

March 15, 2016

To: Robert H. Berlin, Executive Director, Society for Military History

Re: 2016 Distinguished Book Awards

The Distinguished Book Awards Committee received 148 submissions from 52 of 105 publishers contacted. The breakdown by category is as follows: US (71), Non-US (49), Biography/Memoir (18), and Reference (10). The Committee disqualified one submission because it won the award in its category last year. All told the committee received 17 fewer titles than it did for the 2015 awards. The Committee Chair forwarded the winners to the Executive Director on January 2, 2016. Upon approval by the SMH Executive Committee, the Executive Director began contacting winners on January 21, 2016.

They are:

Category	Title
US	David Preston, <i>Braddock's Defeat: The Battle of Monongahela and the Road to Revolution</i> . New York: Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015. ISBN-13: 978-0199845323
Non-US	Pierre Razoux. <i>The Iran-Iraq War</i> . Translated by Nicholas Elliott. Cambridge: The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2015. ISBN-13: 978-0674088634
Biography/Memoir	Paul Robinson. <i>Grand Duke Nikolai Nikolaevich: Supreme Commander of the Russian Army</i> . DeKalb, IL: Northern Illinois University Press, 2014. ISBN-13: 978-0875804828
Reference	David T. Zabecki, ed. <i>Germany at War: 400 Years of Military History</i> . Foreword by Dennis Showalter. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2014. ISBN-13: 978-1598849806

The 2016 Distinguished Book Awards Committee is comprised of the following members: Patrick Speelman (Chair, 2nd year); Douglas Peifer (2nd year); Kevin Holzzimmer (2nd year); Heathur Stur (1st year); and Gervase Phillips (1st year). No new members are needed for the 2017 competition. Patrick Speelman shall remain chair of the committee.

The Committee worked diligently and speedily in its deliberations and choosing of the respective award winners. The Chair looks forward to next's year's competition with the same ensemble.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Speelman
Chair, 2016 Distinguished Book Awards Committee