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76th Annual Meeting Information

The program and online registration for the Society for Military History 76th Annual Meeting is now available at <http://www.smhconference.org>. The conference will take place April 2-5, 2009 in Murfreesboro, Tennessee with the theme, "War and Culture." Located just 30 minutes southeast of Nashville, Murfreesboro became the site of one of the bloodiest Civil War engagements, the Battle of Stones River. Today, Murfreesboro is among the nation's fastest growing regions and is home to Middle Tennessee State University, the largest undergraduate institution in Tennessee.

Members traveling by air to Murfreesboro should use Nashville International Airport (BNA) and rent a car or shuttle service to get to Murfreesboro via I-24. The SMH has contracted with SuperShuttle to provide special \$50 round-trip rates from BNA to the Embassy Suites (Rate Code: 9MELU). Reservations with the SMH special rate can be arranged by clicking on the SuperShuttle ad on the conference website homepage or by visiting <http://www.supershuttle.com>.

Members are also encouraged to purchase tickets for the Friday afternoon SMH Awards Luncheon and Saturday night's Society for Military History's Banquet. The banquet speaker this year is Conrad Crane, Director, U.S. Army Military History Institute, and co-author of the recently revised U.S. Army/Marine Corps counterinsurgency manual.

The Command Studies Institute Staff Ride Team will also conduct staff rides for the Tullahoma Campaign on Saturday during the conference. Please reserve your spot on this informative staff ride when registering for the conference. Tours of Stones River National Battlefield and other Murfreesboro locations will also be available.

The new Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center will serve as the headquarters for the event. Each Embassy Suite room offers a wide-range of amenities including high-speed internet, refrigerator, and microwave. Additionally, each guest is offered a complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast and nightly manager's reception. Adjacent to the Conference Center is Tennessee's largest open-air shopping/restaurant complex, The Avenue-Murfreesboro. Please make your reservations ASAP online at embassysuites.com and remember to place "MIL" in the special Group/Convention code box to receive the special SMH room rate of \$119/night + tax.

The alternate hotels are the recently constructed Hampton Inn and Suites (\$124/night + tax) and the Comfort Suites (\$95.99/night + tax) located a short distance away from the Embassy Suites Conference Center. A shuttle service will be provided to the Conference Center from both alternate hotels. Reservations at the alternate hotels can be made by calling the Hampton Inn and Suites at (615) 890-2424 or Comfort Suites at (615) 869-0950. Please request the "Society for Military History Conference" rooms to receive the SMH special conference rate.

A special offsite activity will be offered this year: a tour and BBQ dinner at the world famous Jack Daniels Distillery on Friday, April 3. The Jack Daniels Distillery tour/dinner will be \$45/per-

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son and includes bus transportation, tour, bluegrass band, and an “all the fixins” BBQ dinner and drinks at the fabulous BBQ Hill pavilion overlooking historic Lynchburg and the distillery. SMH members can also challenge their friends to horseshoes and shuffleboard (non-NCAA sanctioned of course). Also scheduled to appear at our event will be the newly-appointed Jack Daniels Master Distiller, Jeff Arnett. Afterwards, you can explore the shops in Lynchburg and purchase special commemorative bottles at the Distillery Bottle Shop. For an additional \$10, guests are offered a brand tasting event that allows a sampling of three Jack Daniel’s brands (the legendary black label, Gentleman Jack, and Single Barrel) led by an experienced Jack Daniel’s distiller. Please make your reservations early for this event as space is limited.

Officially registered with the U.S. government in 1866, Jack Daniels Distillery, Lem Motlow, Proprietor, is the oldest registered distillery in the United States and is on the National Register of Historic Places. Based in Lynchburg (Pop. 361), Tenn., the Jack Daniels Distillery is the maker of world-famous Jack Daniel’s Old No. 7 Tennessee Whiskey, Gentleman Jack Rare Tennessee Whiskey, Jack Daniel’s Single Barrel Tennessee Whiskey and Jack Daniel’s Country Cocktails. As always, your friends at Jack Daniels remind you to drink responsibly.

If you have any questions, please contact Derek Frisby at Middle Tennessee State University: (615) 494- 8620 or at dfrisby@mtsu.edu.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Call for Contributors: Advancing Military History

ABC-CLIO, award-winning publisher of historical reference works including recently published multivolume encyclopedias of the Arab-Israeli conflict, the Cold War, and North American Colonial Conflicts, is currently developing a wide-ranging and definitive project on U.S. military history. This scholarly, comprehensive project consists of authoritative encyclopedic entries centered on the major wars of American history, including the current conflicts in the Middle East. It covers not only the military aspects of the conflicts, but also the political, social, economic, and technological developments that impacted or were impacted by the conflicts.

ABC-CLIO has assembled a team of top historians to work on this ground-breaking project, and we are currently seeking additional qualified contributors to give this study the depth and broad interpretation that it deserves. For more information on this project, including a project description, list of entries for this year, compensation information, and sample entries, please e-mail Dr. Paul Pierpaoli, ABC-CLIO Fellow of Military History and Diplomatic History, at ppierpaoli@abc-clio.com. When contacting Dr. Pierpaoli, please indicate your affiliation, areas of interest, and attach a copy of your curriculum vitae.

