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SMH 2020 CALL FOR PAPERS

87th Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History **“Policy by Other Means”** **April 30-May 3, 2020**

Hosted by the Army Historical Foundation

The Society for Military History is pleased to announce a call for papers for its 87th Annual Meeting, hosted by the Army Historical Foundation in Arlington, VA.

For the 2020 meeting, the Program Committee will consider paper and panel proposals on all aspects of military history, especially encouraging submissions that reflect on this year’s theme, **Policy by Other Means**.

We invite submissions that examine war and other military operations as instruments of policy, to include topics such as grand strategy, coalition warfare, military diplomacy, humanitarian interventions, peacekeeping and nation building, military occupation and government, and “gray zone” competition, as well as the pursuit of domestic policy objectives via military means. While submissions that address the conference theme are encouraged, submissions that focus on other topics will also be entertained by the Program Committee.

Submissions of pre-organized panels and roundtables are strongly encouraged and will be given preference in the selection process. Panel, paper, and poster proposals will clearly explain their topics and questions in ways that will be understandable to the broad membership of the SMH, not only to those interested in the specific topics in question. Additionally, the SMH encourages the representation of the full diversity of its membership and especially values panel and roundtable proposals that reflect the organization’s diversity of institutional affiliations, various career paths and ranks, gender, race, and ethnicity.

Panel proposals must include a panel title and 300-word abstract summarizing the theme of the panel; paper title and a 300-word abstract for each paper proposed; and a one-page curriculum vitae for each panelist (including the chair and commentator) that includes institutional affiliation, email address, and other contact information.

Roundtable proposals must include a roundtable title, the full name and institutional affiliation of each participant, a 300-word abstract summarizing the roundtable's themes and points of discussion, and a one-page curriculum vitae for each participant (including the moderator, if any). Individual paper proposals are also welcome and must include a 300-word abstract of the paper, and one-page vita with contact information and email address. If accepted, individual papers will be assigned by the program committee to an appropriate panel with a chair and commentator. Those who wish to volunteer to serve as chairs and commentators should send a one-page curriculum vitae to the program committee chair.

Proposals will be judged according to the following criteria:

- Proposal explains the topic, research questions, methodologies, and historiographic significance in ways that specialists and non-specialists alike can understand. (10 points)
- Proposal presents new findings or revisions of long-held interpretations. (10 points)
- Proposal addresses the conference theme. (5 points)
- Proposal reflects the SMH's diversity of institutional affiliations, various career paths and ranks, gender, race, and ethnicity. (Does not apply to individual submissions)

Participants may present one paper, serve on a roundtable, or provide panel comments. They may not fill more than one of these roles during the conference, nor should they propose to do so to the Program Committee. Members who act as panel chairs for only one session may deliver a paper, serve on a roundtable, or offer comments in a different session. Members who serve as both the chair and commentator of a single session may not present in another session **unless they do so at the invitation of the SMH leadership.**

All submissions must be made through the 2020 SMH Submission Portal at www.smh-hq.org/2020submissions.html. One person will need to gather all required information for panel and roundtable submissions and enter the information in the portal. Individual paper and submissions can be made by the individual. For questions about the submission process, contact smh2020@armyhistory.org.

All proposals must be submitted by **October 1, 2019**. All accepted presenters, chairs, and commentators must be members of the Society for Military History by December 31, 2019, to be placed on the conference program.

A Young Scholars call for papers (for BA and MA students) will be circulated at a later date.

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2020 ANNUAL MEETING

BY MATT SEELINGER

The Army Historical Foundation is pleased to be hosting the 2020 Society for Military History Annual meeting April 30-May 3, 2020, in Arlington, Virginia. The theme for the conference is “Policy by Other Means. You will find the call-for-papers in this issue of Headquarters Gazette. The meeting website, www.armyhistory.org/smh2020. It is currently a work in progress and additional information will be posted as it becomes available.

The conference will be held at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in the Crystal City section of Arlington. The room rate for the conference is \$189 per night; the reservation link is active for anyone wishing to book a room well in advance of the meeting: <https://book.passkey.com/e/49920950>. There are other hotels nearby for overflow.

The program committee is working on the submission portal, which will be active later this summer. All paper/panel submissions must be made through the portal. As in the last two meetings, the 2020 meeting will include Young Scholar sessions. A call-for-proposals will be distributed later in the fall.

The awards dinner will again be open to the public on Thursday evening, April 30. All other events—opening reception, Robert Harry Berlin Student Reception, and keynote address and reception will remain in the same spots on the schedule as in Columbus.

Arlington is served by Ronald Reagan National Airport, approximately one mile from the Marriott. It is one stop away on Metro (Blue and Yellow Lines), with the hotel located over the stop—no need to go outside to reach the hotel from Metro. There is also a complimentary hotel shuttle to and from the Gateway Marriott. The Washington, DC, area is also served by Dulles International Airport and Thurgood Marshall Baltimore Washington International Airport. Union Station in Washington is a major station for Amtrak, and Union Station has a Metro stop on the Red Line.

Crystal City and Arlington, located just across the Potomac River from Washington, is home to a variety of restaurants and other attractions. Many restaurants and bars can be found nearby the hotel, in the Crystal City Underground and on Crystal Drive and S. 23rd Street, ranging from high end steak houses and fine dining to very reasonable ethnic establishments. More options can be found throughout Arlington and nearby Alexandria and Washington—all a quick Metro, cab, or Uber/Lyft ride away. We are planning trips to the National Museum of the Marine Corps (www.usmcmuseum.com) and the Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington (www.mountvernon.org/library). Attendees will also be able to visit the new National Museum of the U.S. Army located at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

That's all for now. More information to come in the fall.

Matt Seelinger
2020 SMH Annual Meeting Coordinator
Army Historical Foundation

NOTES FROM THE GRADUATE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

BY JESSICA J. SHEETS

Dear Fellow Graduate Students,

I enjoyed meeting many of you at the Columbus meeting! Please spread the word to your military history friends and classmates about SMH, the fantastic annual meeting, and how supportive SMH is to graduate students.

Please consider submitting (or updating) a bio for the grad student section of SMH's website. Thank you to those who have done so. Additionally, if you have a suggestion for a topic for next year's grad student roundtable, please let me know soon. I did receive a couple suggestions at the annual meeting.

As always, let me know if I can be of any assistance.

All the Best,
Jessica J. Sheets
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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY JOHN HALL

Dear Colleagues,

As any of you who attended can attest, the 86th Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History was a resounding success. For that we may thank the tireless efforts of conference coordinator Prof. Peter Mansoor, his indomitable assistant Maysan Haydar, a fantastic program committee led by Prof. Marion “Molly” Dorsey, no less than 554 presenters, chairs and commentators, and a tremendous cast of volunteers, most of them associated in some capacity with our host, *The Ohio State University*. While the success of any meeting ultimately hinges on the quality of the papers presented (which was excellent), it didn’t hurt that the Hilton pulled out all of the stops for us and that downtown Columbus is truly charming.

