



# HEADQUARTERS GAZETTE

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## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY WAYNE LEE

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Greetings in the midst of a hot summer! I write this in the immediate aftermath of the United States joining Israel in bombing sites in Iran. How this will affect the world remains unclear, but as always such events remind us of the continued need for historical perspective, for the public, in the classroom, and in the broad realm professional military education. History does not offer “lessons,” but it does offer wisdom. Above all history teaches complexity and uncertainty. Most of our students were not yet alive to experience the decisions made in 2002 and the events of 2003. This is ancient history to them, and all too few history survey courses will make it to the 21<sup>st</sup> century! History also has a lot to tell us about how the meaning of Congress’s constitutional power to “declare war” has evolved since 1941 to where we are now.

As announced in our spring newsletter, the Society’s efforts to preserve and record the movement, removal, or deletion of historical publications or archives continues. I encourage you to submit any instances of which you become aware, even if you lack a copy of what is now missing. Please report it. The site for [submissions is here](#); the archive as it stands can be explored [here](#).

The [Call For Papers](#) for the 2026 annual conference is now out, and I’ve already seen social media posts seeking fellow panelists! It’s great to see that energy, and I also encourage you to use the panel building tool on the SMH website [here](#). The program chair for the 2026 conference Dr. Jessica Clark from Florida State, and she brings her experience from serving on the committee last year. We’ve continued the recent tradition of not having a conference theme and welcome all types and forms of military history. It’s a big tent.

We also decided this year to include the option of presenting a poster. We think this provides a particular opportunity to share teaching methodologies in a straightforward way. I can imagine, for example, a poster on a case study (or in-class simulation) suitable for classroom use, that highlights appropriate primary documents, images, and so on. The SMH committee on teaching (chaired by Lee Eysturliid) will be reaching out to secondary school teachers to encourage their attendance at our conference. Anyone interested in advice on how to reach such teachers with suggestions on classroom materials are encouraged to reach out to Lee, who has extensive contacts in that community. Poster proposals are also good options for people having difficulty finding fellow panelists but who would like

to be on the conference program.

On the administrative side, we conducted an orientation session via Zoom for the new trustees on June 25. And the full board will be gathering again by Zoom in mid-August to consider the priorities for the future of the Society. This meeting is separate from our twice-a-year trustee business meetings. We hope to create a strategic plan for ordering and funding our priorities. I encourage all members to contact myself, Bryon, Kyle, or a trustee they know to make suggestions or express concerns.

Finally, I want to thank all of you who replied to the survey indicating your interest in volunteering to work for the society. I'm grateful to Lon Strauss and his committee for using those responses to make suggestions for appointments to our assorted committees. Those of you appointed to committees should have heard by now. If you're wondering, you can see the updated committee appointments here:

<https://www.smh-hq.org/governance/committees.html>.

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## SMH 2026 CALL FOR PAPERS

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**Deadline for submissions: Friday October 17, 2025**

<https://forms.gle/yhoTAPLxSMC1SmjJ9>

The Society for Military History is pleased to call for papers for its 92nd Annual Meeting, hosted at the Crystal Gate Marriott, Arlington, Virginia.

The Program Committee's objective is to create a slate of panels that represent the breadth of expertise and interests, as well as the overall diversity of the Society's wide-ranging membership. Proposals for panels and papers on all facets of military history (broadly defined) will be considered for inclusion. We encourage new and existing Society members, whether in academic institutions, the armed forces and governmental agencies, museums and archives, independent scholars, or employed internationally, to participate.

Priority will be given to complete panel submissions that highlight the presentation of original research, new interpretations, topics of immediate interest to our membership, and cutting-edge trends and subject matter. Roundtable submissions and proposals for individual papers and posters are also welcome. For details see below.

**Panel, paper, and poster proposals must include the following information:**

- Panel proposals (ideally of three papers) must include: a panel title and 300-word abstract summarizing the theme of the panel; paper titles and a 300-word abstracts for the three papers proposed; and a one-page professional curriculum vitae for each panelist (including the chair and commentator). CVs must include professional affiliation and email address, but should not contain other personal information.
- Roundtable proposals must include a roundtable title, the full names and professional affiliations of each participant, a 300-word abstract summarizing the roundtable's themes, points of discussion, *and expected contribution of each participant*; and a one-page curriculum vitae for each participant (including the moderator, if any). Roundtables may follow different formats but should plan for no more than 5-minute presentations by individual participants.
- Poster proposals allow military historians (especially, but not limited to, graduate students) to share their research through visual materials. Proposals should clearly explain (in no more than 300 words) the poster's topics and arguments, as well as how the information will be presented visually and include a one-page curriculum vitae. This year we also especially encourage posters on the teaching of military history at all levels. The poster format is well suited to conveying information about teaching tools, tricks, and materials. In coordination with the SMH committee on teaching, and with the author's permission, select posters may be displayed at an SMH table at conferences for educators (such as the National Council for History Education and the National Council for Social Studies).
- Individual paper proposals will also be considered and must include a paper title, 300-word abstract of the paper, and one-page curriculum vitae. If accepted, individual papers will be assigned by the program committee to an appropriate panel with a chair and commentator. Presenters who wish to volunteer to serve as chairs and commentators should send a one-page curriculum vitae to the program committee chair at the email listed below.

**Proposals will be evaluated within their categories, according to the following criteria:**

- Proposal (and abstract for each paper included) explains the topic, research questions, methodologies, and historiographic significance in ways that specialists and non-specialists alike can understand. Points will be assessed for both panel and paper abstracts (16 points: 4 points each for 3 papers, and 4 points for overall panel)
- Panel or roundtable proposal clearly articulates the rationale for bringing their specific set of papers or speakers together. Roundtable proposals should not merely submit a list of names (10 points)
- Panel or roundtable proposal reflects the SMH's desire to sustain and expand the vibrancy and diversity of its membership (does not apply to individual submissions) (5 points)

If you have presented an earlier phase of this project at a prior SMH, your abstract should, in addition, make clear what distinguishes this paper; preference may be given to work not previously shared in this venue.

**Call for Young Scholars Papers** (B.A. and M.A. students): B.A. and M.A. students are encouraged to submit individual paper proposals. Submissions should include a 300-word abstract of the paper and a

one-page curriculum vitae. If accepted, individual papers will be assigned by the program committee to an appropriate panel with a chair/commentator. Proposals will be evaluated using the criteria outlined above.

Please note that 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, with the following exception: members who act as panel chairs may deliver a paper, serve on a roundtable, or offer comments in another session. Members who serve as both chair and commentator of a single session may not present in another session. Exceptions may be made for commissioned panels by conference sponsors and the presidential/vice presidential panels. **If members attach themselves to more than one proposal, then the first proposal to be submitted will be considered for inclusion, but any subsequent proposals that include that member will be rejected.**

All submissions must be made via Google Forms; a Google account is not required: <https://forms.gle/yhoTAPLxSMC1SmjJ9>. Panels and Roundtables should designate one person as the main contact to submit all required materials, which they will cut and paste into the form. Please keep formatting to a minimum as Google Forms will not retain formatting such as italics.

For questions about the submission process, please contact the Program Committee at [smhmeeting2026@gmail.com](mailto:smhmeeting2026@gmail.com).

**All proposals must be submitted by October 17, 2025. All accepted presenters, chairs, and commentators must be members of the Society for Military History by December 31, 2025, to be placed on the conference program.**

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

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## NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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BY KYLE LONGLEY

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**SAVE THE DATE:** The Society for Military History 2027 annual meeting will be in New Orleans at the Sheraton New Orleans (500 Canal Street), Thursday, March 11-Sunday, March 14. The Trustees approved the site at the annual meeting in Mobile after receiving some very good proposals, including those from Ottawa, Canada and Providence, Rhode Island.

The site is especially attractive because of the support we received from a number of organizations, including the National World War II Museum which will host the opening reception, the Dale Center at Southern Mississippi University which will sponsor a reception, and a very nice subsidy from New Orleans & Company of the New Orleans Tourism Industry. Each will help us ensure a very good conference and stay for individuals in the vibrant city of New Orleans. We benefitted greatly from the assistance of Ashley McCoy at the Cypress Planning Group who has its headquarters in the city, allowing us to leverage her knowledge to help negotiate such a good contract for accommodations, meeting space, and food and beverage.

So please join us in March 2027 for the annual meeting (after doing so in Arlington, VA for the 2026 gathering). More forthcoming on all the details.

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## MEET VICE PRESIDENT BRYON GREENWALD

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Since retiring from the U.S. Army, Bryon Greenwald has taught military history and military innovation at the Joint Advanced Warfighting School (JAWS), one of five joint war colleges operating under the leadership of the National Defense University (NDU). He has also served as the Dean of the Joint Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia and as the Deputy/Interim Provost for NDU. He has published extensively in professional journals and is the author of two AUSA studies: “SCUD ALERT!: The History, Development, and Military Significance of Ballistic Missiles on Tactical Operations (1995)” and “The Anatomy of Change: Why Armies Succeed or Fail at Transformation (2000)”. He is currently

working on two manuscripts highlighting the history of American antiaircraft artillery: *Shooting at Shadows: Antiaircraft Artillery and the U.S. Army, 1917-1941* and *Clear the Skies: American Antiaircraft Artillery and the Fight for the Heavens, 1941-1945*.

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# TEACHINGMILITARYHISTORY.COM UPDATE

BY BETH BAILEY, MARJORIE GALELLI AND AMY RUTENBERG

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TEACHING MILITARY HISTORY

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This summer marks the fifth anniversary of [TeachingMilitaryHistory.com](https://teachingmilitaryhistory.com). This site, launched in 2020 to support our field's teaching mission, has become a vital resource for university-based military historians who are creating or revising courses, as well as for graduate students seeking an overview of the evolving field. As of June 2025, it contains well over one hundred syllabi from more than sixty historians—senior and junior scholars teaching at civilian universities and PME institutions alike. It also offers commissioned pedagogical essays (including some focused on 6–12th grade instruction) and sample assignments.

