



HEADQUARTERS GAZETTE

SOCIETY FOR MILITARY HISTORY

VOL. 37, No. 2

SUMMER 2024

NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BY KYLE LONGLEY

My first year on the job has reinforced the importance of people volunteering. We have a very small staff to manage an organization of over 3,000 people so like many non-profits, we rely heavily on volunteers to do everything from prize committees to making sure our social media remains an effective form of communication.

For this past year, few groups did more than the program committee of Terry Peterson (chair), David Silbey, Randy Masten, Stephanie Hinnershitz, Laurence Nelson, Heather Haley, and Jorden Pitt. They organized hundreds of papers and fashioned a wonderful program covering numerous subjects, both topical and chronological. It required many hours of reading proposals, putting them together, and then entering the information into a database that allowed us to contact people on the program before creating the final printed program. I have been on many program committees including for SHAFR, the AHA, and PCB-AHA, and I can attest to how much work each required. This committee helped ensure that we had a great turnout in Arlington that exceeded more than 930 people and created an intellectually stimulating exchange between members.

Another major committee that required endless hours of work was the Book Awards Committee of Lesley Gordon (chair), Richard Fogarty, Debra Sheffer, Matthew Neufeld, and Molly Dorsey. They simultaneously managed several prizes spread across topics ranging from U.S. and non-U.S. military history to biography and memoirs. Again, I have served on book prize committees for the OAH and AHA where hundreds of books flood your mailbox (which is a perk as we all love free history books), but it is a great deal of work. These volunteers spent countless hours reading and then discussing the winners, concluding with an impressive set of books being honored in our field.

The same can be said for the Vandervort Prize Committee that selected a series of winners for the best journal articles in the field. Adam Siepp chaired alongside Matthew Neufeld, D'Ann Campbell, and Bryan Hockensmith. They read articles from a multitude of journals and selected four very good ones to recognize for their development and promotion of the field of military history. While monographs often receive most of the attention, it is good to have such a committee recognize some outstanding work being done in journals, including the Journal of Military History.

Beyond these two very time and energy consuming ones, there are others including the Russell F. Weigley and Jeffrey Grey Memorial Travel Grants committee who spent countless hours reviewing proposals from graduate students to attend the conference. Holly Meyer chaired with the assistance of Seth Givens and Rachel Engl and selected a very good group of students who benefited from the support of the organization and the experience at the conference.

Others contributed to the work of awards including Elizabeth Coble (chair), Brian Drohan, and Paul Thomsen who led efforts for the Coffman First Manuscript Award and Lorien Foote (chair), David Fitzgerald, and Tommy Jamison for the Millett Dissertation Fellowship Committee. Each of these also require a lot of time and energy.

We have numerous other committees ranging from the George Marshall Lecture to Nominating Committee and the important Social Media Committee. The journal relies heavily on volunteers for its editorial board while regional coordinators do a lot to promote the organization across the world. Finally, we ask a lot of the board of trustees who provide significant support, guidance, and oversight of the SMH.

However, we ask no one to do more than the president. When I took this position, I talked at length with my dean, Jennifer Keene (former SMH president), who outlined the expectations and duties for my position as well as the president. They are substantial (especially since we have a two-year term) and, in her case, she received no institutional support for holding such a position despite being a department chair and teaching a heavier load than most colleagues across the country.

Since becoming executive director, I had the great privilege of working with our current president, Jennifer Speelman, of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. I have watched her spend countless hours doing everything from organizing committees (including the ones mentioned above) to helping plan the conference with myself and the staff which included visits to DC to familiarize ourselves with the hotel site. We spent two days at an ACLS meeting in NYC to help us work better as president and executive director. This does not the countless hours on often weekly meetings on the phone with me discussing everything from the budgets to personnel that included the time-consuming process of hiring a wonderful new treasurer (we reviewed more than 240 applications).

Jennie has done all of this while managing a very heavy teaching load of 3-3-3, far more than many of us. She works at an institution that more actively involves its faculty with the students when compared to many other organizations. She also has a high school age son that needs significant time and focus. I am always amazed by how she manages it all, including the endless emails and requests from many groups outside of the SMH. And of course, she does so with great wisdom, humility, and focus that has served our organization quite well. Personally, I cannot thank her enough for making my transition to the position so easy.