The meeting was also a fitting tribute to Prof. Jennifer Keene, whose term as president ended at its conclusion. Pressed into this office over a year early due to the tragic death of her predecessor, Jeffrey Grey, Jennifer led our Society for more than thirty-three months—a tenure unsurpassed in both duration and accomplishments. Among her top priorities was the regularization of the Society’s business practices and their alignment with our Constitution—or vice versa in a great many instances. As the meeting convened, her efforts in these regards had already paid great dividends and were nearing completion.

Jennifer was also especially attentive to members’ recommendations regarding the format of the annual meeting and aware of its potential to serve our junior scholars better. Innovations she unveiled in Louisville in 2018 met with nearly universal acclaim and were made standard practice for the Columbus meeting. Once again, we forewent a formal banquet in favor of a plenary event featuring the presentation of the Society’s highest honors, a keynote address, and a concluding reception.

This year, Williamson “Wick” Murray and Brian Holden Reid each took home a Samuel Eliot Morison Prize for their inestimable contributions to the field of military history, and the indispensable Bill Allison was recognized for his distinguished service to the Society with the Edwin H. Simmons Award. Fittingly, the keynote address was delivered by one of the stars in Ohio State’s illustrious military history firmament, Prof. Geoffrey Parker, who answered his own question (“Is the Military Revolution Dead Yet?”) by tantalizing the audience with a preview of his current book on the subject. Whereas banquet attendance had dwindled considerably in recent years, scarcely anyone missed the concluding reception. Indeed, many lingered well past the military historian’s signal to retreat: *Last call!*

Among Jennifer’s other notable innovations continued for the Columbus meeting were mentorship opportunities for students and early-career historians and the spectacularly successful “Young Scholar Sessions,” which continues to provide BA and MA students opportunities to share their research with the wider field. Ultimately, 790 people attended the 86th meeting and participated in or observed an unprecedented 128 panels, roundtables, or workshops. This number does not include a luncheon address by National Endowment for the Humanities Chairman Jon Parrish Peede, who explained to a *very* receptive audience “Why Military History is Essential to the Academy.”

The excellent work done by the Program Committee was obvious to all. But behind the scenes, the meeting also provided the Society's leadership an opportunity to welcome aboard new trustees and to elevate one of those sitting, Pete Mansoor, to the Vice Presidency. The minutes of the Membership Meeting, enclosed in this issue of *The Headquarters Gazette*, summarize the most important business presently before the Society, but I would like to highlight two issues of special importance. The first involves determining the institutional home of *The Journal of Military History* beyond the expiration of our current contract with the Virginia Military Institute in 2021. As a matter of diligence, the Society will explore all of its options but is by no means ruling out a new contract with VMI, with which the Society has enjoyed a long and happy relationship. The second issue is the resurrection of what was formerly the West Point Summer Seminar in Military History as an ongoing SMH initiative. The importance of this seminar to our field is difficult to exaggerate, as are my hopes for the SMH Summer Institute, which should debut in 2021.

In closing, allow me to once again thank Jennifer Keene for her tremendous leadership of the Society for nearly three years. Truly, it has been a privilege to serve as her understudy. Thanks to her efforts, the Society is today more diverse and vibrant than it has been at any time in its eighty-six years. For this, we all owe her a tremendous debt of gratitude—but none feel it more deeply than I do. Inspired by her example and guided by our intrepid executive director, C.C. Felker, and the other officers and trustees, our Society will continue to move our field ever *Forward!*

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2018-2019

BY C.C. FELKER

General. We added two new members to the SMH staff. Following the unplanned loss of Lynne Johnson, we hired Vicki Turner as our Business Manager. Vicki is a resident of Lexington, and brings a wealth of office management and business experience. The GSR Committee selected Ms. Jessica Sheets as our Grad Student Representative. Jessica is a PhD Candidate (ABD) in American Studies at Penn State Harrisburg. Since April 2006, Jessica has worked at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and has been a Research Historian since September 2018.

We also made some significant headway in our organizational structure. We implemented our HR manual, completed “At Will” agreements for all of the paid staff, and will complete performance reviews for this past year. The Constitution Committee deployed a thorough survey of necessary reforms to the Charter to the Council, and will brief results and propose changes at the Council Meeting in May. We should also be wrapping up specific policies for our award committees, and embarking on formulating a public statement policy.

Another important initiative this past year was the transition of our annual conference planning model, from a volunteer faculty member at a host university, to a professional event planning company. The contract with Cypress Planning Group will be signed by the Annual Meeting, and the company will take over planning and execution for SMH 2022, 2023, and 2024.

Finally, we completed a very successful election process. Nearly 800 members participated in an online voting system, and elected a new Vice President and 6 new Trustees.

1. Membership. As of April 15, 2019, there are 2551 individual members (114 fewer than a year ago), of whom 229 are student members, and 133 sustaining members (paying \$120/yr), up from 124. There are 250 institutional members, a drop of 5. SMH has enabled members to renew for two years if they choose on the recommendation of our *JMH* Managing Editor, Roberta Wiener, and over 600 members have taken advantage of this since it became available in July 2015.
2. Audit and IRS 990 and W-9 forms. SMH had its annual audit done by James R. Turner & Company, P.C. Certified Public Accountant. I worked with Mr. Turner and SMH Treasurer Ashley Kumbier to assure that our IRS form 990 was accurate to reflect the current employees and trustees and hours worked. The filed 990's are a public record available online at guidestar.org. SMH is required to file an information return with the IRS disclosing all reportable award payments in excess of \$600 and provide awardees with an IRS 1099. Accordingly, Ashley requested 2019 award winners to provide W-9 Request for Taxpayer Identification Number forms and the forms are sent to the Treasurer to provide to Mr. Turner. This is an ongoing requirement.
3. Finances. The Treasurer's report points out, and I agree, that the Society is in very good financial health. We experienced extremely healthy gains in our investments. Perhaps just as importantly, the combination of budget efficiencies (reducing our contribution to the National Coalition for History, and digitizing the newsletter), and the dues increase, resulted in a budget with modest net incomes for the foreseeable future.

Finally, on behalf of the Council, I want to recognize Ashley's performance as our Treasurer. Her expert and detail-oriented attention to our finances has been instrumental in the overall professionalization of the Society's policies and programs. We are very fortunate to have her as our Treasurer.