Call for Papers

The 2009 Northern Great Plains History Conference will be held 14-17 October in St. Cloud, MN. The Society for Military History sponsors a full slate of sessions at the NGPHC and will host a luncheon and have other activities. Individual proposals and session proposals are welcome. For individuals, send a one-page proposal and short c.v. (only c.v. if volunteering to chair/comment).

For sessions, send one-page session proposal, one-page proposals for each paper, and short c.v.’s for all participants. Please include e-mail address.

This year, we will award a new graduate student prize, “The Society for Military History - Cantigny First Division Museum Prize for the Best Paper in Military History by a Graduate Student at the Northern Great Plains History Conference,” valued at \$400. For more information, check <http://personal2.stthomas.edu/jefitzharris/NGPHC/>. Deadline for proposals is 31 March 2009.

Send proposals and c.v. to: Joe Fitzharris, Department of History - Mail #4018, University of St. Thomas, 2115 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105. Or send by e-mail to: jefitzharris@stthomas.edu. Proposals for all other topics should go to Betsy Glade, St. Cloud State University, beglade@stcloudstate.edu. See <http://www.stcloudstate.edu/history/NGPHC> for more conference information.

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Virginia Military History
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Call for Papers

The Ohio Valley History Conference will be held October 1 - 3 2009 at Eastern Kentucky University. Topics on all periods of Military History are welcome. For further information please contact Dr. David Coleman at the History Department, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY. Proposed topics, a brief 250-300 word abstract, and brief Curriculum Vitae are to be submitted with a SSAE to Leo J. Daugherty, III, Ph.D., 400 Harriet Tubman Drive, Williamsburg, VA. 23185. The cut off for submission of topics is 19 February 2009. Electronic proposals can not be accepted.

New Journal Starting Up

Marine Corps University Journal is a new scholarly, peer-reviewed forum for the advancement of knowledge of strategy, international security, and war fighting concepts. This multidisciplinary journal will feature both contemporary and historical studies. Its goal is to stimulate thinking and discussion that are useful and relevant for education and preparation for all forms of military operations.

The journal welcomes scholarly submissions from any related discipline. Prospective authors need not be scholars, but they should be aware that their work will be held to scholarly standards and evaluated for publication by scholars. Submission of an article manuscript by no means guarantees that it will be published. Manuscripts will undergo a rigorous review process, and only some will be chosen for publication. For others, rewriting and resubmission may be recommended.

Manuscript Format and Length

The journal welcomes article manuscript submissions of approximately 4,000 to 8,000 words. These should be original, unpublished works that reflect research in primary sources and grounding in relevant secondary literature, all of which should be fully documented in footnotes. Articles should be accessible for multiple audiences, avoiding military and technical jargon and explaining specialized concepts. Papers originally written for specialized groups should be revised before submission. Works for publication will be expected to follow the style of the *Chicago Manual of Style* (15th edition). *Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary* (11th edition) is the journal's source for questions of spelling and hyphenation.

Manuscript Submission

Prospective authors should submit four nonreturnable, double-spaced hard copies of their article manuscript (for peer review) to:

Kenneth H. Williams, Senior Editor
Marine Corps University Press
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Quantico, VA 22134

E-mailed submissions will not be accepted, and prospective authors also need not send files on disk at the time of initial submission. It is not our policy to return manuscripts, nor do we retain these materials after consideration, so please do not send originals. Manuscripts making the initial cut with the journal staff are sent out to scholars with expertise related to the article topic for double-blind peer review. This means that the scholars are not told the identity of authors, and authors are not informed who has critiqued their manuscript. This process can take a few months.

Prize Awarded

Alex Herd, University of Calgary, won The 2008 Society for Military History - Northern Great Plains History Conference Prize for the Best Graduate Student Paper, and associated check for \$200, with a paper entitled, "Choosing the Right Foe: The Canadian Army's Adoption of a Mock Exercise Enemy, 1947-1956."

Call for Papers

Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography
Special Issue: Civil War in Pennsylvania (October 2011)

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

• Scholarly Articles: The editors seek proposals for scholarly articles (25;V35 pages, double spaced) featuring new research on the Civil War in Pennsylvania. Articles can focus on military, political, or civilian topics. Selections will be made based on the quality of the submission and with an eye toward representing the diversity of current Civil War research.

• Favorite Sources/Hidden Gems: The editors seek proposals for short articles (250;V750 words) featuring favorite sources/hidden gems highlighting some aspect of the Civil War in Pennsylvania. We invite articles focusing on both written and non-written sources, including but not limited to diaries, manuscript collections, novels, government documents, photographs, museum artifacts, and monuments. These items may or may not be found in the state, but all featured items will serve to illuminate some aspect of how Pennsylvanians experienced the war. Selections will be made based on the quality of the submission and with an eye toward representing the wide variety of source material available for understanding the Civil War in Pennsylvania.

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

Guest editors: Potential contributors are encouraged to consult with one of the two guest editors for this issue of the *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*. Matt Gallman at the University of Florida can be reached at gallmanm@history.ufl.edu. Judy Giesberg at Villanova University can be reached at giesberg@villanova.edu. Deadline for submissions: January 8, 2010.

