprint category received a plaque but no cash award. The article award winners also received a plaque and a $250 cash award.

The AHF Distinguished Writing Awards program was established in 1997 to recognize authors who make a significant contribution to the literature on U.S. Army history. Each year nominations are submitted to the Awards Committee by publishers and journal editors. A small group of finalists are selected and a final judging is made. The winners are announced at the annual AHF Members’ Meeting.

For more information on the Foundation and its activities, please view the AHF website at www.armyhistory.org.

**Fellowship Program**

The Smith Richardson Foundation is pleased to announce the World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship program, its annual grant 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 fellowship’s objective is to support the research and writing of policy-relevant dissertations through funding of fieldwork, archival research, and language training. In evaluating applications, the Foundation will accord preference to those projects that could directly inform U.S. policy debates and thinking, rather than dissertations that are principally focused on abstract theory or debates within a scholarly discipline. The Foundation will award up to twenty grants of $7,500 each. The deadline is October 15, 2013.

For further information and application procedures, please visit: http://www.srf.org/grants/world_politics.php.

**Upcoming Conference**

The Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (ASMEA) is currently accepting registrations to attend the Sixth Annual Conference titled, “Tides of Change: Looking Back and Forging Ahead in the Middle East and Africa.” The conference will be held November 21 - 23, 2013 in Washington, D.C. Register early as a full or student member and receive early bird discounts! Register by visiting our website www.asmeascholars.org.

This year’s conference will feature:

- Keynote address by Michael Young, opinion editor of the Daily Star newspaper in Beirut, Lebanon.
- Roundtable discussions on: “Hezbollah in Lebanon, the Region, and Beyond,” “The Retreat of the Great Powers in the Middle East,” and “Revolution, Revolt, and Reform
in North Africa.”
• Banquet luncheon and professional networking reception.
• Film Screenings.
• Displays by publishers of the latest academic titles.
• More still to come! Visit our website regularly to get the most up-to-date information on our Sixth Annual Conference.

Since 2007, the ASMEA Conference has brought together scholars and students from around the globe to present their original research, hear from leading thinkers, and engage in vigorous debate on many of the critical issues affecting the Middle East and Africa. For more information about the Sixth Annual ASMEA Conference, please visit our web site at www.asmeascholars.org. Call 202-429-8860 for more information or email info@asmeascholars.org.

New Annual Book Prize

The Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation announced today the establishment of the Guggenheim-Lehrman Prize in Military History, which carries an award of $50,000. The prize will be awarded annually in recognition of the best book in the field of military history published in English during the previous calendar year. The inaugural award will be made in February 2014 for a book published in 2013.

“It is our hope that the establishment of this prize will draw public attention to the field’s continuing utility as an important staple of education in international politics, diplomacy, and conflict, and to assist in the restoration of military history to an important place in university curricula,” said Josiah Bunting III, president of the foundation. “If we do not learn from the conflicts of the past, we will be doomed to repeat them. For the sake of all, we cannot allow this area of scholarship and thinking to atrophy in the United States or abroad.”

The winner of the prize will be selected in January 2014 from a short list of six finalists and then announced at an event at the New-York Historical Society the following month. Publishers may submit as many appropriate titles for consideration as they wish. More information about the submission process can be found at http://www.hfg.org/prize/main.htm.

The judging committee for the prize, below, includes some of the most respected names in the field.

• Andrew Roberts, Ph.D., historian and journalist, Committee Chair
• Charles F. Brower IV, Ph.D., Brigadier General, USA, Ret.; Henry King Burgwyn Professor of Military History, Virginia Military Institute
• Josiah Bunting III, President of the HF Guggenheim Foundation; Recording Secretary to the Committee
• Eliot A. Cohen, Ph.D., Robert E. Osgood Professor of Strategic Studies, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University
• Saul David, Ph.D., Professor of War Studies, University of Buckingham
• Leanda de Lisle, M.A., M.B.A., historian and journalist
• Sir Hew Strachan, Ph.D., Chichele Professor in the History of War, All Souls, Oxford University
• H. Kirk Unruh, Jr., Rear Admiral, USNR, Ret.; Recording Secretary, Princeton University.

The prize recognizes the foundation’s founder, Harry Frank Guggenheim, creator of Newsday and a distinguished naval veteran of both twentieth-century world wars. It is made possible by Lewis E. Lehrman, co-founder of the Gilder-Lehrman Institute of American History, author, and champion of studies in American political and military history.