4. Giving. Forty-one members donated a total of \$8904.00 this year, \$500 more than the previous year. We also receive an annual donation of \$20,000 from VMI.
5. Award Committees. The awards committees demonstrated extremely professional and methodical vetting of nominees for the Distinguished Book Awards, Coffman Prize, Millett Prize, Moncado Prizes, And the Weigley, Grey, and ABC-Clio travel grants. All of the committees submitted their winners and reports by the end of March, providing ample time to notify the winners and arrange for the preparation of the plaques. Well done to the committee chairs for their leadership, and the committee members for their superb efforts!
6. The Journal of Military History (JMH) is published by the Virginia Military Institute (VMI) and the George C. Marshall Foundation (GCMF) by agreement for seven years that began in December 2014. The agreement provides for financial support (\$20,000) per year from VMI, office space, release time from teaching for the current editor, and other concessions. SMH retains copyright of *JMH*. The *JMH* staff led by editor Bruce Vandervort, continue to produce on time each quarter, the leading scholarly publication in military history. *JMH* quality and high standards are being maintained. *JMH* is printed and circulated in an efficient and cost-effective manner. *JMH* operations are covered in the editor's report.

7. Website and Newsletter. This was the first year of our digitized newsletter. Going to an in-house, electronic-only format gives the Society a bit more flexibility, allows us to introduce color graphics, frees us from the 4-page blocks that defined the hard copy newsletter, and removes length restraints. We are also seeing our first advertisers who want to take advantage of the new format. Our webmaster Kurt Hackemer, who did a splendid job of singlehandedly reformatting the newsletter for digital publication, received no complaints about the electronic-only format.

This report recognizes Kurt's tremendous contributions as our webmaster and newsletter editor. Given the tremendous demands as Provost at the University of South Dakota, we are extremely fortunate and grateful for his dedication to the Society.

8. Archives. The Society archives are located at Kansas State University (KSU). Unfortunately, Hale Library experienced a fire on May 22. The archives department was largely unaffected, except for some minor smoke in the area where boxed archival collections--including the SMH records--were stored. The materials in this area were removed to an offsite storage facility where they will be rehoused and cleaned if necessary. Afterward they will be moved to a secure storage facility with appropriate climate control. All SMH materials will be inaccessible for the foreseeable future. Hale Library will soon be moving into a reconstruction phase. The project will take two years.

Since our archived material is inaccessible, the decision to hire an archivist has not been deemed emergent. I notified the members through the newsletter that, for the foreseeable future, that KSU will only accept digitized documents.

9. Social Media. SMH activities continue both on Facebook and Twitter. The SMH Twitter account is **@SMH_Historians**. Our Facebook Group numbers 608 members, while our Twitter account has nearly 5,275 followers, up from last year. Tracy Barnett, the Mark Grimsley Fellow in Social Media, promptly and regularly tweets SMH relevant events and news.
10. Annual Meeting 2020. April 30-May 2, 2020 hosted by The Army Historical Foundation, who successfully hosted the SMH 2012 meeting. The National Museum of the U.S. Army at Fort Belvoir is now projected to be open in June 2019. Matt Seelinger, Chief Historian of The Army Historical Foundation, is meeting coordinator. The meeting hotel is the Marriott Crystal Gateway.
11. Annual Meeting 2021. Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA with co-hosts the Joint Forces Staff College and the MacArthur Memorial, have agreed to host the 2021 meeting from March 18-20, 2021. Conference headquarters will be at the Hilton Hotel, Norfolk the Main, with additional rooms (particularly to accommodate DoD and USG members who need the accepted per diem rate) at the Norfolk Marriott, which is right across the street from the Hilton.
12. Annual Meeting 2022. This will be the first meeting planned and executed by Cypress Planning Group. I intend to present to the BoT a decision briefing to hold the 2022 meeting in Fort Worth, Texas. *(The board approved this location)*
13. George C. Marshall Lecture. Fredrik Logevall from Harvard, spoke on the legacy of the Vietnam War to approximately 80 persons at the American Historical Association meeting in Chicago in January. Our President and the GCMF president introduced the lecture series and the speaker. Approximately 75 persons attended the post lecture reception.

14. SMH Elections. In July 2018 Nominating Committee Chair Brian McAllister Linn solicited suggestions for members from the president, vice-president, and members. Following guidance from the SMH Constitution and the Nominating Committee Procedures, the Committee examined lists of those who had served on prior SMH committees, contacted current and former Trustees, and solicited nominations from both national and international members. The members were in agreement that their mandate was to provide members with a choice of candidates who were representative of the SMH's diverse membership and who have established their commitment to the SMH. One of our first tasks was to find two suitable candidates for vice-president. Following his colleagues' consensus, Brian contacted both Peter Mansoor and Beth Bailey by email and then spoke with them for an extended period by telephone, addressing the topics provided by the SMH guidelines. Both candidates agreed to stand for office. At the same time, Committee members contacted other potential candidates, paying particular attention to those who could represent the Society's many constituencies.

Once the Nominating Committee provided me with the candidates, I collected background information, which Kurt Hackemer posted in the web site and in the newsletter. The election, which was announced via email and through the web page to the members, occurred online through Event Rebels. Online voting commenced in December 2018, and closed out on February 15, 2019. 791 members voted in the election.

Congratulations to Brian and the entire committee for leading an extremely thorough and efficient election process!

Summary. The Society is in excellent health. As the only learned society dedicated to the study of military history, we have successfully supported the mission through process improvements, a dedicated and professional staff, a highly-respected journal, increasing attendance at our annual conference, and a President, Vice President, and incoming Vice President who reflect the type of leadership that will serve the mission well. Specific areas include:

- **Personnel.** Jennifer and John proved the consummate leadership team. Both demonstrated an impressive commitment to the operations of the Society, despite the demands of their full-time obligations. Jennifer has been instrumental in the professionalization of Society policies and practices, while John's focus on the Regional Coordinators is going to dramatically improve our ability to reach out to the many other constituencies who study military history. It will be a challenge to maintain the pace that Jennifer set over her three-year tenure, but I anticipate that John and Pete will energetically move the Society forward.

Our staff has continued its superb performance. The JMH staff works tirelessly to produce a top-rated journal. The operational staff is simply top notch. Together, their commitment to making the Society work is singularly impressive. And the unplanned loss of the business manager was quickly solved by the hiring of Vicki Turner, who brings a wealth of experience in office management.

The Society does not provide any benefits, not even paid leave. This is not an argument to move the staff to full time, or to provide benefits to the staff, although should the Society's fiscal situation improve, staff benefits, in particular performance bonuses, should be considered. But my sense is that if analyzed we would discover that these folks are putting in more hours than

contracted, not because they have to, but due to their commitment to the Society mission.

- **The JMH.** The Editor's report clearly illustrates the JMH as the Society's flagship. Its reputation as one of the top academic journals in the world is a testament to the productivity of our scholars, but also to the efforts of the journal staff to ensure the quality of the scholarship that is presented to our colleagues within and outside our field.
- **The Annual Meeting.** Our annual conference has certainly outgrown the original intent of the Society's founders and has grown into a superb demonstration of the depth and breadth of Military History. What is even more remarkable, though, are the amazing efforts of our colleagues who volunteer to take on the onerous duties of developing the program and planning and executing the conference. Our scholars certainly are key to the success of the annual meeting. But we must acknowledge the superb efforts of Molly Dorsey and the Program Committee, and Pete Mansoor and Maysan Haydar, for creating an environment that fosters scholarly exchange, while permitting us to enjoy each other's company after a long day of intellectual pursuit.
- **Finances.** Our budget is balanced and our investments are growing. The future points to sustained fiscal solvency, and, should our investments continue to grow, the board might consider ways to use those funds to further the mission, such as expanding the book awards, establishing travel funding for undergraduate students presenting at the annual meeting, and establishing a teaching award.