Master's Thesis and Dissertation Fellowships in Marine Corps History

The Marine Corps History Division seeks applications for the 2009 Marine Corps Master's Thesis and Dissertation Fellowships in Marine Corps history. The division awards two Master's Thesis Fellowships, each carrying a \$3,500 stipend, and one Dissertation Fellowship with a \$10,000 stipend. Applicants must be actively enrolled in accredited programs who by September 2009 will have completed all requirements for a Master's or Ph.D. degree, except for the thesis or dissertation. Topics must be related to some aspect of Marine Corps history. Additional information and application materials can be found on the division's website www.history.usmc.mil, or by contacting the Coordinator, Grants and Fellowships at (703) 432-4884 or charles.r.smith9@usmc.mil. Applications and all supporting materials are to be forwarded to the Coordinator, Grants and Fellowships, History Division, MCU, 3079 Moreell Avenue, Quantico, Virginia 22134, no later than 1 May 2009. The applicant is responsible for ensuring that all required documentation is mailed before the closing date. Funding for the fellowships is provided by the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation.

Sorley Appointed to Gottwald Chair

With the completion of the new Center for Leadership and Ethics at Virginia Military Institute comes its first visiting faculty member. Assuming the Floyd D. Gottwald Jr. '43 Visiting Chair in Leadership and Ethics is Dr. Lewis Sorley, a retired Army officer, historian and former CIA official. He will hold the chair for the spring term and teach cadets about the ethics of command.

Sorley comes to the Institute thanks to the generosity of Richmond-based Albemarle Corporation and the family of Floyd D. Gottwald Jr., for whom the endowed visiting professorship is named. Eventually, the center will support four endowed visiting chairs who will be positioned in various disciplines to support the center's programming efforts and to complement the core course, "Leadership in Organizations," that is now a graduation requirement for all cadets beginning with the class of 2010.

No stranger to the classroom, Sorley has taught at the Defense Intelligence College, U.S. Army War College, U.S. Military Academy, Virginia Tech, University of Virginia, George Washington University and the University of Rhode Island. Most recently he has brought his experience in the Army and at the CIA to bear by serving as a writer, researcher and policy analyst, and authoring books such as *A Better War: The Unexamined Victories and Final Tragedy of America's Last Years in Vietnam*; *Honorable Warrior, General Harold K. Johnson and the Ethics of Command*; and *Thunderbolt: General Creighton Abrams and the Army of His Times*.

As the Gottwald visiting chair, Sorley will be embedded in the Department of Psychology and Philosophy and will teach PH 370, which examines the ethics of command from his perspective

as a military historian. He will use some of the subjects of his books, including Gen. Harold K. Johnson, a World War II and Korean War veteran who served as Army Chief of Staff in the 1960s, and Gen. Creighton Abrams, an officer whose career spanned three wars and who also served as Army Chief of Staff in the 1970s, to help his students increase their appreciation for the privilege and obligations of service, and commitment to becoming principled leaders.

Sorley also will present the program's inaugural class lecture, entitled "The Military Virtues," to first class cadets and the VMI community as part of the center's dedication, which will take place in April. A third-generation West Point graduate, Sorley holds a Doctorate in National Security Policy from Johns Hopkins University. He served in Vietnam as executive officer of a tank battalion, and following his career in the Army, was a senior civilian official at the CIA.

New Finding Aid Available

The New York Historical Society has made available the finding aid for its newly processed Naval History Society Collection, which can be found online at <http://dlib.nyu.edu/findingaids/html/nyhs/NHSColl.html>. The finding aid is fully searchable.

The Collection consists of 53 individual collections. These include correspondence, letter-books, journals and diaries, lectures, essays, account books, biographical writings, genealogical information, scrapbooks, orders, notes, articles, clippings, photographs, manuscripts, and ships' logs, as well as the organizational records and correspondence of the Naval History Society itself.

News From Members

The first volume of John Gill's *1809 Thunder on the Danube* has been published by Frontline/Pen & Sword with the second volume slated for publication in November 2008. This projected three-volume series provides an in-depth, comprehensive examination of the Franco-Austrian war of 1809, Napoleon's last victorious war. The first volume begins by investigating the political-military background to the war, focusing on Austrian motivations for attacking France and her German allies, while discussing the advantages and disadvantages each side brought to the conflict. The volume then proceeds to an analysis of the opposing armies and a thorough operational study of the opening campaign in Bavaria that Napoleon counted as his "most brilliant and most skillful." The second volume covers Napoleon's strategic choices after his initial success, the French drive to Vienna, and the two-day Battle of Aspern-Essling, Napoleon's first unambiguous repulse. It also analyzes the Austrian invasion of Italy against Napoleon's step-son, Eugene de Beauharnais. The third volume (planned for 2009) is projected to address combat in the war's many subsidiary but significant theaters (Poland, Hungary, Dalmatia, Holland, Germany), the titanic battle of Wagram, and the transition from war to peace. Each volume contains twenty-five to forty maps and extensive order of battle appendices.

Todd Brereton reports that he has been promoted to Professor this fall at Iowa Wesleyan College and is presently doing some research on the Iowa Ammunition Plant in nearby Middletown, Iowa.

U.S. ARMY OFFICE OF MEDICAL HISTORY DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIPS

Purpose: To support scholarly research and writing among qualified civilian graduate students preparing dissertations in the history of Army medicine, the Office of Medical History offers a Dissertation Fellowship each year. The intent is to support research in Army medical history in all its many aspects. The fellowship carries a \$10,000 stipend and access to the Office's facilities, contacts, and technical expertise.