The SMH is so fortunate to have so many great people to support its mission, including many people who have done so in the past and for many who will do so in the future. As executive director, I want to say a special thank you to each one of these hard-working volunteers. I hope you will do the same when you have the opportunity.

CALL FOR PAPERS – SMH 2025

The Society for Military History announces a call for papers for its 91st Annual Meeting in Mobile, Alabama, March 27-30, 2025, at the Battle House Renaissance Mobile Hotel and the Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel.

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. Individual paper and panel proposals on all facets of military history broadly defined will be considered for inclusion. Members in the academic community, the armed forces and governmental agencies, museums and archives, and independent scholars, as well as international members are encouraged to participate. Priority will be given to individual paper and 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. Submission of Roundtables is encouraged; but preference will be given to panels that present new, original research.

All submissions will be judged on their merit using the above criteria.

Submission Instructions:

Individual paper proposals must include a 250-word abstract of the paper, and a one-page vita with contact information and email address. If selected, individual papers will be assigned by the program committee to an appropriate panel with a chair/commentator.

Panel proposals must include a panel title and 250-word abstract summarizing the theme of the panel; paper titles and a 250-word abstract for each paper proposed; and a one-page curriculum vitae for each panelist (including the chair and commentator) that includes institutional affiliation, email address, and other contact information.

Roundtable proposals must include a roundtable title, the full name and institutional affiliation of each participant, a 250-word abstract summarizing the roundtable's themes and significance, and a one-page curriculum vitae for each participant.

Members who wish to volunteer to serve as chairs and commentators should send a one-page curriculum vitae.

Send all materials to the Program Committee Chair before **October 18, 2024** at smhconferences@gmail.com.

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

2024 MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

BY HAL FREEDMAN

**Society for Military History
Membership Meeting Minutes**

April 20, 2024

Arlington Ballroom

Salon 4

Crystal Gate Marriott

Arlington, Virginia

12:00 PM

Jennifer Speelman, President, SMH, Presiding

1. Opening Remarks

- A. Jennifer Speelman, President of the SMH, opened the Membership Meeting at 12:09 PM. She welcomed attendees and spoke to the strength of the Annual Meeting since there were over 950 members in attendance.

2. Regional Coordinator Report

- A. President Speelman next spoke to regional matters. She asserted that the SMH has come back fully from COVID, with nine conferences being partially funded by the SMH in the last year and with Regional Coordinators (RC) spending \$6000 out of the \$9000 budgeted for the support of regional conferences. In fact, she pointed out that there were so many requests from the various Regions that some were funded at \$500 instead of the typical \$1000, though one conference received more than \$1000 since it was overseas and saw greater costs for food.

3. Summer Seminar Report

- A. Wayne Lee, SMH Vice-President, reported on the Summer Seminar. With Bill Alison from Georgia Southern University as the Director, the Summer Seminar would meet in July at Virginia Military Institute's (VMI) Adams Center. Vice-President Lee noted that the cost of a Summer Seminar is \$120,000. The Adams Center is funding \$95,000 of this and VMI in general is funding another \$15,000. The balance is coming from \$13,000 in donations from SMH members, which means that the SMH's General Fund will not have to be used to fund the 2024 Seminar. Future Seminars are planned at the Adams Center in 2026 and possibly at the U.S. Naval War College in 2025 but the latter is yet to be determined.

4. Fundraising Report

- A. Executive Director Kyle Longley reported on fundraising and he asserted that the SMH did very well with its first attempt to raise funds from the membership. He also noted that the Society was greatly assisted by one of Professor Beth Bailey's graduate students at the University of Kansas, who compiled a list of alumni from the Summer Seminar Program (both at West Point and more recently with the SMH) who could be contacted for donations.
- B. Longley also reported that some support came from outside of the Society but that donations were mainly internal. He further reported that his priority for the future was to help contingent members attend the Annual Meeting. He particularly noted that the discussion last year in the Council about the dues increase illustrated to him the importance of this goal.

5. *Journal of Military History*

- A. Tim Dowling, Editor of the *Journal of Military History*, cited his report to the Council and noted

that *Journal* matters have been increasingly stabilized in the last year. He said that Deputy Editor Madelon Ramsey was at the Annual meeting to familiarize herself with SMH operations and that there had been smooth staff transitions thanks to Council funding for new Senior and Junior Manuscript Editors.