Call for Papers: 5th Annual Baltic Military History Conference

The Baltic Defence College in Tartu, Estonia will host a two-day conference on Baltic
Region military history on October 3-4 2013. We invite academics, graduate students and military personnel to propose papers and panels on subjects dealing with Baltic region military history --from the Crusading Era through to recent conflicts that involved the Baltic region.

The Conference will examine Baltic Region military history in a broad sense. We are interested in Baltic subjects from battles and campaigns to discussing the social and economic impact of conflicts. We are interested in having papers and panels on subjects such as Operational Art in Baltic Campaigns, Early Baltic Military History, the Swedish/Russian Conflicts, the Napoleonic Wars, the Military and Society in the time of the Tsars, the Baltic Campaigns of World War I, the Independence Wars 1918-1921, the Soviet/Finnish Wars, the Cold War in the Baltics, war plans and preparations in the region, and military activities in the region in the 19th century.

If you wish to propose a paper or panel please contact Dr. James Corum at james.corum@bdcol.ee by 10 August 2013 and provide a short CV, a paper title, and an abstract of 500-800 words. The Baltic Defence College will provide accommodation for presenters. For those attending we can also help arrange for good lodging at very reasonable rates.

If you wish to attend and participate, please contact Dr. Corum by 30 August 2013 to register.

Further details and registration forms will be posted at the Baltic Defence College Website – www.bdcol.ee.

**John Lyman Book Awards for 2012**

Each year the North American Society for Oceanic History presents the John Lyman Book Awards, named after the late Professor John Lyman of the University of North Carolina, to recognize excellence in the publication of books that make significant contributions to the study and understanding of maritime and naval history. Winners of the awards for books published in 2012 were announced at NASOH’s Annual Meeting held in Alpena, Michigan, May 15-18, 2013.

Nicholas Tracy won the award in the category “Canadian Naval and Maritime History” for *A Two-Edged Sword: The Navy as an Instrument of Canadian Foreign Policy*, published by McGill-Queen’s University Press.

Barry Gough received an Honorable Mention in the category “Canadian Naval and Maritime History” for *Juan de Fuca’s Strait: Voyages in the Waterway of Forgotten Dreams*, published by Harbour Publishing.

David Rigby won the award in the category “U.S. Naval History” for *Allied Master Strategists: The Combined Chiefs of Staff in World War II*, published by Naval Institute Press.


Lissa K. Wadewitz won the award in the category “Naval and Maritime Science and Technology” for *The Nature of Borders: Salmon, Boundaries, and Bandits on the Salish Sea*, published by the University of Washington Press.

Jonathan Kinghorn won the award in the category “Naval and Maritime Reference works and Published Primary Sources” for *The Atlantic Transport Line, 1881-1931*, published by McFarland and Company.

John D. Broadwater received an Honorable Mention in the category “Naval and Maritime Reference works and Published Primary Sources” for *USS Monitor: A Historic Ship Completes its Final Voyage*, published by Texas A&M University Press.

Congratulations to all these authors for their fine works.

**Call for Article Submissions**

The Council on America’s Military (CAMP) past is calling for papers for its Journal. We welcome submissions of interesting, original articles on American military history, especially topics that deal with significant sites (which could include installations, battlefields, ships and airplanes). We also welcome articles on biography and historic preservation, especially if they are related to particular sites. Maps and photos are strongly encouraged. We ask that authors submit manuscripts by e-mail to our editors, using a system that is compatible with Microsoft Word. The length of the articles that we publish varies roughly between 2,500 and 7,500 words. The author is responsible for obtaining permission to publish any copyrighted material, and for bearing the costs of obtaining or reproducing illustrations. Interested parties should refer to the CAMP website or contact the editor, Vincent Rospond at EditorJamp@yahoo.com.

A non-profit educational association, CAMP was founded in 1966, representing diverse professions from historians to archeologists, museologists to architects, engineers to authors, active and retired military of all ranks, genealogists to archivists, and just plain hobbyists, the Council on America’s Military Past has only one requirement for membership: commitment to its objectives. Its focus is on the places and things from America’s military past, and their stories. CAMP looks to all types of military and naval posts, from stockade forts of early New England to adobe presidios of the Southwest, from temporary camps and battlefields of a military on the move, to elaborate coastal defense installations along America’s coastlines. For CAMP, old ships and airplanes are also posts.