Area and Topics of Study: This program defines the history of Army medicine broadly, including such areas as biography, medical aspects of campaigns or wars, military medical organization and administration, technology, training, logistics, and the evolution of relations between civilian and military medicine. Potential topics could be the development of graduate medical education in

the Army, the Army's tropical medicine research program, or medical support of Patton's advance across France. Topics submitted should complement rather than duplicate the Office's existing projects.

Eligibility Requirements: Applicants must demonstrate their professional potential by submitting the following: (1) official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate schools attended; (2) a proposed plan of research; (3) a letter of recommendation from their academic director that includes a statement that the applicant's committee has approved the dissertation prospectus; (4) two other letters of recommendation from individuals who can attest to their qualifications for the fellowship; and (5) a writing sample of approximately 25 pages. (Please submit an entire piece rather than a fragment.) Applicants must have completed by September all requirements for the Ph.D. degree, except for the dissertation. Any student who has held or accepted an equivalent fellowship from any other Department of Defense agency is not eligible for these awards. Individuals who accept this fellowship may not hold a full-time job or accept a fellowship of equal or greater value from any other institution during the term of the fellowship. Serving U.S. officers are not eligible due to concurrent receipt provisions.

Requirements During the Fellowship Year: Fellows are required to visit the Office at the beginning and end of their fellowship period. On the first visit, the Fellow meets the personnel of the Office, relevant personnel at the Army Center of Military History, and learns ways in which the Office can assist the research project. On the second visit, towards the end of the year the Fellow presents an oral report of the research project to an audience of historians. The Fellow also prepares a brief written report at the conclusion of his or her fellowship year. Fellows should make every effort to have an article based on fellowship-funded research in press at the end of the fellowship year. The Office requires deposit in its library of one copy of the complete dissertation and an electronic copy.

Stipends and Payments: The fellowship stipend is \$10,000, in addition to travel to Washington, DC, at the beginning and end of the fellowship. The recipient will be a contractor, paid on a monthly basis as progress is made. The recipient must meet all other expenses in connection with the fellowship. Payment is made directly to the Fellow upon receipt of certification from the parent academic institution that he or she is a candidate for the Ph.D. degree and is authorized to become a Visiting Research Fellow.

Role of the Office of Medical History: The Office also undertakes to support the Fellow's scholarly activities in the Washington area by making its collections accessible and its specialists available, as far as official duties permit. Fellows receive desk space at the Office, if available, and are assisted in gaining access to Army and civilian archival and library sources within the Washington area as well as at the U.S. Army Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks, PA. Review of the dissertation by the Office is at the discretion of the Office and the candidate's sponsoring institution, but responsibility for the control and approval of the dissertation remains with the academic institution and its faculty.

Applications: Applications may be obtained from the Executive Secretary, Dissertation Fellowship Committee, e-mail: history@amedd.army.mil. Applications can also be downloaded from the Office's web site <http://history.amedd.army.mil/>. Applications and all supporting documents for the Dissertation Fellowships must be postmarked no later than 15 January each year. The applicant is responsible for ensuring that all required documentation is mailed before the closing date.

Evaluation and Selection: The Office conducts its evaluation of applicants on the basis of academic achievement, faculty recommendations, demonstrated writing ability, and the nature and location of the proposed research. Awards are made on merit without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, physical disability, marital status, or political affiliation. Applicants will be notified of the competition's outcome by a short notice or letter not later than April.

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2009 ELECTION BALLOT

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Candidates for Vice President only were asked to provide a short statement regarding their perceptions of the needs and desirable future course of the Society for Military History.

2009 ELECTION – CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY FOR MILITARY HISTORY

Brian M. Linn

Present Position: Professor of History Texas A & M Univ. **Education:** B.A. Univ. of Hawaii at Manoa (1978); M.A. Ohio State Univ. (1981); Ph.D. Ohio State Univ. (1985). **Special Appointments:** Fulbright Fellowship National University of Singapore (commencing January 2009); Fellow, Woodrow Wilson International Center (2004-2005); John S. Guggenheim Fellow (2003-2004); General Harold K. Johnson Visiting Prof. Military History, U.S. Army War College (1999-2001); Visiting Prof. U.S. Army Center of Military History (1995-1996); Dyer Fellowship, Hoover Institute, Stanford Univ. (1993-1994); Visiting Asst. Prof. Old Dominion Univ. (1987-1989); Visiting Asst. Prof. Univ. Nebraska (1986-1987). **SMH Activities and Service:** Vice President (2007-2009); Board of Trustees (2004-2006); Awards Committee (2001-2004); Editorial Board, *The Journal of Military History* (1998-2001); Nominations committee (1998-2001); Co-chair, Program Committee (2001-2002). **Representative Publications:** *The Echo of Battle: The Army's Way of War* (2007); *Guardians of Empire: The U.S. Army and the Pacific, 1902-1940* (1997); "The American Way of War Revisited," *The Journal of Military History* (April 2002); *The Philippine War, 1899-1902* (1989). **Area(s) of Historical Specialization:** Modern U.S. Military History; U.S. Army Military Thought, Land Power.

