Society For Military History- Great Plains Region

Mini SMH Conference Around the Time of the MMVHC

20 March 2021

Zoom Virtual Platform

Introduction
Greetings and welcome to the Society for Military History virtual mini-conference. This conference is scheduled to be ‘around the time of the MVHC’ so military historians have a chance to gather virtually and exchange ideas. In planning this conference our first intent, in addition to having a chance to gather, was to provide opportunity for students and junior faculty to present at a conference to assist them in grants, admission to schools, tenure, etc. Many of the papers in the conference fall into that category, though we have other well-established members and friends of SMH and SMH at MVHC represented. Most panelists are in the United States but will have one presenting from Belgium and another from Okinawa.

We have five panels that will run in succession, in chronological order.
Greeks, Romans, Crusaders, and Vikings, O My
Across a Long Century: Cameos From the American Revolution to the late 1800s
World War I Relationships: People and Governments
Three Glimpses at Global World War II
Cold War to This War

The day will be split into five 2-hour blocks that includes a 15 minute break. Sessions start at 8a.m., 10a.m., noon, 2p.m., and 4p.m. Each session will allow time for questions and answer after the presentations. All sessions are Central time.

I want to thank the commentators for their time in reading papers and providing ever cogent remarks. I also wish to thank Johannes Allert and Evelyn Buday for their emotional and practical support is setting this up.

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FRIDAY 19 March
1800-2000 CST Pre Conference Mixer
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Meeting ID: 857 2725 1653 Passcode: 166337

SATURDAY 20 March. (all times CST)

0800 Panel 1: *Greeks, Romans, Crusaders, and Vikings, O My*
Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83077993585?pwd=T0tWeTlJcWtpMWsyVmdlZFJndkQ3UT09
Meeting ID: 830 7799 3585 Passcode: 869782
Moderator and Comment: Graham Wrightson, South Dakota State University
Stephanie Craven, U of Texas at Austin
*OGIS 1.266 and the Civic Status of Hellenistic Mercenaries Abroad*
Avery Sage, South Dakota State University
*Chaotic Endeavors: Gallienus’ Efforts in Saving Rome from the Crisis of the Third Century*
Dustin Cagle, Rogers State University
*Tactical Miracles: A Military Analysis of the First Crusade*
Dan Powers, University of Nebraska at Omaha
*Origins of the Varangian Guard, Vikings Guarding the Byzantine Emperors 9th -12th Centuries*

1000 Panel 2: *Military Leadership and Decision Making since the 18th Century*
Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81881623708?pwd=Q0xmOFZjM2VKQnB5dWtyOXdYUmRmQT09
Meeting ID: 818 8162 3708 Passcode: 849022
Moderator and Comment: T Randy Mullis, US Army Command and General Staff College
James McIntyr, Moraine Valley Community College
*An Army of Immigrants: Martial Races, Foreign Officers and the Continental Army*
Evelyn Buday, Northern Iowa Community College
*Applying Game Theory to the Strategic Options Available to Tecumseh and Native Confederacy Unification with Tribes Holding Stronger Alliances to the United States 1807 to 1811*
Adam Petty, Joseph Smith Papers
*Joseph Smith, the Nauvoo Legion, and the Crisis of June 1844*
Matthias Wassinger, Austrian Army
*On the Importance of Responsibility for the Military’s Development*
Noon Panel 3: *World War I Relationships: People and Governments*
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Meeting ID: 854 6347 6890 Passcode: 597529
Moderator and Comment: Mike Burns, Editor, *South Dakota History*

Johannes Allert, Rogers State University
*A Prisoner of Two Armies: Dr. James Gallagher’s Experience in the Great War*

Jonathan Epstein, John Jay College of Criminal of Justice
*Civil–Military Relations in World War One Belgium*

Jessica Colon, Independent Scholar
*The Successful Middle Child: Overshadowed by Belleau Wood; Blanc Mont Still Had Something to Prove*

Melinda Heikkinen, Independent Scholar
*Opha Mae’s Sisters: The Legacy of Women Marines of World War I*

1400 Panel 4: *Three Glimpses at Global World War II*
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Meeting ID: 859 3412 5604 Passcode: 06149
Chair and Commentator: Stephen Bourque, Emeritus, School of Advanced Military Studies, US Army Command and General Staff College

Billy Croslow, Kansas State University
*From Pearl Harbor to POM: Re-Characterizing Nisei Military Service*

Nicholas Tuma, University of Nebraska at Omaha
*From Cornrow to Hedgerow: “A Nebraska Regiment in the Second World War*

Jeff Schultz, Luzerne County Community College
*War on Winston’s Whim: the Dodecanese Disaster, 1943*
1600 Panel 5: *Cold War to This War*
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Meeting ID: 811 4966 9947  Passcode: 932759
Chair and Commentator: Donald Bittner, Emeritus, USMC Command and Staff College

Jerry Martin, Emeritus, STRATCOM Historian
*Demonstrating Deterrence: The Strategic Air Command Alert Force and the Cuban Missile Crisis*

Brent Thompson, US Army Japan
*I Love the ‘90s! Past Predictions of Future War, 1991-2000*

William Taylor, Angelo State University
*An Uneasy Relationship: The Privatization of Force during the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars*

1800: Post Conference Discussion
Zoom Link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83505947390?pwd=MEM2QWxBWkhUTTVWOHVITjFJd0JtZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83505947390?pwd=MEM2QWxBWkhUTTVWOHVITjFJd0JtZz09)
Meeting ID: 835 0594 7390  Passcode:  571357

Please contact George Eaton (smhatmvhc@gmail.com) and Evelyn Buday (budaye@nicc.edu) if you plan to attend. We will create an email list to inform of changes or technical difficulties.

The virtual conference is free of charge.