*The Journal of America’s Military Past* is a scholarly publication with interesting, illustrated articles on historic posts and battlefields and their people. The journal includes a robust book review section that, by itself, makes it worth reading. It is published three times a year.

**Brigadier General James L. Collins, Jr. Book Prize in Military History**

The U.S. Commission on Military History announces the 2013 Brigadier General James L. Collins Jr. Book Prize in Military History. The prize entails a $1,000 award to the author of any nationality of the best book written in English on any field of military history published during 2012. The Book Prize Committee, chaired by Dr. Edward J. Marolda, will review the submitted books and select the winner to recommend to the USCMH Board of Trustees. Topics in all periods and all aspects of military history including naval and air warfare will be considered.

Books for consideration by the Collins Prize Committee must be submitted by 30 December 2013, one copy each to:

1. USCMH Collins Prize, c/o Dr. Edward J. Marolda, 15570 Golf Club Drive, Dumfries, VA 22025

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Geoffrey Roberts acknowledges his Distinguished Book Award.

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(L to R): Caroline D’Amours, Margaret Hutchinson, Theresa Monserrat, and Emily Swafford all received Russell F. Weigley Student Travel Grants to attend the SMH Annual Meeting.  Photo Credit: Tom Morgan.

Mark K. Feltman acknowledges his Edward M. Coffman First Manuscript Award.

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Jordan Hayworth (center) receives an ABC-Clio Research Grant Award.

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Society for Military History past presidents:  
First Row (L to R): Tim Nenninger; Dennis Showalter; Carol Reardon; Brian Linn, and Allan Millett. Back Row (L to R): Joe Glatthaar; Richard Kohn, and current president Gregory Urwin.

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Geoffrey Roberts acknowledges his Distinguished Book Award.

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Nate Probasco receives his Moncado Prize for the best article in the April 2012 Journal of Military History. Photo Credit: Tom Morgan.

Outgoing President Joe Glatthaar receives the Edwin H. Simmons Memorial Service Award from Robert Berlin. Photo Credit: Tom Morgan.

Robert Citino acknowledges his Distinguished Book Award. Photo Credit: Tom Morgan.


Upon notification from the selection committee, the Collins Prize will be presented at the USCMH Annual General Meeting usually held in early November. For further information contact the Collins Prize Committee Chair at: edwardmarolda@yahoo.com or Edward.Marolda@navy.mil.

New Journal Launched


Thank you for your help and interest!

Sincerely,
Alexander M. Bielakowski, Ph.D.
Editor-in-Chief, _U.S. Military History Review_

The Society’s 2013 Book Awards were announced during the Awards Luncheon at the annual meeting in New Orleans, but time prevented the full citations for each of the winning articles to be read. Here then, are those citations, with congratulations to each author from the Society.

**Winner, SMH Book Award (2013), US Military History**

Richard S. Faulkner, _The School of Hard Knocks: Combat Leadership in the American Expeditionary Forces_ (Texas A&M University Press)

During World War I, the United States army grew suddenly and dramatically from a small constabulary force of long serving officers and men into a force some four million strong. An estimated 200,000 officers would have to be commissioned to command that army, beginning from a base of less than five thousand active duty officers and another three thousand national guard officers. To make matters even more difficult, warfare in 1917 was almost unrecognizable from its 1914 form, a fact that did not filter down to American soldiers and officers before they arrived in France. Up until now, no one has explored how junior officers in World War I were trained to lead men in battle, or why the US military performed so poorly.

Richard Faulkner’s _The School of Hard Knocks_ brilliantly steps into this gap, describing the faulty, misconceived and rushed efforts to train these brave men in tasks that were usually beyond the experience of their teachers. Officers on the ground were forced to learn through harsh experience that all that they had been taught was wrong. This is a groundbreaking work on many levels, providing new and nuanced insight into not only our understanding of World War I, but military training in general. Faulkner demonstrates how critical the training of junior officers and NCOs is to army performance, and how neglected the subject has been for scholars. This work makes a lasting contribution to the study of World War I and to military history.

Peter Lorge
Vanderbilt University
To paraphrase Winston Churchill, never has the dutiful and crucial service of the few on behalf of the many been left uncelebrated for so long as the regular army of the United States during the Civil War. The political ethos of the United States, from its founding, was hostile to the institution of a professional army, which was widely seen as a tool of oppression in the hands of tyrants. On the eve of the Civil War, just 16,000 men served in the regular army, and their numbers never grew to more than 26,000 during the entire course of the war. This is to be compared with forces of almost 1,000,000 volunteers. The service of the officers and men of the regular army, although certainly known to both contemporaries and scholars, has not received the extensive attention, which has been lavished on the volunteer forces, and particularly those that were engaged in combat operations.