Most importantly, [TeachingMilitaryHistory.com](https://teachingmilitaryhistory.com) is being used: in June 2025 alone, there were 402 unique visitors, with more than 3,000 unique visitors so far this year.

The site was created by Beth Bailey and Marjorie Galelli (then a PhD student) at the University of Kansas, who were soon joined by Amy Rutenberg (Iowa State). It has been hosted by KU's Center for Military, War, and Society Studies for the past five years. As Beth Bailey retires at the end of summer 2025, the site will move to Kansas State University's history department, where Galelli is now an assistant professor (thanks to history chair Andrew Orr for his support!). Despite this transition, the editorial team—Bailey, Galelli, and Rutenberg—will be unchanged, and our mission remains the same: sustaining and strengthening the teaching of military history across its many subfields and institutional homes.

This summer, the [Teachingmilitaryhistory.com](https://teachingmilitaryhistory.com) editors are undertaking a major effort to expand the site's offerings. Please share your syllabi or other teaching materials! We welcome courses on any era, region, or topic, from the full range of military history and closely-linked fields. We're especially excited about building the "Assignments" section, and are seeking suggestions for teaching resources. And another appeal: We'd love to hear how you use the site (shamelessly seeking blurbs!) or ideas for how we might make it more useful.

You can submit materials via the "submit work" tab on the website or by emailing [centermwss@outlook.com](mailto:centermwss@outlook.com). All contributions are credited, and every page carries the clear statement: *"All the materials published on the website remain the sole intellectual property of their creators. Syllabi, in particular, are meant for inspiration and not wholesale adoption."*

Please help us make sure that [TeachingMilitaryHistory.com](https://teachingmilitaryhistory.com) continues to support and enrich military history education.



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# RECORDS AND REFLECTIONS

BY SMH ARCHIVIST SAMUEL LIMNEOS

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My name is Samuel Limneos, and I am the archivist for the Society for Military History. I served in the Army for five years as a patriot missile operator, before starting a career in federal archives, working at the National Archives, the Naval Academy, and Navy Archives, and teaching archives, records management, and digital cultural heritage courses at several institutions of higher learning. In beginning this duty with society, my objectives are first, to work with the custodial repository to establish intellectual control over the society's records, address any outstanding physical or financial requirements for their preservation, and create a process to accrue recent and newly produced administrative and other records. I also intend to curate the Society's Archiving Military History Resources portal, represent the society at conferences and other events, and serve as a resource for members in regards to record-keeping, preservation, and, to the best of my time and ability, resource identification and research assistance. You may best reach me at: [slimneos1230@gmail.com](mailto:slimneos1230@gmail.com). In reviewing the society's organizational and records history, I was pleased to see that the SMH's original members in the 1930s comprised both historians and archivists, and in that spirit, I devote this column to a reflection on the origins of our organization and its records.

The Society for Military History, established in 1933 as the American Military History Foundation (AMHF) in Washington, D.C., evolved from a collaboration between army historians and archivists into a scholarly organization renamed the American Military Institute, or AMI (1939) and later the Society for Military History (1990), uniting military personnel, scholars, and enthusiasts in studying military history. Its journal, launched as *The Journal of the American Military History Foundation* (1937), became *Military Affairs* (1941) and *The Journal of Military History* (1989), with Kansas State University managing publication from 1968 to 1988, followed by the Virginia Military Institute. The Society's records, spanning 1933–2012 and occupying 72.5 linear feet across 150 boxes, are housed at Kansas State University's Richard L. D. and Marjorie J. Morse Department of Special Collections.

Organized into seven series—Historic Papers, Administrative Records, Subject Files, Journal Publishing Records, Financial Records, Printed Material, and Photographs—the collection documents the society's evolution through correspondence, officer reports, conference planning, and journal production, reflecting its shift from a resource-focused group to a multifaceted scholarly body. Key materials include foundational documents, membership lists, editorial correspondence, financial ledgers, and photographs, highlighting both administrative and publishing activities, as well as collaborations with groups like the American Historical Association and the Order of the Indian Wars.

The collection's custodial history reflects a complex journey. Pre-1941, AMHF/AMI records and its "library" were split among the Library of Congress, the Office of the Chief of Military History, and the Smithsonian, with some Order of the Indian Wars papers later transferred to the Center for Military History at Carlisle Barracks. During the 1940s, records moved to a National Archives site, and post-war attempts to house them with organizations like the Daughters of the American Revolution failed, leading to a split between the Smithsonian and the Society of Cincinnati's Anderson House by 1947. A 1952 flood in an AMI member's basement prompted further consolidation at Anderson House, where 90% of

records, including 5,000 volumes, were stored by 1953. Over the decades, the collection faced challenges, including a 1969 fire marshal order to vacate Anderson House, leading to relocations to the Smithsonian's various facilities, the Marine Corps Historical Center, and the Combat Studies Institute at Fort Leavenworth. By 1988, core records moved to the Military History Institute at Carlisle Barracks, with additional transfers to the National Defense University in 1990. By 2008, the AMHF/AMI/SMH institutional papers, including those of key figures like Don Bittner and Robert Berlin, were consolidated at Kansas State University.

The Society for Military History's rich archival collection, forged through the enduring collaboration of archivists and historians since its founding in 1933, stands as a vital resource for preserving and studying military history.

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## SMH 2025 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

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COMPILED BY HAL FRIEDMAN, RECORDING SECRETARY

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**Society for Military History  
Mobile, Alabama  
General Membership Meeting  
Friday, March 28, 2025, 5:15 PM**

Attendance: 72

1. President's Welcome
  - A. Outgoing SMH President Jennifer Speelman called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM. She welcomed everyone, thanked everyone for attending, and told them how much she appreciated the time given for the meeting.
  - B. President Speelman also informed the membership that Annual Meeting attendance was 525 and she let everyone know how much she appreciated attendance at the Annual Meeting given current conditions.
  - C. She particularly welcomed the new Trustees as well as those Trustees currently serving.
  - D. She additionally thanked a number of people for service during her tenure as President, including Tim Dowling, Editor of the *Journal of Military History*; Roberta Wiener, Managing Editor; the *Journal* staff; Nona Moore, Membership Manager and Executive Administrative Assistant; Eleanor Chatto, Treasurer and Comptroller; Kurt Hackemer; Webmaster; and Hal Friedman, Recording Secretary.
  - E. President Speelman then thanked the extraordinary efforts of Executive Director Kyle Longley, especially this year because of the problems caused by new Federal Government policies. In the future, she called for the SMH to revive the Local Arrangements Committee to ease the workload of the Executive Director, a practice that had been undertaken during the tenure of the late Robert Berlin.
  - F. Next, she thanked the efforts of incoming President Wayne Lee as he salvaged the George C. Marshall Lecture at the January 2025 American Historical Association Annual Conference.



Given a medical emergency onboard his plane, Richard Overy was not able to make it to the United States to deliver the lecture and Lee stepped in at the last minute as a substitute.

- G. Finally, she related her thirty years of active membership in the Society, starting with the Annual Meeting in 1995 at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and culminating in the completion of her term as President this weekend. She specifically related to the members how vital the Society had been to her development as a graduate student and her continued professional development as a military historian.

2. Elections Results and Welcome to New Members Attending

- A. President Speelman welcomed any new members who were attending. She also noted the results of the latest SMH election. The election results were as follows:

**Vice President**

Bryon Greenwald, Joint Forces Staff College

**Trustees (7 in total)**

Bill Allison, Georgia Southern University

David Kieran, Columbus State University

Ron Milam, Texas Tech University

Angela Riotto, Defense Security Cooperation Agency

Paul Springer, Air Command and Staff College

Emily Swafford, University of Michigan

Robert Wettemann, US Air Force Academy

3. Treasurer's Report

- A. Treasurer Eleanor Chatto reported that since last year she had been busy implementing the updates and changes voted on by the Board. Namely, these updates were to change the fiscal year (FY) end to 30 June, to move to accrual basis accounting, and to move the SMH's investments from Morgan Stanley to Fidelity Investments. She reported, in turn, that this was much more difficult to do than anticipated and that much paperwork was involved. Chatto, however, was pleased that she had been able to achieve these changes and that the SMH's financial records were in good order.
- B. She further reported that the Society's audit for the 15-month fiscal year was completed and in draft mode for review. She also said that the audit went well and she expected no problem with it. Shown below is a summary of the financial results for the Fiscal Year which ended 6/30/24 (15 months) and the results so far for the current Fiscal Year ending 6/30/25.
- C. Although the fiscal year change and the accounting basis change presented some uncertainty, Chatto made an educated guess at the annual budget for this fiscal year. She hoped to have a better understanding of the flows of revenue and expenses so that next year's budget would be even more accurate. Overall, she said that the SMH was trending well compared to the budget. She said that she would have an even better picture once the Annual Meeting concluded and numbers had been tallied. While the SMH had budgeted for a smaller attendance due to location, she said that the SMH could not have anticipated the effect of recent political events on the number attending.
- D. Chatto next reported that the SMH was fortunate to have ample cash reserves and investments. As Treasurer, she strove to increase revenue and look for expense savings. She also worked to maximize passive income such as interest on excess operating cash and cash-back credit card rewards. She expected the interest earnings on excess operating cash for the fiscal year to be

\$6,400 compared to \$475 in the previous fiscal year. She also estimated that credit card cash back earnings would be about \$3,000 this fiscal year compared to \$1,150 in the previous fiscal year. She noted these factors as meaningful additions to the SMH's bottom line.