CANDIDATES FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY FOR MILITARY HISTORY

Joseph T. Glatthaar

Present Position: Stephenson Distinguished Professor of History and Chair, Curriculum in Peace, War and Defense at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. **Education:** B.A. Ohio Wesleyan Univ. (1978); M.A., Rice Univ. (1981); Ph.D. Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison (1983). **Special Appointments:** Visiting Associate Professor, Combat Studies Institute, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, 1984-85; Harold K. Johnson Chair, U.S. Army Military History Institute, 1991-92; Visiting Professor, Department of History, U.S. Military Academy at West Point, 2003-04; Special Committee for Secretary of the Army on Medal of Honor for Teddy Roosevelt; Department of the Army Historical Advisory Committee, 1994-98 (Chair, 1996-98); Committee to formulate curriculum on Joint Commands for U.S. Armed Forces, 1993; Member of the Shy Committee, assisting the Department of the Army Historical Advisory Committee forecast Army's Historical needs in the early twentieth century, 1992. **SMH Activities and Service:** Trustee (2002-Present), Nominations Committee, 1990-93; Editorial Board *The Journal of Military History* 1987-1989, Speaker, SMH luncheon at AHA Annual Meeting, 1990. **Representative Publications:** *March to the Sea and Beyond: Sherman's Troops on the Savannah and Carolinas Campaigns* (1985); *Forged in Battle: The Civil War Alliance of Black Soldiers and Their White Officers* (1990); *Partners in Command: Relationships Between Civil War Leaders* (1995), *The Civil War in the West 1863-1865* (Oxford, 2001); *Forgotten Allies: The Oneida Indians in the American West* (co-author) (Hill & Wang, 2006); *General Lee's Army: A History of the Army of*

Northern Virginia (Free Press, 2008). **Area(s) of Historical Specialization:** Military History, American Civil War, Minorities in Military Service.

As a member of the Board of Trustees these past six years, I can testify that the Society is in strong shape. The organization is well run and on a sound financial footing. Under its current editorial staff the *Journal* has expanded in length and at the same time improved in quality, an extraordinary achievement. Over the next several years, however, the Society needs to address two major concerns. First, it has an aging membership. It must make greater strides in attracting younger scholars. Second, the Society needs to lead the charge to improve the standing of military history in the academic community.

The best way to attract younger members is to hook them while they are attending graduate school. The Society needs its members to get their graduate students to join the Society and attend annual meetings whenever possible. The Weigley Fund will help defray expenses for those giving papers. Both are central to the professionalization process, and once they have been reading the *Journal* and attending annual meetings, they are much more likely to become regular members upon receiving their degree.

Efforts at improving the standing of military history within the academic community have been largely a losing struggle. The transformation must start with greater visibility at larger professional historical meetings. I recommend that we establish a committee consisting of SMH scholars of very good standing in AHA, OAH, and Southern Historical Association to advise the Trustees on ways to improve standing and to facilitate the formulation of proposals for strong military history sessions at each of these professional conferences. We should also invite these presidents and executive directors to one of our annual meetings to learn more about SMH and military history.

Michael S. Neiberg

Present Position: Professor of History and Director of the Center for the Study of War and Society, University of Southern Mississippi. **Education:** B.A. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (1991); M.A. Carnegie Mellon University (1992); Ph.D. Carnegie Mellon University (1996). **Special Appointments:** Depart. of the Army Historical Advisory Committee, Professor of History, U.S. Air Force Academy (1997-2005). **SMH Activities and Service:** Awards Committee (2004-2007); Chair, Awards Committee (2005-2007). **Publications:** *Making Citizen-Soldiers: ROTC and the Ideology of American Military Service* (Harvard, 2000); *Foch: Supreme Allied Commander in the Great War* (Brassey's, 2003); *Fighting the Great War: A Global History* (Harvard, 2006) *The Second Battle of the Marne* (Indiana U. Press, 2008). **Areas of Historical specialization:** First World War, Europe since 1789, Global Dimensions of War, Military Education and Doctrine.

SMH needs to build on its past success in appealing to our three core constituencies: academic historians; official historians; and serving military professionals. At the same time, the society needs to continue its outreach to young scholars and graduate students through programs like the Weigley travel grants and the research awards sponsored by ABC CLIO. I believe that SMH needs to look to the future by becoming a big tent organization that reaches out to all scholars interested in studying the history of warfare, including social and cultural historians who may only be engaging with warfare as a secondary part of their research. I would also like to see SMH encourage not just the writing of military history, but the teaching of military history by giving educators and public historians the tools they need to make military history a regular part of their curricula. Finally, I would like to see SMH become a more international organization by taking advantage of the intellectual and organizational contacts the members already have.

CANDIDATES FOR TRUSTEE OF THE SOCIETY FOR MILITARY HISTORY

William T. Allison

Present Position: Professor of History and Chair of the Dept. of History, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA. **Education:** B.A. Texas A&M University, Commerce, Texas (1989); M.A. Texas A&M University, Commerce, Texas (1991); Ph.D. Bowling Green State University (1995). **Special Appointments:** Professor History, Weber State University (1999-2008); Visiting Professor, Air War College (2002-2003); Dept. of the Army Historical Advisory Committee (2007-2009); Chair, Dept. of History and Political Science, University of Saint Francis, Indiana (1997-1999). **SMH Activities and Service:** Coordinator and organizer, 2008 SMH annual meeting Ogden Utah; Membership and Recruitment Committee, 2004-2007. **Representative Publications:** *The Tet Offensive: A Brief History with Documents* (Routledge, 2008); *American Military Justice in Vietnam: The Rule of Law in an American War* (University Press of Kansas, 2007); *American Military History: A Survey from Colonial Times to the Present* (Co-author) (Prentice Hall, 2007);

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For President of the Society for Military History.