However, in their magisterial study Clayton R. Newell and Charles R. Shrader have demonstrated the essential roles played by the men of the regular army in the victory of the Union forces. Certainly, some regular army units provided a model of training, discipline, and bravery to their far more numerous volunteer counterparts. But through their exhaustive scouring of the sources, Newell and Shrader identify both the personnel and the departments of the regular army such as ordinance and quartermaster who made it possible for Union army to function at all, for the soldiers to have food and uniforms, as well as bullets, powder, and shot.

This book likely will remain the standard reference work on the regular army of the United States during the Civil War for generations of scholars. In addition, Newell and Shrader have set the bar for the administrative history of war. In the future, the shaft of the spear, although not as glorious as the point, will receive the credit it deserves for the functioning of the army.

David Bachrach
University of New Hampshire

Winner – Non-US Military History

Rob Citino’s vita speaks eloquently for his formal academic achievements: a series of books that have redefined and recontextualized understanding of the German way of war. Their quality has been recognized by among others the three most prestigious awards the profession can bestow on military historians: The AHA’s Birdsall Prize, the SMH Distinguished Book Award, and the Spencer Tucker Award. No one has won all three—until Rob.

All of Rob’s five recent major books synergize operational material with wider perspectives: the changing nature of war; the cultural/social aspects of the German way of war; the synergies of war, diplomacy and domestic policy. *Lost War* takes Rob’s scholarship and his reasoning into a wider sphere: the conduct of operations during what he presents as the war’s vital year: 1943. By then it was clear at the senior military levels that the war was unwinnable. They responded with a “heroic vitalism” reflecting Nazi influence to some degree, but also a mentality that emphasized war as a test of will.

The result was some of the fiercest fighting of the war, as the German army forced the issue on all fronts. And here is where Citino’s intellectual breakthrough becomes a highlight. Instead of presenting the Allies as opponents, Rob crosses the battle lines and gets into their heads. He does so with the same perception and insight he brings to the Germans. The Brits and the Soviets are anything but neglected—the analysis of Kursk is especially
well done. Rob’s treatment of the Americans is, however, particularly outstanding. Rob depicts them at the sharp end: studying war against master instructors, paying high tuition, but developing a steep learning curve.

By the end of the book, Rob has made his case. The Wehrmacht was fighting a lost war, and its officer corps was the mainspring of that effort. Fighting on was also a way of postponing or submerging deeper questions about the war, the Fuehrer—and not least their own complicity in sustaining a criminal regime. Even more fundamentally, as the USSR approached war as a science and the US as an exercise in management, the German officer corps was a community of artists. What artist limits his visions to the sober constraints of reason?

Never did a people fight better in a worse cause that the Germans during Hitler’s war. And the epitome of that aphorism was the very body of men on which Germany had historically bestowed ultimate confidence: its officers. The result was a moral failure on a Hegelian world-historic scale.

Dennis Showalter  
Colorado College

Winner – Biography/Memoir  
Geoffrey Roberts, Stalin’s General: Georgi Zhukov (Random House)

The SMH book award for biography and memoirs goes to Geoffrey Roberts’ Stalin’s General: Georgi Zhukov. Russia’s preeminent hero finally gets the full-scale biographical treatment he has long deserved. Roberts utilizes a wide variety sources to cut through the hyperbole of the Zhukov cult while appreciating the man and his achievements in full measure. He presents a balanced and readable account of the Soviet officer, detailing his many rises and falls.

Based on extensive Soviet archival research, including the uncensored version of Zhukov’s own memoirs, Roberts debunks many of the myths surrounding Zhukov. He was not a common peasant as often portrayed, nor an unrivaled military genius of legend. He was not as unconcerned about casualties as often portrayed and did not make any lasting contributions to strategic theory or to military doctrine. What distinguished Zhukov was his exceptional will to win. Zhukov’s character traits, willpower, discipline, decisiveness, self-assurance under fire, complemented by important intellectual qualities, clarity of vision and purpose combined with a willingness to learn from experience enabled him to succeed. A key component of Zhukov’s success was that was a Soviet general and led an army of peasant conscripts, a tough army. Zhukov did not excel as “the best ever” in any one field of military endeavor but he did emerge as the best all-around general of the Second World War. His qualities enable him to excel during the war, and to survive his run-ins with Stalin and Khruschev afterwards. The Zhukov depicted by Roberts is a human being, faults and all, who rose from a peasant to Russia’s greatest World War II hero. He did so under very difficult circumstances and during very trying times. The result is a masterful biography of one of Russia’s greatest soldiers.