E. Chatto asked for questions, but there were none.

<b>Society for Military History</b> <b>Balance Sheet</b> <b>As of June 30, 2024</b> <b>Jun 30, 24</b>	
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	322,413.56
Total Current Assets	322,413.56
Fixed Assets	0.00
Other Assets	
13000 - Morgan Stanley Accts	930,890.54
Total Other Assets	930,890.54
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,253,304.10</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	1,032.06
Total Current Liabilities	1,032.06
Total Liabilities	1,032.06
Equity	
32100 - Board Designated Asset	60,000.00
31500 - Temp. Restricted Net Assets	122,403.00
32000 - Unrestricted Net Assets	1,069,869.04
Total Equity	1,252,272.04
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>1,253,304.10</b>

**Society for Military History**  
**Profit & Loss**  
**April 2023 through June 2024**  
Apr '23 - Jun 24

<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
40000 - Membership Dues	227,034.75
41000 - Publication Revenue	32,107.25
43000 - Royalty-publications/directory	283,966.30
40100 - Annual Meeting Revenue	289,606.00
42000 - Contribution Revenue	47,035.00
46000 - Investment Income	46,230.00
47000 - Realized Gain (Loss)	-21,622.00
45000 - Miscellaneous Revenue	5,939.71
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>910,297.01</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
50000 - Annual Meeting Expenses	350,489.46
52000 - Contributions and Awards	30,355.00
59000 - Office and General Expense	34,195.84
58000 - Professional Fees	11,389.44
51100 - Publications - Journal	83,199.04
56000 - Regional Coordinators	5,630.00
54000 - Salaries, Taxes and Processing	392,816.51
53000 - Travel Expenses	7,468.80
Miscellaneous	6,676.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>922,220.09</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-11,923.08</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Other Income</b>	
70000 - Temp Restricted Income	20,185.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>20,185.00</b>
<b>Other Expense</b>	
70040 - Temp Restricted Expenses	12,798.00
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>12,798.00</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>7,387.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-4,536.08</b>

# Society for Military History Balance Sheet

As of February 28, 2025

Feb 28, 25

## ASSETS

### Current Assets

Checking/Savings 370,753.44

Accounts Receivable 5,200.00

Total Current Assets 375,953.44

### Other Assets

17000 - Fidelity Investment Accounts 988,319.45

Total Other Assets 988,319.45

**TOTAL ASSETS 1,364,272.89**

## LIABILITIES & EQUITY

### Liabilities

#### Current Liabilities

Credit Cards 6,416.12

#### Other Current Liabilities

20008 - Deferred Membership Dues 137,584.69

Total Other Current Liabilities 137,584.69

Total Current Liabilities 144,000.81

Total Liabilities 144,000.81

### Equity

30005 - Cash to Accrual Adjustment -126,146.91

32100 - Board Designated Asset 60,000.00

31500 - Temp. Restricted Net Assets 122,676.80

32000 - Unrestricted Net Assets 1,163,742.19

Total Equity 1,220,272.08

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 1,364,272.89**

Accrual Basis

**Society for Military History**  
**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual**  
 July 2024 through February 2025 (67% of year)

	Jul '24 - Feb 25	Budget	% of Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
40000 - Membership Dues	130,209.75	190,000.00	68.53%
41000 - Publication Revenue	20,889.86	35,500.00	58.85%
43000 - Royalty-publications/directory	91,662.77	192,300.00	47.67%
40100 - Annual Meeting Revenue	158,749.00	180,500.00	87.95%
42000 - Contribution Revenue	20,705.00	21,000.00	98.6%
46000 - Investment Income	25,134.01	29,701.00	84.62%
47000 - Realized Gain (Loss)	-13,499.49	4,000.00	-337.49%
45000 - Miscellaneous Revenue	357.70	3,000.00	11.92%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>434,208.60</b>	<b>656,001.00</b>	<b>66.19%</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
50000 - Annual Meeting Expenses	64,127.82	200,000.00	32.06%
52000 - Contributions and Awards	8,230.00	22,600.00	36.42%
59000 - Office and General Expense	23,059.32	27,730.00	83.16%
58000 - Professional Fees	5,944.50	20,000.00	29.72%
51100 - Publications - Journal	40,439.29	69,000.00	58.61%
56000 - Regional Coordinators	4,999.89	5,600.00	89.28%
54000 - Salaries, Taxes and Processing	207,145.28	306,540.00	67.58%
53000 - Travel Expenses	13,328.57	2,100.00	634.69%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>367,274.67</b>	<b>653,570.00</b>	<b>56.2%</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>66,933.93</b>	<b>2,431.00</b>	<b>2,753.35%</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Other Income</b>			
46115 - Operating Market Value Change	26,004.80		
71000 - Temp Restricted Market value cha	-2,945.63		
70000 - Temp Restricted Income	14,153.85		
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>37,213.02</b>		
<b>Other Expense</b>			
70040 - Temp Restricted Expenses	10,000.00		
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>		
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>27,213.02</b>		
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>94,146.95</b>	<b>2,431.00</b>	<b>3,872.77%</b>

4. Regional Coordinator Report and Activity for 2024-2025
  - A. Outgoing Vice-President Wayne Lee summarized and explained the system for the membership. He also informed the membership that although the Society had budgeted \$9,000 for regional activities, only \$5,000 had been spent this year.
  - B. He further noted that during the first year of her Presidency, Dr. Speelman continued as the contact point for the Regional Coordinators since the Vice President had assumed the duties of supporting the Summer Seminar. In the current year, the Vice President had again become the contact for the Regional Coordinators.

C. Regional activities were as follows:

- 1) Region 1 (Europe, Seb Cox) requested and received \$500 to support the conference “Understanding the Future of Air Power: Air Forces since 1980 and Beyond Conference,” Royal Air Force Museum London, Graham Park Way, London, NW9 5LL. Thursday 5th-Friday, 6th September 2024. Estimated participation was to be sixty persons.
- 2) Region 3: (Mid-Atlantic, Frank Blazich): The annual Barnes Conference at Temple University requested and received \$1,000. <https://sites.temple.edu/barnesclub/conference/>
- 3) Region 4: (South) Chris Magra at the University of Tennessee did not ask for money, but did ask to list the SMH as a sponsor for his event on the “Military History of the American Revolution,” March 1, 2025, <https://cstw.utk.edu/the-military-history-of-the-declaration-of-independence-symposium/>
- 4) Regions 3/4 (Mid-Atlantic and South, Frank Blazich and Robert Clemm) Mary Barbier at Mississippi State requested \$600 to sponsor coffee breaks at the Society for Intelligence History Meeting, February 6-8, 2025, which was held at the International Spy Museum in Washington D.C.
- 5) Region 6 (Great Plains, George Eaton) requested and received \$900 for the 59th Annual Northern Great Plains History (NGPHC) Conference, 25-28 September 2024, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The NGPHC attracts scholars across the Upper Great Plains region. Historically, it has had roughly twenty-five presenters, chairs, and commenters on seven to ten SMH-sponsored panels, and over 150 participants on the conference program.
- 6) Region 7 (Southwest, Tim Hemmis): Kara Vuic at Texas Christian University (TCU) requested and received \$500 to support the LCpl. Benjamin W. Schmidt Symposium on War, Conflict, and Society, featuring Robert K. Brigham, “This is a True War Story” TCU, April 3, 2025, <https://addran.tcu.edu/history/student-experience/schmidt-symposium.php>. In addition, the Texas A&M History Graduate Student Association requested and received \$500 for its 15th Annual Undergraduate & Graduate History Conference, February 7th and 8th, featuring Mikkel Dack, Ph.D. - Associate Professor, Rowan University, Director of Research, Rowan Center for the Study of Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights.
- 7) Region 8 (West Coast, Brian Turner): Greg Daddis at San Diego State requested and received \$1000 for the Veteran’s Day event on the USS *Midway*, “Vietnam at 50: Documenting the Legacies of America’s Forever Wars” 14 November 2024, <https://www.sdsu.edu/news/2024/11/oliver-stone-sdsu-lecture-main>

5. Summer Seminar Report

- A. Incoming President Lee reported on the current status of the Summer Seminar. First, Professor Adam Seipp will be the new Director. In addition, Lee saw continuing significant interest in the future of the Seminar since there were fifty people at the panel on the Seminar and there was significant interest in the Seminar continuing. As President, he asserted that he wanted to see the Seminar become the third jewel in the SMH’s crown after the *Journal* and the Annual Meeting. Accordingly, he is pursuing future hosting and funding opportunities.
- B. Vice-President Lee solicited questions but there were none.

6. 2027 Proposals for Hosting the Annual Meeting

- A. Executive Director Longley reported that the proposals before the membership were in alphabetical order and did not reflect a ranking of organizations which had submitted proposals for the 2027 Annual Meeting. He also suggested that the SMH could hold its 2027 Annual

Meeting in Washington, DC, again so as to ease travel on so many members. Multiple years there were more expensive but were still more convenient for members.

- B. Proposals were solicited from the National Infantry Museum and Fort Moore/Benning in Columbus, Georgia; the World War II Museum in New Orleans; the Canadian War Museum and Canadian Museum of History in Ottawa, Canada; and the Naval War College and Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. Longley reported numerous advantages at each location but that the Board decided on New Orleans because of the presence of the World War II Museum, New Orleans' ease of access, and the fact that the SMH's event planning organization, Cypress Planning, is headquartered in New Orleans.

## 7. *Journal Report*

- A. Timothy Dowling, Editor of the *Journal of Military History (JMH)*, summarized his 2024-2025 Annual Report for the membership. He described the year as nicely stable and uneventful after several years of staffing problems and the sudden transition from the editorship of the late Bruce Vandervoort.

- B. *Journal of Military History* Annual Report for 2024-2025

1) Dowling's report is summarized in detail:

a) Publishing Data

The *Journal of Military History* appears both in print and electronically. The electronic version is distributed by EBSCOHost under contract (renewable annually) with the SMH. The *Journal* averaged 300 pages per issue in 2024, publishing a total of 27 articles and 195 book reviews. Every issue appeared on time and within budget. The "official" statistics from Scholastica on manuscript management are as follows:

b) Status of Manuscripts Submitted in 2024:

Total submitted	88
Accepted	17 (19.3 percent of submissions)
Declined	53
Withdrawn	2
Under peer review	11
Under revision	10

The number of submissions through Scholastica has declined consistently over the past five years from the high of 126 in 2019. This accounts for the higher rate of acceptance, but we also believe that the quality of submissions is higher; there are fewer "automatic" rejections than in the past and more manuscripts are going through the peer review process. This means it is taking longer to reach a decision on average than desirable; our current average is 113 days overall, but it takes 130 days to decline/accept with reviews. We do have a significant number (c. 12-15) of authors who prefer not to use the Scholastica platform.