Brian M. Linn

For Vice President of the Society for Military History, Vote for one.

Joseph T. Glatthaar

Michael S. Neiberg

For Trustee of the Society for Military History, Vote for six.

William T. Allison

G. Kurt Piehler

Tami D. Biddle

Frederick C. Schneid

John Sebastian Cox

David J. Ulbrich

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♦ = Incumbent running for a permitted second consecutive term.

“War for Sale: The Black Market, Currency Manipulation, and Corruption in the American War in Vietnam,” *War and Society* (Oct. 2003). **Area(s) of Historical Specialization:** American military and diplomatic history.

Tami Davis Biddle

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NCH Washington Update

By Lee White of the National Coalition for History

This is a compendium of items which might be of interest to members of the Society from several recent NCH Washington Update newsletters.

ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES ALLEN WEINSTEIN RESIGNS- On December 7, historian Allen Weinstein, Archivist of the United States, submitted his resignation to the President, effective December 19, 2008. Professor Weinstein, who has Parkinson's disease, cited health reasons for his decision. Deputy Archivist of the United States, Adrienne Thomas, will serve as Acting Archivist until a new Archivist is appointed. It is anticipated that the Bush administration will not try to seek to name a successor and that President-elect Obama will nominate the new Archivist sometime after he takes office in January.

In his letter to the President, Weinstein said "During my tenure as Archivist, my team of colleagues and I have made substantial progress in achieving virtually all of our goals. Moreover, we at the National Archives have worked diligently and successfully on our primary mission of maximizing public access to the records of all three branches of government while protecting at all costs this agency's rock-solid nonpartisan integrity." The Archivist says that the time has come for him to address fresh challenges.

Weinstein was nominated by President Bush on April 8, 2004, and confirmed by the U.S. Senate on February 10, 2005. Under the National Archives statute there is no specific term of office and the position is not intended to change hands automatically with the election of a new President.

The National Archives has seen many major accomplishments under Weinstein's leadership over the past four years, including:

- An increase in the annual appropriated budget for the National Archives from \$318.7 million for fiscal year 2005 to \$411.1 million for fiscal year 2008;
- Successful deployment of two National Archives Electronic Records Archives systems, including the EOP (Executive Office of the President) system, launched on December 6, 2008, which enables the transfer, ingest and reliable storage of unprecedented volumes of Presidential electronic records;
- Restoration of public trust through the declassification and release of interagency agreements, an audit of purported reclassification activity, the return of previously withdrawn materials to public access, and the implementation of stringent new procedures to stem withdrawal of previously declassified and released records, reducing the number of withdrawn documents from more than 25,000 between 1995 and 2006 to only 7 to date;
- Preparation for the move of George W. Bush Presidential materials to Dallas, TX;
- Implementation of plans to replace the National Personnel Records Center, which houses four million cubic feet of records, in St. Louis, MO;
- Establishment of the National Declassification Initiative to begin to address the very serious challenges the National Archives faces with the policies, procedures, structure, and resources needed to create a more responsive and reliable executive branch-wide declassification program, particularly with respect to referrals of classified equities between executive branch agencies;
- Inclusion of the once-private Nixon library into the National Archives system of Presidential libraries. Approximately 320,000 pages and 363 hours of audio recordings related to the Nixon Presidency have been opened for research since 2005;
- Launching a major initiative to eliminate the enormous backlog of unprocessed records. In 2006, the backlog consisted of 1 million cubic feet of records; within two years, the backlog has been reduced by 20%;
- Expanding greatly public outreach of the National Archives, in partnership with the Foundation for the National Archives, through the creation of the Digital Vaults and the Boeing Learning Center;
- The establishment of three partnerships with non-governmental organizations to digitize and index major portions of National Archives holdings and make them available to the public at minimal cost to the taxpayer;
- Creating, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the "First Preservers" program which

offers support and guidance to state archives and local records repositories to preserve vital records;

- Continued growth of the Federal Records Center program. The Centers currently store 27 million cubic feet of Federal agency records, an increase of more than 7% since 2005;
- Developing leadership in the international arena, hosting delegations of foreign archivists and other foreign dignitaries and cooperating in international programs and agreements with foreign archives.

Professor Weinstein has drawn on his vast network of friends and colleagues to raise the profile of the agency, creating a popular new public program series entitled “American Conversations”. His guests included Sen. Hillary Clinton, Mrs. Lynne Cheney, historian John Hope Franklin, and noted journalists and public officials who discussed all aspects of American history. He has forged new relationships with the professional archival and historical communities and has been lauded in the media for his courage in making access to archival materials a priority of his tenure at the National Archives.

STATE DEPARTMENT: CRISIS IN THE FOREIGN RELATIONS SERIES- In a tense and adversarial meeting at the State Department this week, Professor Wm. Roger Louis the chairman of the Department’s Historical Advisory Committee warned that the future of the Department’s “Foreign Relations of the United States” (FRUS) series, which is the official record of U.S. foreign policy, is in jeopardy due to mismanagement by the Office of the Historian. Underscoring his concerns, Dr. Louis announced his resignation from the Committee (coverage provided courtesy of Steven Aftergood of Secrecy News).

Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs Sean McCormack rebuffed the criticism. He accused Committee members of engaging in innuendo and ad hominem attacks, and he abruptly walked out of the meeting.