Steve Waddell  
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CALL TO ORDER

President Joseph T. Glatthaar called the meeting to order at 0832 A.M. on Sunday, March 17, 2013 in the Grand Ballroom E. of the Sheraton New Orleans, Louisiana.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Glatthaar welcomed everyone, dispensed with the reading of the old minutes, and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the previous Business Meeting in 2012 printed in the Fall 2012 issue of Headquarters Gazette. A motion to that effect was made, seconded, and approved unanimously. Then he proceeded to the reports of the various officers and committee members.

ELECTION RESULTS

Robert H. Berlin briefed the results of the Society election held during three weeks in February conducted online by digital ballot for the first time. 621 votes were cast versus 288 in the 2011 election. Three paper ballots were received. After approval from the President, Berlin verified the ballots with the JMH Editor and Managing Editor. Gregory J. W. Urwin was elected President, Robert M. Citino Vice President; Tami Davis Biddle, Sebastian Cox, and Kelly DeVries were elected for a second four-year term as Trustees. Bill Allison, Ricardo A. Herrera, and Janet G. Valentine were elected for four-year terms as Trustees. Geoffrey P. Megargee was elected to a two year Trustee term, filing the office vacated by Robert Citino’s election to Vice President. The new officers take office after the close of the Annual Meeting on 17 March. Berlin offered thanks to the Nominations Committee for their fine work. The election certification by the JMH Editor, Managing Editor, and Berlin replaced the old Tellers Committee. He concluded by saying that using a digital ballot system had been a success. There were no questions or comments.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

President’s Report. President Glatthaar discussed Society progress in the area of social media issues. He also expressed a need to improve the rate of return on the Society’s investments which the Finance Committee will study. There were no questions or comments.

Vice President’s Report. Gregory Urwin reported that the Regional Coordinators had spent $4690 of the $6000 allocated to them and that represented a $1400 increase over last year. He advocated spending the entire allocation and reminded members that a $500 grant was easy to obtain from the Society to support regional activities. He stated that the George C. Marshall Lecture given on 5 January at the American Historical Association (AHA) by David Hackett Fischer was well received with 85 people attending. He represented SMH and Mark Stoler represented the George C. Marshall Foundation. The Society hosted the reception afterwards that went well. James McPherson will give that lecture next year in Washington, DC. In 2015, Mark Stoler will give the lecture at the AHA meeting in New York City.

Urwin reported on the Society’s social media agenda. The Society’s website has been revamped and Facebook has been a good membership recruitment tool. The Society has its first Mark Grimsley Fellow in Social Media, Gregory Stern. The ad hoc Social Media Committee has now done its work and will be retired until it is needed again. President
Glatthaar complimented Urwin on doing such a fine job. There were no questions or comments.

Executive Director’s Report. Robert Berlin reported the membership continues to increase with 2786 members of the Society, 260 being students and 205 sustaining members. Finances are covered in the Treasure’s report. The Society has assets close to $900K and the dues have stayed the same since 2003. Any discussion of an increase in dues will be put off until next year. All of the Society’s committees functioned very well. The Journal of Military History continues to grow in prominence and is the top journal in military history. EBSCO publishes the electronic version of the Journal and continues to make substantial quarterly payments to the Society. The Society website and Headquarters Gazette newsletter are excellent. The Council voted to thank the University of Southern Mississippi’s Center for the Study of War and Society for its organization of this Annual Meeting. The Annual Meetings have been successful because of the sponsorship that we have. The Annual Meeting last year hosted by the Army Historical Foundation had 709 registered attendees. Next year the Annual Meeting will be held in Kansas City sponsored by the Command and General Staff College Foundation. We have 350 rooms reserved at the Westin Crown Center Hotel in Kansas City at a rate of $129/room plus amenities near the WWI Museum. The Council approved Kurt Piehler’s proposal to hold the 2017 Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, FL. The Allan Millett Fellowship has been established. Berlin attended the meeting of the American Council on Learned Societies (ACLS) in Nashville, TN in November. Joseph Glatthaar is the Society delegate to the ACLS. The Society gets good support from that organization. There were no questions or comments.