2) Logistics & Staff

We have experienced no turnover since our last report, the first time in five years. It is incredibly helpful to have this kind of consistency and having most of the staff living in Lexington is a tremendous advantage.

3) Automated Manuscript System

The *Journal* uses Scholastica—which supports a wide variety of journals across STEM, the Social Sciences, Law, and the Humanities—as its online submissions and manuscript



management system. The up-front cost of the system is \$350 annually, but this will rise to \$425 in April 2025. The *Journal* pays an additional \$10 for each manuscript submitted; our average annual cost to-date has been about \$1,500. Scholastica has made several adjustments that allow smaller journals like the *JMH* to operate more effectively and it has made our editing process more efficient. In particular, Scholastica's staff responds quickly to inquiries and the platform offers regular seminars and newsletters that have been helpful in providing context for the ever-shifting world of publication.

4) Proposed *Journal* Budget for FY 2025-2026

**EXPENDITURES**

<i>JMH</i> Payroll <sup>1</sup>	\$160,406
Printing/Mailing of <i>Journal</i> <sup>2</sup>	\$53,000
Operating Fund (Office Supplies & other <i>JMH</i> / SMH Business Expenses) <sup>3</sup>	\$4,000
Electronic Manuscript Submission System	\$1,600
In-Kind Services; VMI Technical Support	\$5,000
Phones, FAX, Postage (VMI)	\$5,000
In-Kind Services, Marshall Foundation, Space, and Utilities	<u>\$6,500</u>
	<b>\$235,506</b>

**INCOME**

SMH Funding <sup>4</sup>	\$199,006
VMI Private Funds Grant	\$20,000
In-Kind Services: VMI Technical Support	\$5,000
Phones, FAX, Postage (VMI)	\$5,000
In Kind Services, VMI/GCMF, Space, and Utilities	<u>\$6,500</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$235,506</b>

**Notes**

1. This is the current total of all *JMH* staff salaries (\$149,007) and payroll taxes (\$11,399). It does not include other elements of the compensation package, such as complimentary registration for SMH Annual Meetings.
  2. This is a \$9,000 reduction from the previous year, due in part to a reduced number of pages. However, the printer has just informed us that the new tariff situation is likely to affect the cost of paper.
  3. In the past year, the *Journal*/SMH Business Office spent about \$4,700 on operating expenses, which normally included postage; office supplies and computer equipment; annual design software subscription; and image use fees for the journal. This is a reduction of \$3,700 from the previous year because the SMH has begun to pay the following expenses that were formerly paid by the *JMH* account: design and production of publicity materials; recurring software subscriptions; and back-issue order fulfillment by Sheridan Press. *JMH* funds are held in a checking account at the Wells Fargo Bank, with Roberta Wiener (*JMH* Managing Editor) as signatory.
  4. *JMH* salaries, printing costs, online manuscript system, and operating funds.
- C. Dowling also informed the membership that he requested approval of the *JMH* Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026, which the Board of Trustees approved.

8. Report on the National Coalition of History
  - A. Executive Director Longley summarized for the membership Council discussions in November 2024 about the SMH continuing its commitment to participation in the reconstituted National Coalition for History (NCH). In particular, the SMH has joined with the AHA, the OAH, and National Council for Social Studies to work toward more effective advocacy for the field of history in ways that impact the field. The decision was made by the group to seek out a lobbyist to provide information, recommend courses of action, and guidance as to how best to accomplish the mission that has become more acute since January.
  - B. Longley also said that the four members have worked together to try to develop ways to address the concerns of our organizations on matters relating to censorship, civilian historians in government agencies, and other pressing problems. These problems include advocating for the National Archives, working Congressional offices in tandem with the National Humanities Council (of which one Board member is former SMH President John Hall), and briefing Congressional staffers on topics of concern. Longley noted that all of this activity is evolving as the group develops clearer plans and paths of action. Longley also stated that while the organization continues to evolve, it is already more active and effective than its predecessor in which the SMH participated for decades given that there is now a much smaller, more cohesive number of organizations on whose behalf the NCH can advocate.
9. Public Issues and Statements from the SMH
  - A. Vice-President Lee summarized for the membership his idea of an electronic archive and its role in listing and storing military historical materials that have been removed from Federal sites since 2015. He noted as well that it would list copies of documents and materials that would be verified and curated by the SMH. The website would also be updated if something that had been removed was returned to its museum, archive, or repository. Lee additionally noted that all of this could be done anonymously. In addition, members would be encouraged to submit information, in particular materials that were important to the Society's mission. The latter could include member publications.
  - B. Lee next spoke to the Trustees voting to support this in principle but not yet in its final version of language. He proceeded to read the archive's mission statement and then he showed the membership the three sites on the SMH webpage.
  - C. Former SMH President Peter Mansoor asked about the SMH hiring a new Archivist to complete this work. Lee said that this was first on his list as an objective once he became President.
  - D. Mansoor also asked if the Archivist would examine what had happened in various archives. Lee said it would be more a case of "crowd sourcing" by the membership to see what had been done in Federal archives but that the Archivist would also take over some of the duties of Webmaster Kurt Hackemer.
  - E. Former SMH President Hall said to make it clear to the membership that these were materials already in the public domain so that the Society did not have problems with the charge that it was interfering in some way in these matters.
  - F. One member asked if returned materials would be updated and if the list would be removed if government policies were reversed. Vice-President Lee said it would be better to maintain the list even if there was a reversal of policy, but that the SMH could update the list to reflect whether a site had been returned to public view.

- G. Kevin Ruffner asked about whether or not the Center of Military History (CMH) had been closed to the public and how the Society might respond to that. Lee said he thought that it would be an item to list. He also pointed out that Beth Bailey, Chair of the Army's Historical Advisory Committee (DAHASC), had a statement from the CMH Director about this. She said that the main reason for reduced hours at the Center was loss of staff. The Director also noted the importance of compliance with the new policies so that the Center could continue its mission. Bailey saw this as the CMH asking the SMH for continued support and that the Center hoped to be back to normal operations as soon as possible.
- H. Another member asked why the SMH was not offering a statement opposing the Trump Administration's policies. Lee replied that a statement modeled off of the American Historical Association's and the Organization of American Historians' would not have any impact and could be counterproductive. The member wanted elaboration. Lee directed her to the AHA-OAH statement and reiterated that having done this in the past did not go well for the SMH because of the political diversity of its membership. He further elaborated that the SMH constructing the electronic archive functioned as a statement of opposition.
- I. Executive Director Longley reiterated that the membership was very diverse politically and occupationally. Lee also noted that the Google poll asking for members' feedback from those members who were unable to attend the Annual Meeting had not produced any sort of consensus since opinions were so diverse.
- J. Another member focused on materials, archivists, and the attack on professional standards and thought that a statement against this would not be political. Lee argued that the website was doing just that and it could be shared beyond the membership.
- K. One member asked why the archive was going back to 2015 and Lee said it was arbitrary.
- L. Former Vice-President and Trustee Randy Papadopoulos reinforced what the officers were saying and how junior colleagues were threatened, how unprecedented the threat was, and what level of uncertainty had been created. He cautioned members and the Society to be very careful in how it attempted to oppose this Administration's policies.
- M. Larry Burke said that the curation of returned materials needed to be checked for things like authenticity and accuracy.
- N. Former SMH President Hall again spoke about the need to obtain information from inside staffers about the materials that were being removed but also in a way that did not threaten those staffers. He also noted that one way to resist was to ensure that members of Congress understood the ramifications of the Administration's policies. For instance, did Congressional members from Alabama understand the economic loss for Mobile by the 150 members who could not attend the SMH because of the new policies?
- O. One member asked about resisting by advocating for faster declassification, including members advocating to their Congressional representatives about this. Lee said that the historical advisory bodies (such as the DAHASC) had always brought this matter up but had never gotten much response. Longley, however, also said he would bring this matter to the National Coalition for History and he encouraged members to approach their Representatives and Senators about declassification.
- P. Former SMH President Greg Urwin said that we were all under this gun in higher education. He did not see this as a partisan problem but one of the Administration lying.

10. A final question came up about modernizing the website as the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) had done. Some members were in favor of this but others thought that SHAFR's website was not very effective at all and incoming President Lee was not in favor of any radical changes to the website.
11. Outgoing President Speelman thanked everyone again for attending.
12. Adjournment
  - A. The Membership Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Hal M. Friedman

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## CALLS FOR PAPERS AND CONTRIBUTORS

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### Call for Papers

For the 2026 edition of the *Trafalgar Chronicle*, New Series 10, the editors seek carefully researched, scholarly articles on Navies in the Age of Revolutions, 1775 – 1848. We invite essays about naval contributions, roles, and issues in the context of revolutionary political, social, economic, and technological change during the last decades of the Age of Sail.

Additional Topics: We also seek general interest articles with unique perspectives on the maritime and naval history of the Georgian era: biographical portraits, battles at sea, maritime economics, exploration of foreign shores, foreign relations, politics, etc.

Proposal Submission Guidelines: Please submit a proposal/abstract of about 500 words and a paragraph about your background (a biographical sketch) by 1 September 2025. Applicants will be notified of acceptance status by 1 October 2025. Submit all proposals and inquiries to [tc.editor@1805Club.org](mailto:tc.editor@1805Club.org). Detailed author guidelines are available upon request.

Article Guidelines: Articles should range between 3000 to 5000 words long in MSWORD (unprotected) following the New Oxford Style Manual. Please include three to six high resolution illustrations, each in a separate file (jpeg, pdf, or tiff) with a list of captions in a separate file. Articles are due 1 February 2026. They will be edited and, in some cases, submitted to peer review. Articles will be returned to authors for any revisions by 1 April 2026. Revisions are due by 1 May 2026. Publication will be Fall/Autumn 2026. Seaforth Publishing is our publisher.

