The Samuel Eliot Morison Prize recognizes not any one specific achievement, but a body of contributions in the field of military history, extending over time and reflecting a spectrum of scholarly activity contributing significantly to the field. The Edwin H. Simmons Award honors distinguished and particularly outstanding service to the Society for Military History. Past prize and award winners are listed on the SMH website under Awards. Presented at the SMH Annual Meeting, each prize winner receives a plaque and $1000.00.

Upon notification from the SMH President, the Executive Director solicits award nominations from the membership to be received no later than 31 December. Members can nominate a candidate posthumously, but only within five years of that person’s passing. Nominations are submitted with a formal statement of the nominees’ relevant achievements. Nominations are subsequently reviewed by the President, Vice President, and Executive Director and, if qualified, the President then prepares a ballot for a vote on the nominees by the Council and Trustees for the two awards. Voting and selection should be completed no later than the end of February to allow sufficient time to order the plaques.

Upon notification by the President, the Executive Director contacts the award winners and invites them to the awards ceremony at the annual meeting to accept their awards in person. The Executive Director arranges for preparation of the award plaques. SMH operating funds are used to purchase the plaques and fund the monetary awards. Award winners are responsible for their own travel to the Annual Meeting.

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