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

BY ASHLEY KUMBIER

Hello Members –

Another great annual meeting and another year closed in the books! For those that couldn't make it to Ohio for the membership meeting, I have a financial update for last fiscal year. The Society far surpassed our budget with preliminary, unaudited net income of approximately \$142K. This increase in income is due primarily to good performance by the Society's Morgan Stanley investment, which I will detail later.

Most other items of income and expenses came in as budgeted and similar to prior year. Two budget changes from prior years approved by the board at the 2018 annual meeting were implemented during the 3/31/2019 fiscal year: increase in membership dues and newsletter expenses. Membership dues were modestly raised by \$10 half way through the year, which members should have seen if they renewed after August. The newsletter was also converted to online only, resulting in an annual budget savings of approximately \$15K. For this next fiscal year ending 3/31/2020, both of these changes will be in place for the whole year. These changes will also balance the Society's operating budget without a reliance on the exceptional investment income the Society has experienced the last few years, since investment income can be unpredictable.

This year investment income was 170% higher than last year, totaling \$166,048, with \$10,590 in interest and dividends and \$155,458 in capital gains. Some of the FYE 3/2019 capital gains were due to sale of some holdings and reinvestment in better income earning funds, as advised by our Morgan Stanley investment team. These sales resulted in the recognition of income, part of which is the realization of prior year's increase in fair market value. The total market value increase for FYE 3/2019 in the Morgan Stanley account was \$48,912. Additionally, \$131,094 of funds from checking was transferred into the Morgan Stanley accounts during the fiscal year.

Another way to think of this is like a personally held stock. As it goes up in value, you don't report that increase on the 1040 personal tax return. As a cash basis reporter, SMH also does not report that increase in value as income. Income is reported when there is a revenue recognizing activity, such as interest, dividend or a sale, which was the case with the Morgan Stanley funds. Some of the income recognized and reported this year is really due to gains on the market in prior years.

Currently we are in the process of gathering documentation together for the FYE 3/31/2019 audit, which will be posted to the Society website when finalized late this summer or early fall. You may recall from the Fall 2018 newsletter the FYE 3/31/2018 audit was completed last summer and the Society was once again given an "unqualified" (clean) audit opinion.

The Society continues to be a financially strong and healthy organization, and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in Arlington in 2020!

Best,

Ashley Kumbier, CPA
SMH Treasurer

CALLS FOR PAPERS AND CONTRIBUTORS

Call for Papers – Extended

War College of the Seven Years' War at Fort Ticonderoga
May 15-17, 2020

In 2020 Fort Ticonderoga will open a new exhibit focusing of the institution of the militia and its development over the long 18th century. The topic prompts discussions about the role of the citizen, the subject, and the soldier in the broader Seven Years' War. Even more than previous conflicts, the global Seven Years' War called thousands more men into military service. The expansion of recruitment into regular, provincial, and militia service in various theatres across the globe made the impact of the war felt much more broadly as the soldiers themselves, as well as their families and communities, dealt with the impact of war. Fort Ticonderoga seeks proposals for papers broadly addressing the period of the Seven Years' War for its Twenty-Fifth Annual War College of the Seven Years' War to be held May 15-17, 2020.

Fort Ticonderoga seeks out new research and perspectives on one of the most important military and political events of its era. We seek papers from established scholars in addition to graduate students and others that relate to the origins, conduct, or repercussions of the Seven Years' War broadly speaking. We are especially interested in topics and approaches that engage the international quality of the conflict as well as representing the variety of peoples and places involved.

We welcome interdisciplinary approaches and perspectives covering the period from the 1740s to the 1760s. Papers may include or engage:

- Material Culture
- Biographical Analysis
- Campaign Histories
- Archaeological Investigations
- Cultural, Social, and Political Ramifications
- Indigenous Populations

Sessions are 30 minutes in length followed by 10 minutes for audience questions. Fort Ticonderoga may provide speakers with partial travel reimbursement. Please submit a 300-word abstract and CV by email by August 15, 2019, to Richard M. Strum, Director of Academic Programs: rstrum@fort-ticonderoga.org

Call for Papers

The Many Faces of War V: An annual interdisciplinary symposium on the experience and impact of war throughout history

October 17th-18th, 2019 at South Dakota State University

The study of warfare is often restricted to the sphere of military history and rarely allowed to transcend the artificial boundaries of historical study, namely those limited by geography and periodization. Throughout the ages war has had the greatest impact, not on the political elite who declare wars but on those who fight and die and their families and friends.

This annual interdisciplinary conference aims to address both the experience and impact of war for those fighting as well as for those on the periphery of combat.

Alongside traditional avenues of military historical study, subtopics of particular interest are: Women in war; the social stigma of retreat or cowardice; war and agriculture; the impact of scorched earth policy on populations; The depopulation of villages; war's effect on birth or marriage rates of the loss of male citizens; prisoners of war; camp-followers and non-military personnel; displacement of populations; arms production; social security systems for war widows and orphans; the effect of training on a soldier's mindset and actions (before, during and after combat); the social position of soldiers; peacetime relations between soldiers and civilians; wartime relations between civilians and occupying armies; war as spectacle; laughter in war; literature and poetry of war; the art and architecture of war and remembrance. This year we encourage a focus on veterans and associated studies or experiences.

The conference is aimed equally at postgraduate students, researchers in the early stages of their careers and established academics. There are no specific geographical or temporal parameters regarding the subject matter of papers, and scholars and students of ancient, medieval and modern warfare are encouraged to submit proposals. We would also encourage the proposal of panels of three papers.

Proposals/abstracts should be no longer than 250 words and should be sent to: Graham Wrightson (graham.wrightson@sdstate.edu)

It is a self-funded conference so there will be a small \$25 registration fee for all participants to cover room rental and refreshments. The fee is waived for students.

The deadline for submission of proposals is **August 31st, 2019**.

Call for Papers

The 4th annual Symposium on Modern Warfare will take place at Texas Tech University's International Cultural Center September 20, 2019. The theme of this year's symposium is Leadership and Modern Warfare.