While we do not pay contributors, each will receive a copy of the *Trafalgar Chronicle* upon publication. Non-1805 Club members will also receive a free one-year membership. Authors retain

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Our Contributors: We welcome articles from 1805 Club members and anyone with an interest in the history of the Georgian era sailing navies. Our articles have come from writers of varied backgrounds: historians, journalists, university students, military personnel, preservationists, novelists and enthusiasts of the period. Contact [tc.editor@1805Club.org](mailto:tc.editor@1805Club.org) for additional information.

The *Trafalgar Chronicle* is the scholarly flagship publication of The 1805 Club, a charity registered in England and Wales (number1202272) with an international membership of scholars and enthusiasts of the Georgian maritime era. The 1805 Club takes its name from the iconic Battle of Trafalgar that gave Nelson his place in history and confirmed the role of the Royal Navy in asserting Britain's sea power.

### **Call for Papers**

The Consequences of Conquest - March 4-6, 2026

Downtown Library, Sioux Falls, SD

The Many Faces of War XI: An annual hybrid interdisciplinary conference on the experience and impact of war throughout history.

2026 Theme - Rebellion or revolution and the origins of war

In honor of the 250th anniversary of American Independence we will examine the origins of war, conflict, or battle and if there is a difference between rebellion or revolution.

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.

2026 marks the 250th anniversary of American Independence. This conference will examine what happens in the lead up to war with a particular focus on the interaction of women, citizens and soldiers in everyday life and the role of government or laws in forming the catalyst for actions. It also encourages papers on warfare throughout history on all aspects of conquest, victory and defeat, such as the political and cultural shaping of territory or peoples and the propagandistic associations.

The conference aims at an interdisciplinary approach and underappreciated aspects of war and nation building are especially welcome. All periods of history are of interest.

We also welcome papers on any and all aspects of military history from any discipline.

The conference is aimed equally at postgraduate students, researchers in the early stages of their careers and established academics. We also hope to have a session for undergraduate students.

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 or four papers.

Send an abstract of 300 words and a brief bio to Graham Wrightson ([graham.wrightson@sdstate.edu](mailto:graham.wrightson@sdstate.edu)) BEFORE December 15, 2026.

### **Call for Papers**

Africa and the African Diaspora and the World Wars  
February 19-21, 2026  
Florida State University Alumni Center

Sponsored by the Institute on World War II and the Human Experience, Department of History, Florida State University and the Society for Black Military Studies.

This conference seeks to examine the pivotal role the two world wars (1914-1918) and (1931-1945) played in reshaping Africa and the African Diaspora. In both conflicts, much of Africa served as a battlefield contested by warring European powers. In the case of World War II, Ethiopia became the first country to be invaded by Mussolini's Italy. Although most European colonial regimes initially survived both world wars, these global conflicts undermined their legitimacy and hastened their demise. Africans and those in the African Diaspora were mobilized to fight in both conflicts and the conference conveners seek papers examining their experiences, especially when deployed to serve in Europe and Asia. We want to include papers from a variety of disciplinary perspective especially related to Africans and the African Diaspora on the home front.

The conference conveners encourage both individual and panel proposals. Please submit an abstract (500 words) and cv for each participant by September 15, 2025. Proposals should be in the form of a PDF sent to G. Kurt Piehler, Director, Institute on World War II and the Human Experience, Department of History, Florida State University at [kpiehler@fsu.edu](mailto:kpiehler@fsu.edu). Conference organizers anticipate that they will be able to provide accommodations for those presenting papers at this conference and offer travel grants to graduate students and independent scholars. The new *[Journal of Black Military Studies](#)* will solicit paper submissions that fit the journal's mission for future publication.

### **Call for Papers**

War College of the Seven Years' War at Fort Ticonderoga  
May 16-18, 2026

While 2026 marks the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American colonies' declaration of independence, the legacy of the Seven Years' War was never far from people's minds. The American Revolution cemented intra-colonial ties proposed during events like the Albany Congress in 1754. Bonds from shared service

in the Seven Years' War were torn apart by the Revolution and alliances between colonial, European, and Native American individuals and societies were strained, frayed, and ruptured as the order established in 1763 was profoundly altered. To explore the events of the Seven Years' War and their repercussions, including the later American Revolution, Fort Ticonderoga seeks proposals for papers broadly addressing the period the Seven Years' War for its Thirtieth Annual War College of the Seven Years' War to be held May 16-18, 2026.

We seek new research and perspectives of one of the most important military and political events of its era, covering a diverse range of topics and perspectives from across the global Seven Years' War. We welcome paper proposals from established scholars in addition to graduate students, museum professionals, archaeologists, and others that relate to the origins, conduct, and legacy of the Seven Years' War. We are especially interested in topics and approaches that engage the international nature of the conflict as well as representing the variety of peoples and places involved.

We welcome interdisciplinary approaches and perspectives covering the period from at least 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 July 31, 2026 to Richard M. Strum, Director of Academic Programs: [rstrum@fort-ticonderoga.org](mailto:rstrum@fort-ticonderoga.org)

## **Call for Proposals**

### **WESIPS 2026**

### **Warfare, Environment, Social Inequality, and Pro-Sociability Biennial Conference**

#### Organizers

Dr. Richard J. Chacon (Winthrop University)

Dr. Yamilette Chacon (James Madison University)

Dr. Leonardo García Sanjuan (University of Seville)

Dr. Marcos Andres Hunt Ortiz (University of Seville)

**Dates:** May 25-28 of 2026

**Keynote speaker:** Dr. Catherine Cameron (Univ. of Colorado)

**Location:** Seville, Spain

**Abstract submission deadline:** ~ October 26, 2025 at 11:59 PM (Eastern Time)



**Registration fee:** \$350 USD

**Registration deadline:** ~ February 24, 2026 at 11:59 PM (Eastern Time)

The organizers are seeking papers from a variety of disciplinary perspectives and theoretical approaches addressing one or more of the following topics: Prehistoric/historic/contemporary warfare, ritual violence, biodiversity, natural resource utilization, past and present cases of environmental degradation/sustainability, egalitarianism, advent of social complexity, social inequality, conflict resolution, and prosocial behavior.

**Conference website:** <https://spanishstudies.org/wesips/>

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## FELLOWSHIP AND JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Army Records Society Fellowship Scheme

The [Army Records Society](#) (ARS) is delighted to invite applications for its fourth round of fellowships. Founded in 1984, the Society is a registered charity in the United Kingdom. Its mission is to edit and publish scholarly volumes relating to the British Army and reprint works of military interest. By doing so, it seeks to make primary source material available to a wider audience. At least one fellowship will be awarded in this round. Fellowships will be held for three years and a bursary of £1,250 per annum, plus travel expenses of up to £2,500 per annum, will be payable to successful fellows. In return for this bursary, fellows will be expected to produce a volume of edited papers for publication by the Society. Most Army Records Society volumes will reproduce 100-200 documents and / or diary entries and proposals should reflect on the availability of a suitable number of primary records. Individuals appointed to a fellowship will receive a mentor who will provide full support throughout the publishing process. While the fellowship scheme is most suitable for early career researchers (which we define as an individual who is within eight years of the award of their PhD — excluding career breaks), we are happy to consider applications from candidates who do not identify as early career researchers.

To date, the bulk of the Society's published volumes deal with the history of the British Army between c.1850 to 1945. While we would welcome volumes covering this period, we would be particularly keen to award fellowships to those considering earlier or later periods. The term 'Army' is also understood in its widest sense and we would be most interested to see proposals concerning Colonial or Dominion forces or amateur military units.

Those interested in applying for the fellowship scheme should forward a curriculum vitae, volume proposal form, and sample material to Dr Timothy Bowman (ARS chair) at [T.Bowman@kent.ac.uk](mailto:T.Bowman@kent.ac.uk) and Dr Aimée Fox (Fellowships committee chair) at [af274@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:af274@st-andrews.ac.uk).

The volume proposal [should be submitted via this linked form](#), which will provide the following:

- Proposed title
- Editor name and contact details

- How did you hear about the Society's fellowships scheme?
- Why do you think the volume would be of interest to members of the Society?
- How will this volume complement existing historiography on this topic?
- An outline of primary sources to be used including, if known, details of copyright holders and whether any material has been digitised / previously published
- An outline of proposed chapters
- Planned submission date
- Small sample of transcribed material (maximum 3,000 words), which should be edited and annotated where appropriate

The deadline for proposals is **11:59 pm (GMT) on Friday 2 November 2025**. Those shortlisted may be asked for a sample of published or draft work. Fellowship applications will be assessed by an academic panel. Applicants will be notified of the panel's decision no later than Friday 11 December 2025.

Any questions about the Society, the fellowship scheme, or guidance on the proposal should be directed to both Dr Bowman and Dr Fox.

### **Scholarship Opportunity**

The 10th Mountain Division Foundation, Inc. (the Foundation) has established the Charles A. and Loyola M. Murphy Endowed Scholarship for the Study of Military History to promote development of a broad understanding of military mountaineering or skiing history and contributions of the WWII Mountain Troopers within the American national experience. This historical knowledge can be an invaluable tool for the decision-making process in many professional fields.

**WHAT:** This scholarship provides a maximum of one \$5,000 cash award annually to one selected doctoral candidate or graduate level student with high academic qualifications who is beginning or currently pursuing post graduate study in military history, U.S. history, international relations, or a related field. The focus of study must directly relate to the U.S. Army's 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division and affiliated units, from 1941 through the current active-duty actions, or to the post WWII contributions of these soldiers. The award will help pay for expenses related to the costs of education, research, travel, and the purchase of books or other educational materials, as administered by the academic institution within the limits of applicable law and program limitations.

**WHO:** This scholarship is available for post graduate level scholars (Masters, Specialist or Doctoral level) having been accepted to or currently attending accredited universities or colleges in the United States, or solely at the discretion of the Foundation, distinguished universities or colleges abroad. No historical or biological ties to any previous or current 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division soldier are required.

**HOW:** Students desiring to compete for the Charles A. and Loyola M. Murphy Endowed Scholarship for the Study of Military History to be awarded for study beginning in the coming fall, should submit a letter of application to the Foundation at the address noted on the application packet.