Treasurer. Graham Cosmas stated that the Society’s financial condition continues to be quite stable. We ran a $6600 surplus in the operating fund. The Operating Fund took in around $380K and spends about the same amount. Total assets are approaching $1M. We were successfully audited by our CPA. The Society is basically stable with no debts. There were no questions or comments.

Editor, Journal of Military History. Bruce Vandervort reported that the current edition was in the mail. Technology was very much in the forefront of that issue with articles about torpedoes, the Air Force in WWII, and machine guns versus missiles in airplanes. The Journal averages a little over 346 pages per issue except for last October’s War of 1812 issue which ran over 404 pages. The number of manuscripts increased a little as 131 were received in 2012. The Journal is publishing commemorative issues such as the one for the War of 1812 last October and there will be special issues about World War I, the Civil War, and the end of Napoleonic War (2016). President Glatthaar commented that Vandervort runs the best journal that he knows about. There were no questions or further comments.

Website/Editor, Headquarters Gazette. Kurt Hackemer reported that the website had been revamped and that he planned more changes in about a year or so when he will employ new techniques and software. Michael Doidge has expanded the coverage devoted to graduate students. There will be more historical inputs from the archives. President Glatthaar commented that Hackemer does an unbelievably good job. There were no questions or further comments.

Recording Secretary/Photographer. Thomas Morgan reported that the Business Meeting minutes from last year were published in the Fall edition of the Gazette, along with the awards photos. It is expected the same will happen this year. There were no questions or comments.
Archives. Paul Thomsen gave an update on the status of acquiring Society records from individual members and accepting donated materials from institutional sources. He is examining the possibility of selecting some of the Society’s pivotal documents for placement on our website. There were no questions or comments.

Committee Reports. Peter Mansoor of the membership committee reported that we have 2786 members which represent solid improvement in membership. The next President will appoint a new membership committee. President Glatthaar commented that the management of the membership had been successful and that the Society will continue to diligently manage that.

Carol Reardon of the Nominations Committee said that its success was due to good candidates. There were no further questions or comments.

OLD BUSINESS. None

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation of Approved 2013-2014 Budget. Graham Cosmas presented the FY 2013-2014 Operating Budget as approved by the Council. There are projected revenues of about $360K with expenditures of about the same. There were no new line items. The budget is basically a continuation of past programs. President Glatthaar asked that the budget be approved. It was so moved, seconded and passed unanimously. There were no further questions or comments.

Announcement of New Committee Appointments. President Glatthaar announced new committee members approved by the Council and incoming President as follows: Matthew Seelinger replaces Michael Neiberg on the Finance Committee. George Rable and Derek Frisby will go on the Weigley Committee. Adam Seipp, Lien-Hang Nguyen, and Lisa Brady will go on the Coffman Committee. There were no questions or comments.

Announcement of SMH Activities. President Glatthaar announced that the Allan R. Millett Fellowship will begin next year. Glatthaar thanked Brian Linn for raising the prize money. The Council approved a joint prize in conjunction with the George C. Marshall Foundation for digital technology in teaching military history. The prize will be $1000 split between the Foundation and SMH to encourage individuals to develop new technology in military history for classroom instruction. There were no further comments or questions.

Announcement of SMH Policies and Procedures. Bob Berlin stated that the Finance Committee will review Society investments in order to maximize returns. Finance Committee members Matthew Seelinger, Matthew Moten, and Frank Wetta met yesterday with Berlin and Cosmas to get started. The Council authorized Berlin to complete negotiations with the Hyatt Hotel in Jacksonville, FL for the 2017 Annual Meeting. The Society has an expression of interest for the 2018 Annual Meeting from the U.S. Air Force Academy for Denver, CO. The Society is in discussions with the Army Historical Foundation for a return to Arlington, Virginia for 2019. This is furthest out that the Society has had offers for future meetings. There was a question about the timing for the meeting in Florida. Berlin responded that the meeting dates are March 30 to April 3, 2017. There were no further comments or questions.

Announcement of JMH Activities. Bruce Vandervort stated that the Journal contract with VMI would expire in three years. There were no comments or questions.
The Society For Military History at the 2013 Missouri Valley History Conference

By George Eaton

In March the SMH continued a tradition of sponsoring military history panels at the annual Missouri Valley History Conference (MVHC). The MVHC has been held in Omaha the first weekend in March since 1957. SMH has been sponsoring panels at the conference for at least 15 years.