- B. He also reported that there had been minor changes in font as well as the deletion of the index since the latter was no longer necessary in an electronic format.
- C. Dowling further reported that the number of manuscripts submitted was still down compared to the period before COVID but he also noted that the *Journal* was accepting about 15% to 16% of the submitted manuscripts. He further noted, however, that the *Journal* was still overly focused on the 20th Century and World War Two, so he encouraged members to submit manuscripts that covered other subjects and time periods.
- D. Executive Director Longley emphasized how Dowling was able to cut \$2500 from the operation of the *Journal* through various economies and efficiencies, precisely the type of efficiencies that the Society needed to conduct in the future so that it could continue to adequately support the Annual Meeting, the *Journal*, and eventually the Summer Seminar.

6. Budget Items

- A. President Speelman introduced Eleanor Chatto, the recently hired Treasurer-Comptroller, to the membership.
- B. Chatto presented a report summarizing SMH finances as of the end of March and she referred to a handout that was provided for attendees. She reported that she expects the Society to end its fiscal year in the black and that the finances were currently healthy. Chatto also reported that she had made two recommendations at the Council meeting held on April 18. First, she recommended that the Society change its fiscal year end from March 31 to June 30 to better align with the annual activities of the Society; second, she recommended that the Society switch from a cash basis method of accounting to accrual basis method in order to conform to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). Both recommendations had been approved at the Council meeting.
- C. Executive Director Longley focused on how helpful Chatto had been in her short time with the Society by taking on a myriad of details which had to be attended to in previous years by the Executive Director.
- D. President Speelman also spoke to the donations from members and members who had taken on committee work. She also invited questions from any members when it came to the health of the Society and the *Journal*.

7. Related to the health of the Society, Executive Director Longley talked about attendance at the Annual Meeting being 950, especially because of the Annual Meeting being held in Washington, D.C. He particularly thanked the members who were working registration as well as members who were working on local arrangements.

8. Questions

- A. Former SMH President Peter Mansoor asked if there was more need for a dues increase or if the Society was stabilized. Executive Director Longley said that he hoped that future dues increases could be put off for as long as possible. In particular, he said that he wanted to start looking for corporate donors so as to avoid using the General Fund for the Summer Seminar or for any other purposes.
- B. Mansoor also asked if there was resistance in the Council to corporate donors. Longley said none so far but that it would probably depend on the particular donor. He also said that he saw the members as a major source of donations as well as seeing the Society stabilize its finances with cost cutting measures.

- C. Mansoor next asked if the SMH's current investment strategy was effective.
 - 1) Chatto said that the investments were not meeting benchmarks so far, especially in light of the fees being paid to the brokerage houses. She instead saw the possibility of investment in greater numbers of low cost funds instead of individual funds.
 - 2) Mansoor added that SMH investments had previously been in too many low risk funds but that perhaps it was now going too far in the other direction.
 - 3) Chatto said that there were balanced, low-cost stocks to invest in instead of trade stocks.
 - 4) Longley added that the goal was to maximize as much as possible with no-to-little risk.
- D. Mansoor further asked if VMI was a long-term partner for the Summer Seminar and if the SMH was still looking for a donor.
 - 1) Vice-President Lee said that the total cost for 2024 was primarily being provided by the Adams Center and VMI as well as \$13,650 from the members. He also said that he was still in negotiation with the Smith-Richardson Foundation as a potential future donor but that VMI would probably be the permanent host to the Seminar. He also thought that the SMH might shift to a biannual model (every other year) due to two straight years of receiving only thirty applicants. He elaborated, however, that a Seminar every other year was possible even if donors could not be found but that the Seminar would be held annually if Smith-Richardson contributed. There was also the possibility of the U.S. Naval War College hosting in off years. Lee reported that the Summer Seminar Committee was also exploring funding possibilities and he saw the Seminar continuing regularly on some basis.
 - 2) Mansoor was quite pleased with this state of affairs.
 - 3) Longley especially commended Lee for his efforts and he said that the goal was to move away from having to ask members for funding. If corporate donors could be found, member donations could be focused on support for contingent members.
- C. Mansoor further asked if the SMH had damaged its relationship with the National World War II Museum by concluding the arrangement for the Summer Seminar.
 - 1) President Speelman said that the feedback from the participants at those Seminars was "great". She saw some disappointment from the Museum about the conclusion of the relationship but not damage.
 - 2) Longley added that the Museum might even be a possible site for the 2027 Annual Meeting as bids were made for that year and he said that the Museum was looking forward to that possibility.
- D. Mansoor then asked about the rotation of the Annual Meetings and Longley said that he wanted to conduct open competition for future meetings as a way to contain costs.
- E. One member asked why so few members were at the Membership Meeting and he especially asked about the timing of the Meeting at Noon.
 - 1) Longley that the Society had tried several different time slots but never with good attendance. Fourteen members were present and he thought that perhaps this was a reflection of the confidence in the membership that the Society was being effectively managed.
 - 2) President Speelman said the Society had even tried Sunday morning, which was not popular. She also added, however, that the leadership did want to know about concerns, this one as well as others.
 - 3) Mansoor suggested starting the meeting at 12:15 and having panel chairs announce the time as their panels ended at Noon.
 - a) Longley also reemphasized for members to read the *Gazette* about Society events such as