Professor Louis, the esteemed historian who has chaired the Advisory Committee for the last five years, presented his views in a letter to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, which he read into the public record at the December 10 meeting.

“The Historian’s Office has become an intolerable place to work; the exodus of experienced historians is significant; and the future of the Foreign Relations series is at risk,” Prof. Louis said.

“My concern, along with that of all members of the committee, arises from mismanagement by the Historian himself, Dr. Marc Susser. So large are the numbers of staff members leaving, or contemplating departure, that the integrity of the Foreign Relations series is now in jeopardy,” he wrote.

An analysis appended to Prof. Louis’ statement said “This year alone the office has lost 20% of its FRUS staff (7 of 35 members) and 30% of its FRUS staff experience (64 of 212 years).”

In a separate memorandum to the Secretary, Prof. Thomas Schwartz, another prominent historian and a former member of the Committee, echoed those concerns. (Following the criticisms he voiced in the Committee’s last annual report, Prof. Schwartz’s membership was pointedly not renewed, in what was interpreted by other Committee members as an attempt to intimidate them.)

“Simply put, there are enormous problems within the Office of the Historian, and they stem largely from the management style of Dr. Susser,” Prof. Schwartz wrote. “The forced retirement this past summer of Dr. Edward Keefer, the FRUS series editor. . . , was only the latest example of a management style that insisted on abject and subservient loyalty to Dr. Susser at the expense of competence and performance in the achievement of the goals of the office.”

The criticism was rejected by the State Department.

“I hardly think that the kind of ad hominem attacks you have engaged in are the kind of behavior we expect from respected academics,” said Sean McCormack, the Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs. “To express concern about the timeliness and quality of the FRUS series is fine. But to attack individuals in public? I find that objectionable.”

“I will not sit here and listen to personal attacks on the leadership of this office,” he said, before exiting the meeting.

In a written reply to Professor Louis, Assistant Secretary McCormack added: “By taking these actions, I feel you are obscuring the very thing you hope to accomplish: to raise questions about the quality of the FRUS. I do not believe you can dispute the fact that disagreements with the Historian’s Office have become entangled with personal issues that have nothing to do with the quality of scholarship. While you have decided to walk away from the FRUS, I will continue in my

efforts to ensure its continuing timeliness and quality.”

Mr. McCormack also released an annotated version (pdf) of the Committee’s latest annual report, with point-by-point responses from the Historian’s Office to the criticisms expressed there.

“I regret that I have to sit here and listen to this decline to the level of slime and innuendo,” said Dr. Marc Susser, the State Department Historian and the principal object of Committee criticism. “We welcome all constructive criticism, but not personnel issues, hiring, firing, or comings and goings of staff.”

But “This is not a conflict of personalities,” Prof. Louis said, noting that his relations with the Historian had always been cordial and professional. “I am resigning on a point of principle.”

At the end of the day, it remained true that there has been a significant departure of qualified staff from the Historian’s Office, and that the FRUS series was far behind its legally-mandated schedule.

“The Foreign Relations series is regarded throughout the world as a model of its kind, indispensable to the American public, the Congress, and above all the Department of State itself,” Prof. Louis wrote in his letter to Secretary Rice. “It is a tribute to the US Government that such an accurate and comprehensive series exists. In short, the Foreign Relations series stands as a symbol of commitment to openness and accountability. It would be no less than a tragedy to allow the series to falter or decline.”

NARA & FOOTNOTE.COM LAUNCH INTERACTIVE WWII COLLECTION ON-LINE-

In early December Footnote.com and the National Archives and Records Administration unveiled the release of the first-ever interactive World War II collection, which includes an interactive version of the USS Arizona Memorial, WWII Hero Pages and WWII photos and documents previously unavailable on the internet.

Included in the WWII collection is the first-ever interactive version of the USS Arizona Memorial. Similar to the Vietnam War Memorial project that Footnote.com released last March, the USS Arizona Memorial is a fully searchable digital image of the national monument.

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PIDB GRAPPLES WITH DECLASSIFICATION OF “HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT”

RECORDS- Almost a year ago, Public Interest Declassification Board (PIDB) released its first report, *Improving Declassification*, to the President providing recommendations for improving the Federal government’s declassification system. Among the recommendations was one urging development of a system for prioritizing the government’s declassification efforts to ensure a greater focus on “historically significant” records, especially presidential records, with greater involvement of historians and historical advisory panels in setting these priorities.

On October 31, 2008, the PIDB held a public meeting to address the thorny issue of what constituted “historically significant” records and how to prioritize their declassification.

The PIDB heard from two panels. One was made up of federal historians and the other from non-federal historians with an interest in intelligence and military records.

Dr. Marc Susser, the Historian of the State Department led off the federal historians panel. Susser noted that the Foreign Relations Series of the United States volumes were generally completed chronologically. Susser felt using the concept of “historically significant” for prioritization would not be an efficient use of scarce resources since it would be difficult for stakeholders to agree on what met the criteria.

Dr. Michael Warner, historian in the Office of the Director of National Intelligence said that his advice would be to start at the top of the agency and work downward. In other words, look at the mission of the agency and then evaluate how the agency used its resources to carry out that mission. Once you assess how an agency utilized its resources, you should focus on those records. He stated that a year-by-year approach used by the State Department might not be practical and could be uneconomical at other agencies. Dr. Warner stated that you need very skilled people to perform declassification and there is a scarcity of records managers with that skill set. In addition, you would need historians at the Ph.D. level to work collegially with the records managers to identify historically significant records.