**APPLICATION:** Applications must be received no later than July 15<sup>th</sup> and include the following

information:

- Completed application form.
- University presently attending or to which application has been made and the current status of that application (acceptance into an accredited program is a condition of any award).
- Copy of student's personal and academic biography in your own words (limit to one printed page at 10 point font, please).
- A statement from the applicant that includes an outline of that proposed education program, the degree objective, major of study, and proposed thesis, dissertation or capstone project topic. (Include the degree to be earned, department or college, etc.)
- A copy of all official college/university undergraduate and post-graduate transcripts.
- A statement not to exceed 1000 words concerning the relationship of the Tenth Mountain Division History Scholarship to the applicant's field of study and the value to be derived both by the individual and the general public.
- Upon acceptance into an accredited program, it is required that the thesis advisor, department chair or dissertation committee chair contact information be added to this packet.

**SELECTION:** The Foundation will make the final selection of the Charles A. and Loyola M. Murphy Endowed Scholarship for the Study of Military History scholar by July 30. Selection of finalist will be based on the following criteria:

- Relevance of the chosen area of study to contributions by the soldiers of the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division.
- Academic ability including baccalaureate record.
- Viability of a publishable final paper, dissertation, thesis or capstone project on the impact of the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division soldiers on the field of study. Publication of a final paper is not a requirement for this scholarship, but it is expressly stated that a courtesy copy of any relevant final paper, dissertation, thesis or capstone project will be provided to the Foundation to be placed on file with the Tenth Mountain Division Resource Center in Denver, Colorado for reference by future generations. All publication rights will remain with the scholar.

Students not accepted for the current award cycle are invited to reapply for the following award cycle. Students residing or attending university outside of the United States may be considered based on relevance, potential impact on the citizens of the United States and on the citizens of their country of residence. All applications and papers shall be submitted in English, to be considered.

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:** The total award is \$5000. The award will be disbursed directly to the selected scholar. Documentation or receipts indicating proper use of the monies is requested for submission to the Foundation.

It is the earnest belief of the Tenth Mountain Division Foundation, Inc. that this scholarly study will help perpetuate the legacy of these soldiers and will enhance the love of the mountains that their service has inspired. We ask that you share what you have learned and help future generations “**Climb to Glory**”.

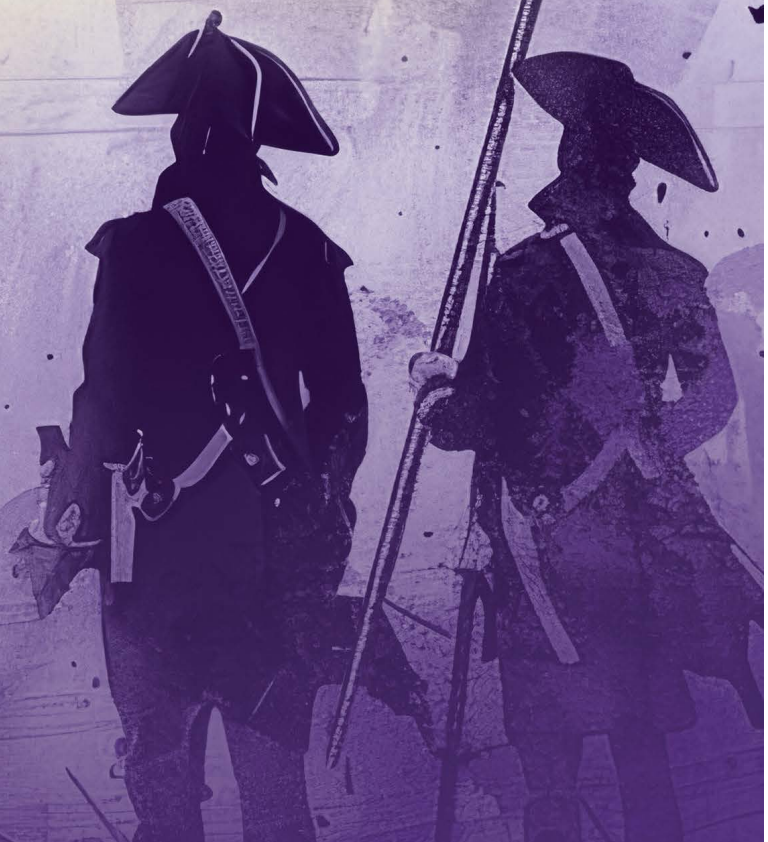


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## ITEMS OF INTEREST

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**Kudos!**



Congratulations to SMH Executive Director Kyle Longley for receiving the inaugural LaFeber-Wood Prize for outstanding teaching and mentoring in the field of U.S. foreign relations from the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations. What we do is important, and it has an impact on multiple historical subfields.

### **RAF Museum Academic Awards 2025**

The RAF Museum is delighted to announce that it is again sponsoring a series of academic awards designed to inspire and reward high-quality research by up and coming scholars. Applications which consider the historiography of the RAF are particularly welcomed.

The awards are not, however, confined to works focused on the RAF and are open to students whose studies will further the Museum's knowledge in relevant areas of archaeology, international relations, strategic studies, law and ethics, museology or air power. Works which help expand knowledge of operational conditions, adversaries or the context of the RAF's history are also eligible.

Applications open on Friday 3 July 2025 for the RAF Museum's:

PhD Bursary (£3,000)

Masters Prize (£350)

Undergraduate Prize (£250)



Applications close on **Friday 24 October 2025**.

If you are considering applying or have questions regarding your eligibility then you are warmly encouraged to email the Museum's Historian and Academic Access Manager Dr Megan Kelleher ([megan.kelleher@rafmuseum.org](mailto:megan.kelleher@rafmuseum.org)) for an informal discussion of the awards.

To apply for one of this year's academic awards, please download the appropriate documents below from our website: <https://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/news/raf-museum-academic-awards-2025-2/>.

The prizes are granted on the recommendation of a selection panel consisting of the following members of the Museum's Research Advisory Board.

Seb Cox OBE (Chair, RAF Museum Research Advisory Board)  
Dr Sophy Antrobus (King's College London)  
Dr Maria Burczynska (King's College London)  
Professor Richard Morris (University of Huddersfield)

### **Crisis Moments Grants**

**Deadline: September 19, 2025**

The Albert Lepage Center for History in the Public Interest at Villanova University is pleased to announce a funding opportunity to support public-facing historical projects related to the theme of "Crisis Moments."

The Center will fund up to 8 projects of up to \$5000 that creatively engage with the broad range of questions related to the theme of Crisis Moments that can further public understanding of contemporary crises of planning, policy, and material reality in the United States and around the globe. This theme could encompass any number of historical topics. Examples include but are not limited to: constitutional crises; crises of knowledge, education, and higher education; women's ways of coping and other interpretations of everyday crisis management; crises of representation; climate crisis; border crises; manufactured crises; the AIDS crisis; housing and cost of living crises; transportation and planning crises; and more. The theme is not limited by geography or time (for instance, crises in the Ancient Mediterranean, medieval Europe, 20th century Asia, or postcolonial African states, or the U.S. after the Cold War are all potentially eligible). What is most important is historical focus on the occurrence and/or resolution of crises; historical methodology; and a strong component of public engagement.

Grants in the past have gone to such varied projects as podcasts, documentary films, oral histories, historical tours, monograph research, dissertations, digital and physical exhibits, online archives, digital mapping projects, and workshops, among other projects.

The Center seeks submissions from a diverse pool of applicants that are original and imaginative in content and form. The Center is always interested in funding proposals that adopt a global approach and

highlight issues of class, gender, race, activism, corporate influence and political power. We strongly encourage members of minority and underrepresented populations to apply.

### **About the Grants**

Grants in the amount of up to \$5,000 (depending on scope, size and need) will be awarded to projects that promote historical research, scholarship, teaching and public dialogue about historical perspectives on labor.

Our goal is to provide seed money and/or to help advance a project from conception to execution. The Center is, therefore, willing to support work that may require initial funding to get off the ground.

Project outcomes include: a series of blog posts or podcasts, digital and in-person exhibits, an oral history archive, a series of op-eds, a mapping project, an educational workshop, a multimedia resource, a collaboration with local environmental organizations and other creative ideas.

### **Application and Selection Process**

Applications are due to the Lepage Center by 11:59 p.m. EST on September 19, 2025. Applications should be emailed as a single attachment (PDF) to [lepage@villanova.edu](mailto:lepage@villanova.edu) and should not exceed 15 pages.

Applications must include:

- A title
- A project abstract (250 words)
- A project description, purpose, and its contribution to history in the public interest (1-2 pages)
- A plan of execution, including deliverables, partners, and expected outcomes (1-2 pages)
- A proposed budget (1 page)
- Resumes of principal participants (the total of resumes not to exceed 10 pages)

In evaluating applications, the Lepage Center will consider:

- The track record of the applicant(s);
- The importance of the project goals, the originality of the method and perspective, and the fit and relevance to the Center's mission;
- The feasibility of the proposal;
- The capacity of the project to shed light on current events;
- The articulation of an approach to historical thinking about the past that meets disciplinary standards and perspectives

Proposals will be reviewed by an internal committee with award decisions to be made by the last week of October, 2025. A one-time disbursement of funds will occur in Fall 2025.

### **Eligibility**

Proposals are limited to scholars, researchers, historical institutions and nonprofit organizations in the United States. Global perspectives and transnational partnerships are encouraged.



While not limited to professional historians or history institutions, proposals that feature historians and demonstrate an approach to studying the past that broadly fits disciplinary standards and ethics of professional history will be favored.

### **Grantee Deliverables**

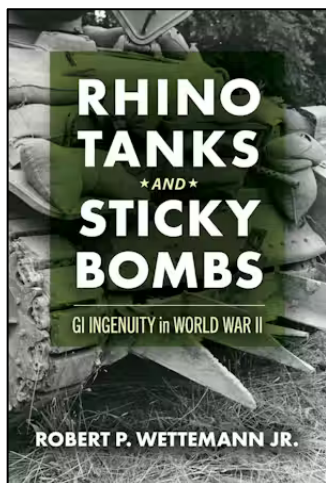
Grantees should be amenable to having their projects featured on the Lepage Center website, social media and other communications; acknowledge the Lepage Center's support in their public-facing materials; and amenable to participate in a Lunch at Lepage or virtual panel discussion with other grantees describing their grant work between Fall 2027 and Fall 2028.