In March 2013 SMH sponsored seven panels with nineteen papers. Over 180 people attended the SMH sponsored panels. Sequestration impacted a little with an eighth panel being canceled and papers merged into another when panelists had to cancel. SMH sponsored panels covered a range from Revolutionary War, to religion in modern wars. In addition to papers analyzing military support of commercial aviation in the Dakotas and the deployment of IRBMs to Great Britain, we also had a paper describing a model to understand revolution backed by papers on different revolutions. In sum, the wide gambit of military history was covered. As always at MVHC, the panelists ranged from undergraduates to historians practicing in academia, state government, and as independent scholars.

The SMH in conjunction with the 1st Division Museum co-sponsors two prizes at MVHC. The Kevin J. Carroll Prize, valued at $400, is awarded to the author of the best paper written by a graduate student. This year the prize was awarded to John Hess, University of Kansas, for his paper “The Headaches Continue to Pile Up’: The American Occupation of 1945.” The other prize is awarded to be the best undergraduate paper and can go to a non-military history work. This year the $200 Best Undergraduate Paper Prize, went to Melissa Hasty, Baler University, for her paper “Constantine and the Cult of Sol Invictus: The Story of Sol Invictus and Christianity.”

In addition to the panels and awards, SMH hosted the SMH Huddle and invited anyone interested in Military History. Thirty five people attended.

For the future, George Eaton, SMH Coordinator for the SMH at MVHC, and Kurt Hackemer are working to develop pages on the SMH website to highlight the work we are doing here in the upper Midwest to promote military history. If you want more information or have ideas, contact George Eaton at smhatmvhc@gmail.com.
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For more information, visit: www.smh-hq.org
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August 15-18 – The Mars Society will host its 16th annual international convention in Boulder, Colorado. For more details, see the Society’s website at http://www.marssociety.org/home.

September 1-6 – The Italian Commission of Military History will host the 39th Congress of the International Commission of Military History to be held in Torino, Italy. The theme of the Congress is “Memory, Documentary Sources, and War.” Scholars from 40 countries are expected to attend. For more information, contact Prof. Dr. Michael Epkenhans at the Center for Military History and Social Sciences of the German Armed Forces, e-mail michael.epkenhans@bundeswehr.org.

September 4-7 – The Università di Trento, LSE IDEAS-Cold War Studies Programme, European University Institute, Università Roma Tre, Universität Wien, and Università di Bologna, are jointly convening the Fifth Annual European Summer School on Cold War History at the Università di Trento, Villa Madruzzo, Italy. For more details, see their website at http://www2.lse.ac.uk/IDEAS/programmes/coldWarStudiesProgramme/Events/Cold%20War%20Summer%20School/CWSS2013 CfP.aspx.

September 12-13 – Lessons of War: Gender History and the Second World War. Location: Lancaster University, UK. Contacts: Dr Corinna Peniston-Bird (Lancaster University) - c.peniston-bird@lancaster.ac.uk, and Dr Emma Vickers (Liverpool John Moores University) - E.L.Vickers@ljmu.ac.uk.

September 14 – Civil War Study Group 6th Annual Symposium at The Filson Historical Society, Louisville, Kentucky. Contact: R. Darrell Meadows at darrell.meadows@ky.gov.

September 18-20 – McMullen Naval History Symposium, US Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD. For more details, see www.usna.edu. History/Symposium.

September 21-22 – The Pacific War Museum will hold its annual Admiral Nimitz Foundation Symposium at the museum in Fredericksburg, Texas. For more details as they become available, see the Museum’s website at http://www.pacificwarmuseum.org.

September 26-28 – The Northern Great Plains History Conference features sessions sponsored by the Society for Military History, and the Society works closely with the Conference Program Chair to provide the strongest possible participation. This year’s meeting will be held in Hudson, Wisconsin. For details, contact Dr Margret Sankey at the Political Science Department, Minnesota State University Moorhead via e-mail at sankeymhist@gmail.com.

September 26-28 – Texas Tech University’s Vietnam Center and the U.S. National Archives will co-host the Center’s annual conference at the National Archive’s central facilities in downtown Washington, DC. The theme of this year’s conference is “Vietnam: 1963.” For more details, visit the Center’s website at http://www.vietnam.ttu.edu/events/2013-Conference/.