Important Dates:

- Proposal submission deadline: **July 15, 2019**
- Notification of acceptance: July 31, 2019
- Accepted presenters must confirm presentations: August 15, 2019

Symposium organizers are accepting proposals that consider the following topics within the context of the modern era (circa 1975 to the present):

- Analyses or case studies of the personalities, decisions, triumphs, and failures of individual leaders – both famous (e.g. General Tommy Franks, General David Petraeus) and infamous (e.g. Osama bin Laden, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi)
- The U.S. Department of Defense and its service branches, including tensions between the defense reform movement and the military establishment
- Leadership challenges in coalition warfare where coalition partners have competing interests, goals, strategies, and postwar expectations
- Leadership challenges in the age of privatized corporate security and military forces such as Blackwater
- Oral histories by modern war veterans detailing their experiences with leadership in the field
- Any other topic relevant to the symposium theme

Symposium organizers welcome both individual presentation proposals as well as pre-organized panel proposals that include two to three presentations. Symposium sessions will follow a 90-minute format to include one hour for presentations (divided equally among 2-3 presenters) and 30 minutes for questions and discussion. Presentations by veterans are especially encouraged as are presentations by graduate students.

Submissions for individual papers and panel sessions must include:

- Paper/Session title

- Presenter's CV/resume (maximum 2 pages)
- A summary of the proposed presentation (approximately 500 words) – This abstract will be used by the symposium organizers to evaluate your proposal.
- Specific technology or other presentation requirements

Please send submissions to andrew.hinton@ttu.edu. If submitting a panel proposal, please include separate abstracts for each proposed presentation and CVs/resumes for each speaker.

All submissions will be evaluated based on the relevance of the topic and potential to advance understanding about leadership in modern warfare. Acceptance is competitive.

Call for Papers

The Society of Civil War Historians will host its biennial conference at the Sheraton Raleigh Hotel, Raleigh, NC, from June 4-6, 2020. The SCWH welcomes panel proposals or individual papers on the broadly defined Civil War era—chronologically, geographically, and topically. The goal of the conference is to promote the integration of social, cultural, military, and political history, as well as the history of memory, from the period of slavery and westward expansion to the end of Reconstruction. The conference also brings into conversation academic historians, graduate students, and professionals who interpret history in museums, national parks, archives, and other public history sites.

The deadline for receipt of proposals is **September 16, 2019**. Please complete a submission form (panel proposal: <http://richardscenter.la.psu.edu/conference-papers/panel-submission-form/> or single paper proposal: <http://richardscenter.la.psu.edu/conference-papers/single-paper-submission/>) and upload a single PDF file. Proposals should include a title and abstract for the papers (approximately 250-300 words) and a short curriculum vitae from each participant. Panel submissions should have an overall title and statement about the thrust of the session.

We also welcome proposals that depart from the traditional panel format and instead experiment with other forms, such as workshops, PechaKucha presentations, roundtables, or other means of engaging with the audience.

For more information, see the Society's website at <https://sites.psu.edu/scwhistorians/>, or contact the Richards Center at (814) 863-0151. Final decisions on submissions will be made at the Southern Historical Association meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, on November 7-10, 2019.

Program Committee

Thomas J. Brown, University of South Carolina
 Angela Diaz, Utah State University
 Susanna Michele Lee, North Carolina State University
 Barton A. Myers, Washington and Lee University
 Amy Murrell Taylor, (chair), University of Kentucky

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

FELLOWSHIP AND GRANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACLS Announces Partners for Diversity-Focused Postdoctoral Fellowship Program

The American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) is pleased to announce three new partnerships that reflect our commitment to supporting institutional efforts to increase the diversity of college and university faculty. Through the Postdoctoral Partnership Initiative, The City College of New York, Haverford College, and Temple University will each offer a two-year postdoctoral fellowship for promising early career scholars from historically underrepresented groups such as black/African American, American Indian, Alaskan Native, and Hispanic/Latino scholars. The institutions will appoint these fellows with the intent to promote them to Assistant Professors in tenure track positions at the end of the fellowship period. Support for ACLS's Postdoctoral Partnership Initiative is made possible by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

“These three new partnerships each, in their own way, exemplify the innovative, high-quality postdoctoral opportunities that this program was designed to foster,” said ACLS program officer Valerie Popp. “Some plan to target a specific field that the faculty and institution see as a promising environment for more diverse voices, while others hope to create new pathways and processes for hiring faculty across campus. Alongside ACLS, our partners seek to help foster a more broadly representative generation of humanities faculty by recruiting historically underrepresented scholars as postdocs to propel their transition into the professoriate. These experiences also stand to enrich our ongoing conversation about the evolution of the humanities professoriate and the possibilities for programs like these to be transformative for scholars and institutions alike.”

These partnerships are the result of an open call for proposals ACLS issued in fall 2018 and represent an evolution of an initiative to learn more about the role of postdoctoral fellowships in the humanities and their impact on the scholars who held them. For each partnership, ACLS will cover the cost of one two-year postdoctoral fellowship with a competitive annual stipend and benefits to be hosted within a department or center at the institution. The call for proposals continues with a rolling deadline. ACLS looks forward to partnering with additional institutions that envision working intensively with individual departments that are committed to building a faculty body more representative of the diversity of our students and today's curricular needs in their respective areas and in higher education, overall.

For more information, see the [program description](https://www.acls.org/programs/ppi/) (<https://www.acls.org/programs/ppi/>) or contact fellowships@acls.org.

Dissertation Fellowship Announcement

The Smith Richardson Foundation is pleased to announce its annual *World Politics & Statecraft Fellowship* 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 purpose of the program is to strengthen the U.S. community of young scholars and researchers conducting policy analysis in these fields by supporting the research and writing of policy-relevant dissertations through funding of field work, archival research, and language training.

The Foundation will award up to twenty grants of \$7,500 each. The deadline is **October 7, 2019**.

For further information, please visit: <https://www.srf.org/programs/international-security-foreign-policy/world-politics-statecraft-fellowship/>.

Please submit your application to worldpolitics@srf.org; do not mail a hardcopy.

Dissertation Grant Announcement

The John A. Adams '71 Center for Military History & Strategic Analysis at the Virginia Military Institute will award a \$3,000 grant to a graduate student in history or related field working on a dissertation in the area of Cold War history. The award promotes innovative scholarship on Cold War topics. The Adams Center invites proposals in all subject areas—including international security affairs, military strategy, leadership, and operations. All periods of Cold War history are welcome. This year, having recently celebrated the 70th anniversary of the formation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO, 1949-2019), the Adams Center is especially interested in dissertations concerning Cold War alliances. The prize is made possible through the generous support John A. Adams and George J. Collins Jr.

To be considered, graduate students must submit a brief proposal (prospectus) describing their doctoral research, a project timeline, and curriculum vitae with a list of references. Applications should be delivered, electronically, to the Adams Center at adamscenter@vmi.edu by 4:00 p.m. Eastern, Friday, April 3, 2020. Direct questions to Adams Center director Bradley Lynn Coleman.