### **Fine Print**

Grant awards are subject to federal, state and local tax regulations. Each grantee is responsible for reporting taxable stipend payments and for remitting any tax due with their personal or institutional income tax return. For specific questions about your tax responsibilities, please contact the Internal Revenue Service, an accountant or an income tax service. IDC to be capped at no more than 5% of the grant.

For any questions, please contact [lepage@villanova.edu](mailto:lepage@villanova.edu).

### **More Kudos**



The University of Oklahoma Press is pleased to announce the release of [\*Rhino Tanks and Sticky Bombs: GI Ingenuity in World War II\*](#) by SMH trustee Robert P. Wettemann, Jr.

Coming of age during the Great Depression, the American boys who fought in World War II had, through necessity, developed a unique brand of technological resourcefulness. This proficiency provided GIs with another weapon in a distinctly American way of war. *Rhino Tanks and Sticky Bombs* is Wettemann's eminently readable account of how this hard-won "use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without" mentality was critical to America's success, giving servicemen the know-how and can-do spirit to creatively engineer solutions to wartime problems. Seamlessly blending social, military, intellectual, and technological history, *Rhino Tanks and Sticky Bombs* weaves an engaging narrative about the roots of American ingenuity during World War II—and makes a compelling case for a specific instance of American distinctiveness that proved crucial to Allied victory.

### **John R. Lyman Book Awards**

The North American Society for Oceanic History has announced the winners of the John R. Lyman Book Awards for books published in 2024. More than a hundred titles were submitted for consideration

by the committee of seven maritime historians and archaeologists, and awards are bestowed in eight categories.

Since their establishment in 1995, the Lyman Book Awards have honored 255 titles from more than 80 publishers.

This year's winners were announced at NASOH's annual conference in Natchez, Mississippi.

### **Maritime and Nautical Archaeology**

#### ***Winner***

Jane Webster. *Materializing the Middle Passage: A Historical Archaeology of British Slave Shipping, 1680–1807*. Oxford University Press, 2024.

### **Maritime and Naval Biography and Autobiography**

#### ***Winner***

Gelina Harlaftis, ed. *Onassis Business History, 1924–1975*. Brill's Studies in Maritime History, vol. 16. Brill, 2024.

#### ***Honorable mention***

Andrew Lipman. *Squanto: A Native Odyssey*. Yale University Press, 2024.

### **Maritime and Naval Reference and Edited Primary Sources**

#### ***Winner***

Katelynn A. Hatton, Alex Christopher Meekins, eds. *North Carolina Troops, 1861–1865: A Roster, Volume 22: Confederate States Navy, Confederate States Marine Corps, and Charlotte Naval Yard*. North Carolina Office of Archives and History/University of North Carolina Press, 2024.

### **Maritime and Naval Science, Technology, and Environment**

#### ***Winner***

Tyler A. Pitrof. *Too Far on a Whim: The Limits of High-Steam Propulsion in the US Navy*. University of Alabama Press, 2024.

#### ***Honorable mention***

Daniel Macfarlane. *The Lives of Lake Ontario: An Environmental History*. McGill-Queens University Press, 2024.

### **North American Maritime History**

#### ***Winner***

Jeff Forret. *The Price They Paid: Slavery, Shipwrecks, and Reparations Before the Civil War*. The New Press, 2024.

#### ***Honorable mention***

Susan Gaunt Stearns. *Empire of Commerce: The Closing of the Mississippi and the Opening of Atlantic Trade*. University of Virginia Press, 2024.

## North American Naval History

### ***Co-Winner***

Randy Carol Goguen. *From Yeomanettes to Fighter Jets: A Century of Women in the U.S. Navy*. Naval Institute Press, 2024.

### ***Co-Winner***

Abigail G. Mullen. *To Fix a National Character: The United States in the First Barbary War, 1800–1805*. Johns Hopkins University Press, 2024.

## World Maritime History

### ***Winner***

Mary E. Hicks. *Captive Cosmopolitans: Black Mariners and the World of South Atlantic Slavery*. University of North Carolina Press, 2024.

### ***Honorable mention***

Li Tana. *A Maritime Vietnam: From Earliest Times to the Nineteenth Century*. Cambridge University Press, 2024.

## World Naval History

### ***Winner***

Kuan-Jen Chen. *Charting America's Cold War Waters in East Asia: Sovereignty, Local Interests, and International Security*. Cambridge University Press, 2024.

### ***Honorable mention***

Nick Hewitt. *Normandy: The Sailors' Story: A Naval History of D-Day and the Battle for France*. Yale University Press, 2024.

The committee members are:

Alicia Caporaso, PhD, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management  
Charlotte Carrington-Farmer, PhD, Roger Williams University  
Lynn Harris, PhD, East Carolina University  
Jennifer Hubbard, PhD, Toronto Metropolitan University  
Salvatore Mercogliano, PhD, Campbell University  
Lincoln Paine, Center for Oceans and Coastal Law, University of Maine School of Law  
Jason W. Smith, PhD, Southern Connecticut State University

## **Sam Johnson Vietnam Archive Opens Large Agent Orange Collection**

Public perceptions about the Vietnam War remain filled with many myths, conspiracies, and misunderstandings, and the use of Agent Orange during the Vietnam War has had a lasting impact on Vietnam and on veterans. The Agent Orange Product Liability Litigation served as a widescale attempt by both plaintiffs and defendants to find answers such as whether the government and/or chemical companies were aware of Agent Orange's toxicity before using it and who would be liable for damages

caused by Agent Orange. This landmark class action suit (1979-1984) brought together many of the individual suits filed by Vietnam veterans against these chemical companies claiming that their product caused numerous health issues for themselves and their children.

The Agent Orange Product Liability Litigation Collection, housed at the Sam Johnson Vietnam Archive, contains 550 linear feet of scientific studies, trial records, military documents about Agent Orange use, copies of case law relevant to the class action suit, and over 200 linear feet of deposition transcripts and exhibits from government officials, chemical company employees, representative plaintiffs and relevant expert witnesses who discuss a wide range of Agent Orange and dioxin related topics.

By processing and making this collection available for research, the Vietnam Center & Sam Johnson Vietnam Archive is providing previously unavailable information and insight into one of the most controversial programs during the war – the use of chemical defoliants – and the long-term impact of their use on human health and the environment. This collection appeals to a wide range of audiences including veterans, legal scholars, scientists, medical professionals, historians, and students. Given the ongoing public and academic interest in the Vietnam War, it is very exciting to provide everyone with access to a new set of documents that can help shed light on such a controversial and impactful topic. To learn more about the materials, which were processed through a generous grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, click on the link to view the collection's finding aid.

<https://www.vietnam.ttu.edu/virtualarchive/items.php?item=26520000000>

These materials are not available online and can only be viewed in person in our reading room on the Texas Tech University campus, or you can order photocopies through our reference service if you cannot visit. If you would like to access these materials, email us at [vnca@ttu.edu](mailto:vnca@ttu.edu) for help planning your visit or to request copies.

### Updates from the Society for Army Historical Research (UK)

#### FELLOWSHIPS OF THE SOCIETY

Fellowships were awarded to:

- **Tim Cooke** for highly valuable services to Council during the Society's financial difficulties of 2012 and for continuing advice to the Investments sub-committee.
- **Mick Crumplin** for significant contributions into the study and public engagement with British army medical history of the 18thC-Napoleonic period
- **Carole Divall** for distinguished contributions to the history of the British Army in the Napoleonic era and charitable services in support of SAHR and Waterloo200.
- **Professor John Laband** for significant contributions to the study of the Anglo-Zulu War.
- **Professor Kevin Linch** - for a lifetime of work on the Napoleonic British army, including a recent AHRC project to document the careers of thousands of officers.
- **Dr Ismini Pells** - for distinguished contributions to the history of the British Army and its

antecedents in the 17th century and long and distinguished service to the Society.

- **Major General Ashley Truluck** for distinguished services to the Society. He has served as Chairman twice: from 2014-2019 and then again when asked to take over from Ewan Carmichael at short notice to complete the unexpired two years of his term.
- **Major General Sir Evelyn Webb-Carter** for distinguished contributions to the history of the British Army and service to the Society.
- **Professor John Childs** for a lifetime of work on the history of the British Army from 1660 to 1702 (published as a trilogy), the Stuart Restoration, and European military history of the early modern period.
- **Professor Jessica Meyer** for a lifetime of work on gender, health, and FWW British army service.

#### **TEMPLER MEDAL for best book on British Military History published in 2024**

- *1st Place (Medal winner): Templer medal + £2000*  
**Professor Kevin Linch**, *The British Army, 1783-1815* (Pen & Sword).
- *2nd Place (Runner Up): £1000*  
**Professor David Lambert**, *Soldiers of Uncertain Rank: The West India Regiments in British Imperial Culture* (Cambridge University Press).
- *Joint 3rd Place (Runner Up): £200 each*  
**Lt. Colonel Sergio Miller**, *Pride and Fall: The British Army in Afghanistan, 2001-2014* (Bloomsbury).  
**Lt. General Sir John Kiszely**, *General Hastings 'Pug' Ismay: Soldier, Statesman, Diplomat - A New Biography* (Hurst).

#### **CHAPPLE PRIZE FOR BEST FIRST BOOK on British military history published in 2024**

- *1st Place (Best First Book): Engraved Dartington Crystal + £1000*  
**Dr Roger Wood**, *The Best of Appointments? The Evolution of Infantry Brigade Command in the British Army on the Western Front, 1915-18* (Helion).
- *2nd Place (Runner Up): £200*  
**Dr Dennis Vincent**, *The Forgotten General: Sir Alan Cunningham* (Amberley).
- *3rd Place (Runner Up): £200*  
**Dr Stephen Quick**, *The Dhofar War: British Covert Campaigning in Arabia, 1965-1975* (University of Exeter Press).