October 3 – The U.S. Naval Institute will host its 2013 Navy History Conference at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. The topic of this year’s conference is “The Past, Present, and Future of Human Space Flight,” and the panel will include speakers who have been there and done that. For more details, see the Institute’s website at http://www.usni.org/events/2013-us-naval-history-conference.


October 9-13 – The Oral History Association will hold its annual meeting at The Skirvin Hilton Hotel in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. This year’s meeting theme will be “Hidden Stories, Contested Truths: The Craft of Oral History.” For details, see the Association’s website at http://www.oralhistory.org.

October 10-11 – Cryptologic History
Symposium, sponsored by the National Security Agency’s Center for Cryptologic History. Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory’s Kossiakoff Center, Laurel, Maryland. Contact: kgsieg@nsa.gov.


October 11-13 – The Balkan Wars 1912/13. Experience, Perception, Remembrance at the Center for Balkan and Black Sea Studies / Yildiz Technical University, Istanbul. Contact: PD Dr. Katrin Boeckh, Osteuropa-Institut, Landshuter Str. 4, 93047 Regensburg, boeckh@osteuropa-institut.de.

October 17-18 – The Center for Cryptologic History will host its 14th biennial Cryptologic History Symposium in Laurel, Maryland. This meeting’s theme will be “Technological Change and Cryptology: Meeting the Historical Challenges.” For more details, visit the Center’s website at http://www.nsa.gov/about/cryptologic_heritage/center_crypt_history/news/index.shtml.

October 17-19 – 17th Century Warfare, Diplomacy & Society in the American Northeast, hosted by the Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center. Contact: Dr. Kevin McBride, KMcbride@mptn.org.


November 7-8 – World War I Historical Association Annual National Symposium, The Liberty Memorial National WWI Museum, Kansas City, Missouri, featuring the run-up to The Great War. Contact George Thompson at president@ww1ha.org or visit our website at www.ww1ha.org for details.

November 9-11 – Astride Two Ages: Technology and the Civil War, at the National Museum of American History. Contact: Barton Hacker at hackerb@si.edu.

November 21-24 – The History of Science Society will hold its annual meeting in the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts. The meeting will mark the 100th anniversary of the Society’s journal, Isis, one of the premier international journals in its field. For more information, see the Society’s website at http://www.hssonline.org/.

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March 6-8 – Medical History of World War II, Army Medical Department Museum in San Antonio, Texas. Contact Dr Sanders Marble, Office of Medical History, US Army, william.s.marble.civ@mail.mil.

March 13-14 – The Role of the Neutrals and Non-Aligned in the Global Cold War, 1949-1989. University of Lausanne, Institute of Economic and Social History and History Department The Graduate Institute, IHEID, Geneva. Contact: Sandra Bott at sandra.bott@unil.ch.

March 15-16 – The 24th Annual War of 1812 in the West Symposium will be held at the General Daniel Bissell House in Saint Louis, Missouri. Contact David Bennett at ebclemson@aol.com for details.

April 3-7 – The 2014 SMH Annual Meeting will be in Kansas City, MO at the Westin Crown Center Hotel. Hosted by the Command & General Staff College Foundation, Liberty Memorial - National World War I Museum, Harry S. Truman Presidential Museum & Library, and the Department of History at the University of Kansas.

April 11-14 – The University of Greenwich’s Maritime Institute, sited in London, England, will host a conference on “Naval and Maritime Powers During Two World Wars.” Among other aspects, the program will include presentations on the airpower aspects of both conflicts. For details, see the University’s website at http://www2.gre.ac.uk/about/schools/gmi/about/news/gm/call-for-papers-naval-and-maritime-power-conference-2014, or e-mail the Institute at maritimemower@greenwich.ac.uk.
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April 14-15 – National and Racial Minorities in Total War. Location: University of Chester. Contact: ww1minorities@chester.ac.uk.

April 14-17 – Global War Studies and the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst are pleased to announce “1944: Seventy Years On,” an international conference on the Second World War with 1944 as its core theme. The conference will be held at the Academy. For more details, contact Robert von Maier via e-mail at globalwarstudies@gmail.com.


August 15-16 – The Academic World in the Era of the Great War. Location: Trinity College, Dublin. Co-organized by the Centre for War Studies at Trinity College Dublin and the Centre canadien des études allemandes et européennes at the Université de Montréal. Contact: academicworldconference@gmail.com.

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