Deadline for submissions: April 3, 2020

Submissions to: adamscenter@vmi.edu

Questions to:

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Previous Recipients:

- Eric Perinovic, “Ex Machina: The F-104G Starfighter, the Federal Republic of Germany, and the Origins of the Modern European Military Aviation Sector,” Temple University.
- Hosub Shim, “The Forgotten Army: A History of the Republic of Korea Forces’ in the Vietnam War, 1965–1973,” University of Kansas.
- Kate Tietzen, “Iraq in the Cold War and beyond the fall of the Soviet Union, 1968–2003,” Kansas State University.
- Susan Colbourn, “Defining Détente: The North Atlantic Treaty Organization’s Struggle for Identity, 1975–1983,” University of Toronto, Canada.
- Kuan-jen Chen, “U.S. Maritime Policy in East Asia during the Cold War era, 1945–1979,” University of Cambridge, UK.
- Nathaniel R. Weber, “U.S. Military Assistance and Advisory Groups, 1945–1965,” Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.
- Brett M. Reilly, “International Military Advising and the Armed Forces of the State of Vietnam and Republic of Vietnam, 1948–1975,” University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.
- Fatih Tokatli, “Turkish-American Military Cooperation and Transformation of Turkish Military in the Cold War, 1947–1954,” Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Military History – Adjunct Instructor

Park University is seeking online adjunct instructors for its Bachelor of Science in Military History. Qualified applicants should hold a doctorate in military history or history and possess previous collegiate teaching experience.

Applicants should provide a curriculum vitae, cover letter and list of three references. Materials and/or questions may be addressed to careers@park.edu, Attn: Dr. Debra Sheffer.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Cold War Essay Contest

For the fifteenth consecutive year, the John A. Adams ’71 Center for Military History & Strategic Analysis at the Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va., is pleased to announce that it will award prizes for the best-unpublished papers on Cold War military history. The contest recognizes and encourages innovative scholarship on Cold War subjects.

Any aspect of the Cold War (1945-1991) era is eligible, including papers on military strategy, plans, and operations; the relationship between the armed forces and society; international security affairs; and the connections between Cold War military history and contemporary geopolitical challenges. This year, having recently celebrated the 70th anniversary of the formation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO, 1949-2019), the Adams Center is especially interested in essays concerning Cold War alliances.

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: Writers should send their entry electronically to the Adams Center at the Virginia Military Institute by Friday, November 15, 2019. Please make your submission as a MS Word document and limit your essay 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 2019. *The Journal of Military History* will consider prize-winning essays for publication.

Submissions to: adamscenter@vmi.edu

Questions to:

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Kudos

Congratulations to Julie M. Powell (History, The Ohio State University), who has been named a recipient of a 2019 Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship for:

The Labor Army of Tomorrow: Masculinity and the Internationalization of Veterans' Rehabilitation, 1914-1924

The fellowship provides a \$30,000 stipend and up to \$8,000 in research funds and university fees to advanced graduate students in their final year of dissertation writing.

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William A. Taylor is Associate Professor of Security Studies at Angelo State University. A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, he holds an MA in history from the University of Maryland, an MA in National Security Studies from Georgetown University, and a PhD in history from George Washington University. He is the author of *Military Service and American Democracy: From World War II to the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars* (University Press of Kansas) and *Every Citizen a Soldier: The Campaign for Universal Military Training after World War II* (Texas A&M University Press).

Send inquiries and proposals to william.taylor@angelo.edu.

Colby Award Announced

Paul Scharre has won the 2019 William E. Colby Award for his book, *Army of None: Autonomous Weapons and the Future of War*. Now in its 20th year, the Colby prize is awarded annually by Norwich University in Northfield, Vt., to a first solo work of fiction or non-fiction that has made a major contribution to the understanding of military history, intelligence operations or international affairs.

A former U.S. Army Ranger who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, Scharre is a Senior Fellow and Director of the Technology and National Security Program at the Center for a New American Security. He played a leading role in establishing policies on unmanned and autonomous systems and emerging weapons technologies while working in the Office of the Secretary of Defense from 2008-2013. He has written for the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times*, *Time*, *Foreign Affairs*, and *Politico*, and he appears frequently on CNN, FOX News, NPR, MSNBC, and the BBC. He lives in Virginia.

Army of None explores what could happen when next-generation weapons change warfare in a fast-paced and exciting non-fiction narrative. Scharre examines the role of artificial intelligence, autonomous weapons, the complex legal and ethical issues involved, and their growing use worldwide. Combining military history, philosophy, science, and global policy with interviews with defense experts, activists,

analysts, and psychologists, Scharre argues that technology should be utilized when it provides benefits and makes war more humane, spares civilian lives, and increases precision, but that autonomous technology is no replacement for human empathy, judgment, and decision-making.

“I’m incredibly humbled and honored that *Army of None* was chosen for the 2019 Colby Award,” Scharre said.

In a review of *Army of None* on his [GatesBlog](#), Bill Gates wrote, “It’s the book I had been waiting for. I can’t recommend it highly enough. Scharre is a great thinker who has both on-the-ground experience and a high-level view.” In the *New York Times*, Thomas E. Ricks called it, “One of the most interesting books on military affairs that I have read in some time.”

Winners of the Colby Award receive a \$5,000 author honorarium provided through the generosity of the Chicago-based Pritzker Military Foundation. The award and honorarium will be presented to Scharre at Norwich University during the Norwich University Military Writers’ Symposium, September 24-25, 2019, in Northfield, Vt.

Finalists for the 2019 Colby Award included: *A Spy Named Orphan* by Roland Phillips (WW Norton & Co); *Brotherhood of Mamluks* by Brad Graft (The Sager Group LLC); *The China Mission* by Daniel Kurtz-Phelan (WW Norton & Co); *Facts and Fears* by James R. Clapper (Viking); and *War on Peace* by Ronan Farrow (W.W. Norton & Co).

“Paul Scharre’s Colby Award winning book is an important, thoughtful and timely appraisal of the future of warfare and how autonomous weapons may well affect how wars are fought and possibly decided by artificial intelligence,” Carlo D’Este, Colby Symposium co-founder said. “*Army of None* is also a sober warning that we’re embarking on an age of dangerous and uncharted waters.”

Named for the late ambassador and former CIA director William E. Colby, the Colby Award recognizes a first solo work of fiction or nonfiction that has made a significant contribution to the public’s understanding of intelligence operations, military history or international affairs. The William E. Colby Award began at Norwich University in 1999.

Previous recipients of the Colby Award include Nisid Hajari, Thomas McKenna, James Bradley, Nathaniel Fick, Jack Jacobs, Dexter Filkins, Marcus Luttrell, John Glusman, Karl Marlantes, and Steven Sodergren.