the Membership Meeting.

- F. One member suggested coffee and donuts being provided at the Members Meeting but the member was reminded again about cost being a factor.
 - 1) The member also wondered if the placement of hotels in more affordable locations was possible.
 - 2) President Speelman said that this hotel was actually more affordable than others that the Society had found and that it offered ease of movement from the airport. She also said that the Society was constantly searching for longer-term contracts with better terms and that Cypress Planning was finding the most affordable hotels. Executive Director Longley further noted that the next Annual Meeting in Mobile would see cheaper hotels but more expensive airfare.
 - 3) Longley also focused on inflation and other skyrocketing costs as the major problem with planning the Annual Meeting. He further said that the size of the Meeting often dictated the need for certain hotels.
- G. Another member suggested issuing an agenda before the Annual Meeting to help in increasing the number of members who attended but she also admitted that there were no pressing problems, which could be the cause of low attendance.
 - 1) Longley reiterated that the Society did not want large meetings again if they were caused by controversies.
- H. One member suggested holding the Members Meeting at the beginning of the Annual Meeting.
 - 1) Longley noted that the Board had to meet first because of the business that had to be done. Another member had suggested an email prior to the Membership Meeting but Longley did not want to bombard the members with emails prior to the Annual Meeting.
- I. Professor Mansoor asked if the Society signed on to lobby Congress for gold medals for female telephone operators during World War I.
 - 1) Longley explained that the Society had not as an organization because of the potential for political controversies over such matters. However, he said that the Society would do so if the members requested it. He also noted that individuals could support such matters and if the American Historical Association (AHA) signed off on matters such as this, the SMH would be automatically included since it was an AHA affiliate.
- J. Another member noted the positive dialogue at the Norfolk meeting versus this one, especially during the Opening Reception, and she spoke to the current hotel as the probable cause of the change in atmosphere.
 - 1) Longley agreed with her, but he also noted that the Norfolk meeting was a smaller conference and that there were other venues for dialogue at the current Annual Meeting such as the Graduate Student's and Women's Receptions.
 - 2) President Speelman added how positive an atmosphere the active and encouraging dialogue in the Society indicated for the health of the organization. She also emphasized not just the cost of Washington, D.C. as the reason for a hotel with different architecture but also the size of the conference, as did Executive Director Longley.
 - 3) The member also stated how important it was to support the Alabama Historical Association by attendance at the 2025 Annual Meeting in Mobile.
 - a) Longley agreed and said that that was the plan.
- K. Former Trustee David Silbey asked if there were long-term consequences for the Society from COVID.
 - 1) President Speelman thought that the Society had recovered from that impact. For instance, she did not think that the financial shortfalls from the previous Annual Meeting would be a

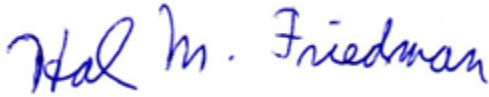
problem and she and Executive Director Longley both emphasized that membership was strong at 3300.

L. Another member suggested that the Society could be advertised by members donating hard copies of the *Journal* and the *Headquarters Gazette* to organizations like ROTC units.