Submissions for the calendar year 2025 awards are welcomed. In the first instance authors and/or publishers should contact the chairman of the panel, Professor Ian Beckett, at [templermedal@sahr.org.uk](mailto:templermedal@sahr.org.uk). Full rules are set out at <https://www.sahr.org.uk/templer-medal-rules.php>.

#### **GRANTS**

The Society for Army Historical Research provides grants to encourage and support research undertaken by those studying at University and those researching outside of the university environment. Each year, the University grants consist of one up to £1000, and two of up to £500, and that for independent researchers consists of one up to £1000. Grants are made for research that relates to the British Army or

of the Land Forces of the British Empire and the Commonwealth and, in the case of independent researchers towards publications that relate to the British Army or the Land Forces of the British Commonwealth. Full details can be found on the Society's website

Those awarded in 2024 for university research were:

- **Elizabeth Rivard**, University of Virginia, Major Award.  
Elisabeth's PhD thesis is entitled "Let him learn the Art of Design: The Promise of Professional Drawing in mid-Eighteenth Century Britain". The grant will support research at the Royal Engineers Museum at Chatham, Kent, and the Sandhurst Collection at Camberley, Surrey to allow Elisabeth to conduct a comprehensive survey of army draftsmanship in the eighteenth century.
- **Mick McTiernan**, Royal Holloway, University of London, Minor Award.  
Mick has been awarded a grant to support archival research and research assistance at several Cretan archives. Mick's PhD seeks to explore British military involvement in the European intervention in Crete between 1897 and 1913 and consider the implications of this peacekeeping role on the British army.
- **Ellie Grigsby**, Reading University, Minor Award.  
Ellie's PhD considers the facial disfigurement of soldiers in World War One. The grant will assist Ellie in archival work at several UK archives.

## **AMERICAN WAR OF INDEPENDENCE 250**

The Society hopes to organise a study day in early 2026 in conjunction with the National Army Museum, Chelsea to mark the ongoing 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American War of Independence. This is in addition to those talks and events being planned by the National Army Museum. Details will be published on the Society's website in due course.

The Society is also putting together a gazetteer of all those sites in the UK and the Republic of Ireland connected in some way to the war in North America and beyond between 1775 and 1783. These include, for example, the John Paul Jones Cottage Museum at Kirkbean (Dumfries and Galloway); the Volunteer's Gate at Lawrencetown (Galway) marking the formation of the Irish Volunteer Movement in 1778; Fort Belan at Llanwnda (Gwynedd) erected in 1775 against the threat of American raids; the Mill Bay memorial at Plymouth (Devon) to captive American seamen held there; the Grenadiers' memorial at Grouville (Jersey) to eight men from the 83<sup>rd</sup> Foot killed in the island's defence in January 1781; and the monument and sarcophagus of Major John André in Westminster Abbey.

## **RAF Museum Conference 2025: New Perspectives in Military Aviation Research**

Thursday 4-Friday 5 September 2025

Hosted at the Royal Air Force Museum, London, the two-day conference will present research that offer new perspectives on military aviation, challenge the accepted historical consensus and review the powerful legacies of Air Power. The conference will have an interdisciplinary approach, including

papers from history, international relations and defence studies among other disciplines.

The Conference runs from Thursday 4 September through Friday 5 September, starting at 9am and finishing at 5.30pm on both days.

### **Location**

This hybrid conference will be hosted in-person at the RAF Museum's London site in the Lecture Theatre. The cost of attending the conference in-person for both days is £60; this covers registration, refreshments and lunch for both days.

The RAF Museum is making up to one third of the Conference tickets available at a concession price of £40. Concession tickets are intended for students, retired delegates and those who define themselves as being on a limited budget. Registration is required via [Digitickets](#).

As the Conference commences before the Museum's standard opening time, we ask attendees to enter via the low gate which connects the main car park to the outdoor space in front of Hangars 3, 4 and 5.

### **Livestream**

In order to make the event accessible to a wide audience, The full event will be livestreamed on [Crowdcast](#) for free. The Conference will also be available to watch back in its entirety afterwards. If you wish to support the Museum you can donate directly through Crowdcast. To attend virtually, register via Crowdcast.

### **Programme**

Details of the programme, and how to get tickets, are available on the [RAF Museum website](#). Please note that changes in circumstances may require the programme to be altered; please consult the programme to see the start time for each session.

## **2025 Cold War Essay Contest**

For the twenty-first consecutive year, the John A. Adams '71 Center for Military History & Strategic Analysis at Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Virginia, will award prizes for the best unpublished papers on Cold War military history. The contest promotes innovative scholarship from rising (early to mid-career) scholars 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; Cold War alliances; and the connections between Cold War military history and contemporary geopolitical challenges. The essay may embrace a U.S. or global focus.

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

Procedures: Submissions are due electronically to the Adams Center at Virginia Military Institute by



Friday, October 17th, 2025. Please format your submission as a Microsoft 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 December 2025. The first-prize winning essay will appear in The Journal of Military History.

Submissions to:

[adamscenter@vmi.edu](mailto:adamscenter@vmi.edu)

Questions to:

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## MEETINGS CALENDAR

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### 2025

**August 8-9 – The National WWII Museum** in New Orleans, Louisiana will host a two-day symposium commemorating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War II in both Europe and the Pacific. For details, see the Museum's website at [80th Anniversary End of War Symposium | The National WWII Museum | New Orleans](#).

**September 4-5 – RAF Museum Conference 2025: New Perspectives in Military Aviation Research**, hosted at the Royal Air Force Museum, London. [Full details at the conference web site](#).

**September 17-20 – 60th Annual Northern Great Plains History Conference**, Mankato, MN. The Society for Military History sponsors a full slate of sessions at the NGPHC as well as an SMH huddle. Information: [smhatmvhc@gmail.com](mailto:smhatmvhc@gmail.com).

**September 18-19 – The History Department of the U.S. Naval Academy** will present its biennial McMullen Naval History Symposium. Billed as “the largest regular meeting of naval historians in the world,” the symposium will be held on the Academy's grounds in Annapolis, Maryland. For further information, see the Academy's website at [Naval History Symposium :: History Department :: USNA](#).

**September 24-25 – National Archives & Records Administration's first annual Vietnam War Symposium**, sponsored by the LBJ Presidential Library and Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library. Information: [richard.weld@nara.gov](mailto:richard.weld@nara.gov).

**October 1-3 – International Society for the First World War Studies Conference**, University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki. Contact: Dr Sofya Anisimova at [sofya.anisimova@ucd.ie](mailto:sofya.anisimova@ucd.ie).

**October 3-4 – “Fifty Years On: New Perspectives on the Vietnam Wars,”** Harvard Global Vietnam Wars Studies Initiative (GVWSI) 2025 Conference, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Email: [gvwsi@hks.harvard.edu](mailto:gvwsi@hks.harvard.edu).

**October 9-11 – The Society for the History of Technology** will present its annual meeting at the Belval Campus of the University of Luxembourg. The theme of this year’s gathering is “Technologies of Migration – Migrating Technologies.” For details, including registration information, see the Society’s website at [2025 SHOT Annual Meeting Luxembourg – Society for the History of Technology \(SHOT\)](#).

**October 15 – The U.S. Naval Institute and the U.S. Naval Academy** will host a conference in which government officials, military personnel and academic scholars will gather to discuss “Dominance Through Disruption: The Evolving Military Advantage.” For further information, see the Institute’s website at [Dominance Through Disruption: The Evolving Military Advantage | U.S. Naval Institute](#).

**November 7-9 – Flint Hills Military History Symposium**, at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum campus and in the Kansas State University Student Union. Information at [www.flinthillsmilitary.com](http://www.flinthillsmilitary.com).

**November 13-15 – The History of Science Society** will hold its annual symposium in New Orleans, Louisiana. See the Society’s website at [Future and Past Meetings - History of Science Society \(hssonline.org\)](#) for details as they become available.

## 2026

**January 8-11 –The American Historical Association** will host its annual meeting at the Hilton Chicago in Chicago, Illinois. For more details, including a timeline for preparatory events, see the Association’s website at [Timeline - AHA](#).

**February 19-21 – Africa and the African Diaspora and the World Wars**, Florida State University Alumni Center, sponsored by the Institute on World War II and the Human Experience, Department of History, Florida State University and the Society for Black Military Studies. Contact: G. Kurt Piehler, [kpiehler@fsu.edu](mailto:kpiehler@fsu.edu).

**March 4-6 – The Consequences of Conquest conference**, Downtown Library, Sioux Falls, SD. Contact: Graham Wrightson ([graham.wrightson@sdstate.edu](mailto:graham.wrightson@sdstate.edu)).

**March 26-29 – Society for Military History 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting**, Arlington, VA.

**April 16-19 – The Organization of American Historians** will hold its annual conference at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown Hotel in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The theme of this year’s

gathering is “Re-thinking American History at 250.” For further details, see the Organization’s website at [OAH | 2026 OAH Conference on American History](#).

**May 16-18 – War College of the Seven Years’ War at Fort Ticonderoga**, New York. For more information, contact Richard M. Strum, Director of Academic Programs: [rstrum@fort-ticonderoga.org](mailto:rstrum@fort-ticonderoga.org).

**May 25-26 – Warfare, Environment, Social Inequality, and Pro-Sociability Biennial Conference**, Seville, Spain. Conference website: <https://spanishstudies.org/wesips/>

**June 18-20 – Society of Civil War Historians biennial conference**, Richmond, VA. Info: <https://scwh.memberclicks.net/>.

## SMH ON SOCIAL MEDIA

The Society for Military History maintains a private group on Facebook where members can post articles relating to military history, exchange job announcements, and discuss any number of topics relevant to the academy. The private group is an excellent forum for recruiting conference panels, arranging professional meet-ups, consulting the membership about research, and keeping oneself aware of new developments relating to the historical profession. If you are interested in joining, you only need to have an active Facebook account and find the “Society for Military History” group. Once you ask to join, one of the administrators will add you shortly thereafter. The Society also maintains a public Facebook page that members and non-members can view at any time, as well as a presence on Twitter/X under the handle @SMH\_Historians.