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

The Army Historical Foundation is pleased to announce the winners of the 2018 Army Historical Foundation Distinguished Writing Awards. The 2018 awards honor books and articles published in 2018. The winners:

Book Awards

Biography

Daniel Morgan: A Revolutionary Life, by Albert Louis Zambone (Yardley, PA: Westholme Publishing)

Operational/Battle History

The Real Horse Soldiers: Benjamin Grierson's Epic 1863 Civil War Raid Through Mississippi, by Timothy B. Smith (El Dorado Hills, CA: Savas Beatie)

Institutional/Functional History

The Calculus of Violence: How Americans Fought the Civil War, by Aaron Sheehan-Dean (Cambridge: Harvard University Press)

Journals, Memoirs, and Letters

Americans at War: Eyewitness Accounts from the American Revolution to the 21st Century, edited by James R. Arnold (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO)

Unit History

Under the Crescent Moon with the XI Corps in the Civil War, Volume 2: From Gettysburg to Victory, 1863-1865, by James Pula (El Dorado Hills, CA: Savas Beatie)

Reference

American Revolution: The Definitive Encyclopedia and Document Collection, edited by Spencer Tucker (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO)

Reprint

American Armies and Battlefields in Europe, edited and updated by the Historical Products Division, U.S. Army Center of Military History (Washington, DC: U.S. Army Center of Military History)

Article Awards

Army Professional Journals

"America's Army of Democracy: The National Army, 1917-1919," by John A. Boyd (*Army History*, Fall 2018)

Academic Journals

"Military Learning and Adaptation Shaped by Social Context: The U.S. Army and Its 'Indian Wars', 1790-1890," by Samuel Watson (*The Journal of Military History*, April 2018)

Journals and Magazines

"The Great War in the Big Woods," by Jessica Wambach Brown (*American History*, September 2018)

The book award winners receive a plaque honoring the book and a \$1,000 cash award. The article award winners also received a plaque and a \$250 cash award. The awards will be presented at the Foundation's annual meeting this fall at the National Museum of the U.S. Army at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Another book, *Lest We Forgot: The Great War* (Chicago: Pritzker Military Museum and Library), by Michael W. Robbins, was honored with the Lieutenant General Richard G. Trefry Award. The book was hailed as a "comprehensive and lavishly illustrated tribute to all those who served in World War I."

The Army Historical Foundation, a non-profit, tax-exempt organization, is dedicated to preserving the history and heritage of the American soldier. Its goal is to promote greater public appreciation for the

contributions that America's Army – Regular, Reserve, and National Guard – has made to the nation in 244 years of service. The Foundation is the principal fundraiser to build the National Museum of the United States Army, which will officially open in June 2020 at Fort Belvoir.

In addition to fundraising for the National Museum of the United States Army, the Foundation's projects and activities include refurbishment of historical Army buildings; acquisition and conservation of historical art, artifacts, and documents; support of Army history education programs; historical research; publication of historical materials on the American soldier; and providing counsel and support to private and governmental organizations committed to the same goals as the Foundation.

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 in May and presented at the Foundation's annual members' meeting.

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

Russian Military Journal Available in English

Military Thought: A Russian Journal of Military Theory and Strategy is available from East View Press, which holds the English translation rights to this key journal of the Russian Defense Ministry (titled Voennaia mysl). *Military Thought* consists of translated selections and has been published in English since 1992.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

**Society for Military History
Membership Meeting Minutes
Friday, May 10, 2019
Bellows Ballroom DEF
Hilton Columbus Downtown**

1. The General Membership Meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM by President J. Keene.
2. The Minutes of the 2018 Membership Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, were approved by unanimous voice vote.
3. Reports were given by the following officers:
 - a. President
 - 1) President Keene discussed the following recent accomplishments:
 - a) Four Trustee Working Groups were formed and conducted meetings over the course of the year. These groups focused on SMH constitutional revisions, awards policy,

considering options for the publishing home for the *Journal of Military History* once the current contract with VMI expires, and developing a policy governing the roles and responsibilities of the Graduate Student Representative.

- b) Tremendous progress was made in developing policies and procedures for various SMH committees. Those policies and procedures are posted on the website.
 - c) Contingents attended both the AHA and OAH Annual Conferences in order to strengthen relationships with both organizations. At the OAH, the SMH introduced a new type of “lightning round” session for graduate students to make five-minute presentations about their research. Eight graduate students presented this material to sixty attendees.
 - d) The schedule changes from last year’s Annual Meeting were kept for this year’s meeting and have been well received by the members. By popular demand, the awards banquet was opened to the general membership this year.
 - e) Young Scholars Sessions continued this year due to popular interest.
 - f) The Mentoring Program also continued this year, pairing a more senior scholar with a graduate student. There were sixty pairings this year. President Keene noted that this development suggests that professional development is becoming an increasingly important part of the Annual Meeting.
- b. Vice President
- 1) Vice President J. Hall noted that the most recent Marshall Lecture was well-attended and well-received at the AHA Annual Meeting in Chicago. The next Marshall Lecturer will be H.R. McMaster, who will deliver his address in New York City.
 - 2) Two new Regional Coordinators were installed in the last year in the Mid-Atlantic and West Coast Regions. Region 9 (Pacific) will be reorganized around a Coordinator and 3 Deputy Regional Coordinators. Overall, Vice President Hall stated that the program was on a good footing and coordinators would meet as a group for the first time at this year’s Annual Meeting, with all but one in attendance.
- c. Executive Director
- 1) C. Felker began by stating that the Society was in excellent health overall. The recent dues increase plus cost efficiencies put the SMH on a sounder financial footing.
 - 2) At last year’s meeting, the Council decided to shift the burden of conference planning from volunteer coordinators to a professional event planning firm beginning in 2022. The contract has been awarded to Cypress Planning Group from New Orleans. They will first be used for the 2022 meeting in Fort Worth, Texas. This should not incur an increase in registration fees. Subject to approval by the Trustees, future meetings will be held on the West Coast in 2023, in the Midwest in 2024, in Canada in 2025, in Boston in 2026, in Washington, D.C. in 2027, and in the Southeast in 2028.
- d. Treasurer
- 1) A. Kumbier, SMH Treasurer, distributed the audited financial report through March 2018.
 - 2) She reported that, in 2019, an unaudited estimate showed an annual profit of \$142,364, mostly due to increase in the value of SMH investments.
 - 3) In addition, she noted that income and expenses were in line with prior years.
 - 4) For the 2020 year, the dues increase would be fully realized and implemented because of the two-year dues payment option.
 - 5) There was a question from the floor about an apparent discrepancy year-over-year for the amount allocated for awards, but that was the result of two conferences being paid for in the same fiscal year, which starts on April 1st each year for the SMH.
- e) JMH Editor

1. B. Vandervort, *JMH* Editor, stated that this was a good year for the journal, despite the Editor's health problems. He asserted that the journal was back on track with processing manuscripts.
2. Last year, the journal received 124 manuscripts, which represented serious growth due largely to the online submission process. Fourteen manuscripts were accepted, with forty-six still out for peer review.
3. 235 book reviews were published, which is about average year after year.
4. He also stated that the SMH's contract with VMI expires in 2021. He further stated that a conversation about renewing the contract had already started with VMI, with VMI indicating that it was very interested in keeping the journal in the future.
5. Audience Question: Was the quality of the incoming articles good enough to produce a 5th issue per year?
Response: Any decision would be driven by finances and the ability of the editorial staff to handle the extra work.
6. Audience Question: Has there been an increase in subscriptions since going fully online?
Response: No, but it has increased the number of submissions from Professional Military Education (PME) institutions.
7. Audience Observation: It would be useful to have a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on the website for prospective authors about matters such as process, requirements, and timeline.