Dr. Richard Davis of the U.S. Army Center of Military History said historians seeking material for books and articles actually pushed declassification. He urged historians be given better “roadmaps” to navigate the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) process. Dr. Davis stated that he thought the U.S. Army did not take its records-keeping responsibilities seriously and that there was no enforcement oversight built into the system. Davis cited recent cases from Iraq and Afghanistan where nearly half of the units returning had kept no records at all. He noted that units often just purge the hard drives of their computers. In addition, Davis said that those units that do keep records do not bother to categorize records making it difficult for archivists to sort through the material.

Dr. Nancy Tucker, historian at Georgetown University, led off the non-governmental historians panel. Dr. Tucker stated that prioritization of declassification is necessary, but it will be controversial in the historical community. One innate concern is who gets to decide what is important, so it is critical that historians be given a role in the prioritization process. She stated that one problem is that priorities can change over time. As a result there would have to be a regular review of both priority and non-priority topics. Dr. Tucker stated her own priority would be national security and intelligence.

Dr. Robert Wampler, a Research Fellow at the National Security Archive, was the next to testify. He gave the simple advice that prioritization should be “forward and top down.” He noted that declassification delays in processing military records and at the various Presidential Libraries were both problem areas and should be priorities. He thought it important that there be a legislative mandate on declassification.

Dr. Martin Sherwin, professor of history at George Mason University, noted that prioritization would always relate to a particular historians area of interest. He suggested turning to the “historical marketplace,” as one means of prioritization. Sherwin suggested that FOIA requests be given top priority and that the FOIA system should be better integrated into the declassification process. Dr. Sherwin suggested the creation of an “historical Google” electronic records system that would allow users to scan for keywords and phrases.

Dr. Ronald Spector of George Washington University was the final panelist. He said he supported the idea of a panel to aid in prioritization but that it needed to be broad based. It should include journalists, political scientists, scientists, scientists, and not only historians that specialize in national security and intelligence, but also social and other types of historians. Spector suggested that panelists not be totally reliant on records managers from the agencies and that they should be given security clearance. Spector stated that years of over-classification in the past have contributed to the current backlog and that this issue needed to be addressed going forward.

The Public Interest Declassification Board is an advisory committee established by Congress in order to promote the fullest possible public access to the documentary record of significant U.S. national security decisions and activities. Created in 2000 (Public Law 106-567), Congress appropriated funds for the Board’s operations in late 2005, allowing it to meet for the first time in February 2006.



MEETINGS CALENDAR 2009

February 2 Deadline for Weigley Travel Grant Application for SMH Annual Meeting!

February 19-21 Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, 1750-1850 annual meeting, Savannah, GA. Information: <http://www.revolutionaryera.org/>.

February 21-22 International Security and Internal Safety Conference, University of Southern Mississippi's Center for the Study of War and Society, Hattiesburg, MS. Information: USMConference@gmail.com.

March 5-7 Missouri Valley History Conference. Includes several SMH-sponsored sessions. Information: <http://www.unomaha.edu/mvhc/index.html>.

March 7 Western Front Association Florida and Gulf Coast Chapter Seminar at the Mighty Eighty Air Force Museum, Pooler, Georgia (I-95 exit 102). Contact: Len Shurtleff at lshurtleff@aol.com for details.

March 20-21 Conference: War and American Identity, Clinton Institute for American Studies, University College Dublin. Details at http://www.ucdclinton.ie/events_conferences.htm.

March 21 13th Annual Barnes Club Graduate Student Conference, Temple University's Center City Campus, Philadelphia, PA. Information: <http://astro.temple.edu/~jabgrad/>.

April 2-5 The SMH 2009 Annual Meeting will be in Murfreesboro, TN hosted by Middle Tennessee State University and coordinated by Derek Frisby.

April 19-May 1 2009 Western Front Association Semi-Annual Battlefield Tour. Includes Brussels, Ypres, Vimy Ridge, Cambrai, the Somme and Verdun with a stop at the Maginot Line. Contact: Paul Guthrie at paulguthrie@qx.net or visit www.wfa-usa.org for details.

May 1-3 6th Global Conference War, Virtual War and Human Security, Budapest, Hungary. Conference web site: <http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/ptb/www/vww6/cfp.html>.

June 4-5 National D-Day Conference, Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA. Contact: David Snead, ddayconference@liberty.edu.

July 16-19 HISTORICON Military Seminar Series, Lancaster, PA. Information: John Dunn,

jdunn@valdosta.edu or www.hmgs.org.

July 20-22 Conference: England's Wars, 1272-1399 at the University of Reading, ICMA Centre. Details at www.medievalsoldier.org/conf.php.

July 26-29 Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Springfield, IL. Information: <http://www.shear.org/>.

July 28-August 2 4th Annual International Congress of the History of Technology symposium on "The Social History of Military Technology." Budapest, Hungary. Contact: Bart Hacker, hackerb@si.edu.

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

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

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

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

September 11-13 Western Front Association Annual National Seminar, The Liberty Memorial, Kansas City, Missouri. Contact: Doran Cart at dcart@theworldwar.org for program details.

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

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

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

MEETINGS CALENDAR 2011

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

MEETINGS CALENDAR 2012

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

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