4. New Business

- a. Brief remarks were made by incoming President J. Hall
 1. He noted appreciation for the great work done by outgoing President J. Keene.
 2. Looking ahead, he stated that the SMH would examine the possibility of convening the Trustees more frequently, at least twice a year.
 3. He also said that the SMH Constitution would now be accompanied by a set of by-laws. The new constitution will be voted on by members.
 4. There would also be an ad-hoc committee on the future home of the *Journal of Military History*. This committee would explore all possible options, which will include the journal remaining at VMI or moving to other academic institutions and publishers.
 5. J. Hall also said that the Membership Committee would be augmented with additional Trustees, forming an ad hoc super committee that will examine the fielding of a membership survey and the appropriate relationship between the Membership Committee and the regional coordinators.
 6. Other ad hoc committees that will be formed include:
 - a) A Conduct Committee that will develop an appropriate policy for the SMH.
 - b) A Development Committee to look at opportunities for the Society to raise funds and to create a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) proposal to reconstitute a version of the West Point Summer Seminar in Military History, perhaps at the Pritzker Military Library in Chicago.
 - c) An Onboarding Committee that would develop materials to introduce new trustees and officers.
 7. New officers were introduced.
 - a) Pete Mansoor will be the new Vice President.
 8. Introduction of New Trustees

- a) Geoff Megargee, Mary Kathryn Barbier, David Silbey, Susannah J. Ural, Kara Dixon Vuic, and Samuel J. Watson were introduced as the new Trustees whose terms expire in 2023.
- 9. A. Kumbier, SMH Treasurer, presented the approved 2019-2020 budget to the members during the Treasurer's Report.
- 10. Briefing of Council Meeting
 - a) Constitution revisions were finalized by the Council. The document will be sent out to members in the next few months for a vote.
 - b) We have a new policy for our Graduate Student Representative, who will now be elected by all graduate students and will have voting rights on the Council.
 - c) The Coffman Prize has been changed from a first manuscript prize to a dissertation prize.
 - d) A First Book Award has been added to the SMH's existing book awards.
 - e) The Moncado Prize has been changed to two prizes for articles published in the *JMH* and two prizes for articles published elsewhere.
 - f) The Council has adopted a Public Policy Statement, which will be posted on the website.
- 5. Other New Business
 - a. No new business was introduced.
- 6. The General Membership Meeting was adjourned at 5:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kurt Hackemer
Acting Recording Secretary
10 May 2019

MEETINGS CALENDAR

2019

July 22-25 – Normandy 75 Conference at the University of Portsmouth, sponsored by Global War Studies, Brécourt Academic, and the University of Portsmouth Business School, in association with The D-Day Story and the Navy Records Society. Information: <http://www2.port.ac.uk/portsmouth-business-school/conferences-and-business-events/normandy-75/>

July 22-27 – The International Committee for the History of Technology will hold its annual

meeting in Katowice, Poland. This year's theme will be "Technology and Power." For registration and additional details, see the Committee's website at <http://www.icohtec.org/w-annual-meeting/katowice-2019/call-for-papers/>

July 23-27 – The History of Science Society will hold its annual meeting in Utrecht, the Netherlands. Details: <https://hssonline.org/>.

September 14 – War and Peace in the Age of Napoleon, Sir Michael Howard Centre for the

History of War, King's College London. Contact: z.white@soton.ac.uk.

September 19-20 – McMullen Naval History Symposium, US Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD. Web: www.usna.edu/History/Symposium.

September 20 – 4th Annual Symposium on Modern Warfare, Texas Tech University International Cultural Center. Theme: Leadership and Modern Warfare. Contact: andrew.hinton@ttu.edu.

September 20-22 – Fort Ticonderoga Seminar on the American Revolution. Contact: Richard M. Strum, Director of Academic Programs, rstrum@fort-ticonderoga.org.

September 25-28 – Northern Great Plains History Conference. Brandon, Manitoba. SMH contact is Chris Rein at smhatngphc@gmail.com.

October 16-19 – The Oral History Association will hold its annual meeting at the Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah. This year's theme will be "Pathways in the Field: Considerations for those Working In, On, and Around Oral History." For more details, see the Association's website at <http://www.oralhistory.org/2019-call-for-proposals/>.

October 17-18 – The Many Faces of War V: An annual interdisciplinary symposium on the experience and impact of war throughout history. Hosted by South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD. Contact: Graham Wrightson: graham.wrightson@sdstate.edu.

October 17-20 – The Mars Society will host its 22nd annual convention on the campus of the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, California. For program information and registration details, see the Society's website at <http://www.marssociety.org/conventions/2019/>.

October 17-18 - 2019 Symposium on Cryptologic History, sponsored by the National Security Agency/Central Security Service (NSA/CSS) and the National Cryptologic Museum Foundation. Details: <https://www.nsa.gov/about/cryptologic-heritage/center-cryptologic-history/>

October 24-27 – The Society for the History of Technology will hold its annual meeting in Milan, Italy. For additional information, see the Society's website at <https://www.historyoftechnology.org/annual-meeting/2019-shot-annual-meeting-24-27-october-milan-italy/>.

November 8-9 – Theatres of War - A Conference of the British Commission for Military History, Lancaster University, United Kingdom. Contact: s.ambler@lancaster.ac.uk and m.wyss@lancaster.ac.uk.

November 8-10 – The U.S. Army Center for Military History and the Dwight D. Eisenhower Society will co-host their 1st Annual Conference on World War II at the Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. For registration use the website at <http://www.americashistoryllc.com> or email info@AmericasHistoryLLC.com.

November 21-23 – The National World War II Museum will present its 2019 International Conference on World War II on the museum grounds in New Orleans, Louisiana. The theme of this year's conference is "June 1944: The Month That Changed The World." For schedule and registration details, see the Museum's website at <https://www.nationalww2museum.org/events-programs/events/125032-2019-international-conference-world-war-ii>

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January 3-6 – The American Historical Association will hold its 14th annual meeting at the New York Hilton Hotel in New York City, New York. For registration and program details, see the Association’s website at <https://www.historians.org/annual-meeting>.

March 18-21 – The National Council on Public History will hold its annual meeting at the Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia. The theme for this year’s assembly will be “Threads of Change.” For registration and schedule details, see the Council’s website at <https://ncph.org/conference/2020-annual-meeting/>.

April 2-5 – The Organization of American Historians will hold its annual meeting and conference at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D.C. The theme for this year’s gathering will be “(In)Equality.” For registration

and other details, see the Organization’s website at <https://www.oah.org/meetings-events/oah20/>.

April 30-May 3 – Society for Military History Annual Meeting, hosted by the Army Historical Foundation in Arlington, VA. Contact: Matt Seelinger.

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

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