9. Adjournment

A. The Membership Meeting adjourned at 12:56 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Hal M. Friedman
Recording Secretary
20 April 2024

SMH ON SOCIAL MEDIA

For those not already aware, the Society 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 under the handle @SMH_Historians.

HEADQUARTERS GAZETTE

is a publication of the Society for Military History

Submit newsletter material to the editor:

Kurt Hackemer
Department of History
University of South Dakota
414 E. Clark Street
Vermillion, SD 57069
Kurt.Hackemer@usd.edu

Send all change-of-address and membership inquiries
to the journal editor:

Editor
The Journal of Military History
Virginia Military Institute
Lexington, VA 24450
jmhsmh@vmi.edu

CALLS FOR PAPERS AND CONTRIBUTORS

Call for Proposals

The Cold War Midwest

The journal *Middle West Review* seeks proposals for articles and essays for a special symposium exploring the various dimensions of the Cold War era Midwest. Topics may include, but are not limited to, Midwestern attitudes toward extensive American involvement in foreign affairs during the Cold War decades; the development of military bases and the installation of nuclear weapons in the Midwest; the role of ethnic groups from the captive nations in domestic politics (Poles, Hungarians, Ukrainians, etc); the experience of Midwesterners in the US military who served in Cold War zones; Midwestern heavy industry and the creation of the American arsenal; the influence of Cold War imperatives on the Civil Rights movement (i.e. the Brown decision); the role Midwestern diplomats such as George Kennan; political leaders skeptical of Cold War interventionism such as Robert Taft and John Bricker; the Vietnam war and the Midwest; Midwestern patriotism in a Cold War context; Midwestern conservatism and its role in American anti-Communism; campus protests and the Midwest; the role of Joe McCarthy of Wisconsin and similar anti-Communist political leaders; the role of groups on the progressive left and opposition to Cold War policies; the culture of the Cold War and domesticity; civil defense and bomb shelter construction; anti-Communist churches and religious leaders in the Midwest; the movement of Southeast Asian refugees to Iowa and Wisconsin and other Midwestern places; how the Cold War was experienced differently in the Midwest than other regions; the influence of religion in the Midwest during the Cold War era; films and literature which connect the Cold War and the Midwest.

300-word proposals along with a vita should be sent to Middle West Review at MWR@usd.edu by **October 15, 2024**. If a proposal is accepted for inclusion in the special symposium, final articles would be due by October 15, 2025.

Call for Papers and Submissions

Fort Ticonderoga Seminar on the American Revolution September 19-21, 2025

In 2025, Fort Ticonderoga continues our multi-year commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. Fort Ticonderoga seeks to explore both the local and global events of the Revolutionary War, through new exhibits, programs, and our innovative REAL TIME REVOLUTION™ interpretive experience.

In 2025, the museum's rotating exhibition, A Revolutionary Anthology, will display more material from Fort Ticonderoga's unparalleled collection to explore the breadth of the revolutionary experience through its material culture. Begun in 2024, the contents of this exhibition change annually to reflect a series of interpretive themes focusing on aspects of the Revolutionary era, its participants, events, and repercussions.

The 2025 installation explores the theme of Subjects, Citizens, Service. The Revolutionary War was the longest armed conflict in American history until the 20th century, and war shaped all the nations involved. Existing armies expanded and new armies sprung into being, calling thousands directly into military service. People on both sides of the Atlantic made decisions when, and if, to enter the military, and many millions of others had loved ones, friends, or family members who served on all sides of the conflict in various ways. Terms of service varied based on culture and politics and evolved during the war in ways that shaped how nations and individuals understood and interacted with military service in ways that still have meaning today.

The Fort Ticonderoga Museum seeks proposals for our 21st annual Seminar on the American Revolution. We encourage papers from established scholars, graduate students, and others related to the theme Subjects, Citizens, Service, and are especially interested in papers that engage with the variety of interactions between people and military institutions across the Revolutionary world

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 **September 30, 2024**, to Richard M. Strum, Director of Academic Programs: rstrum@fort-ticonderoga.org.

Call for Presenters

The Second World War Research Group, North America (SWWRGNA) is dedicated to promoting scholarly work on the long global Second World War. We have some slots open for chapter- or article-length (unpublished) work to present at our monthly Zoom reading group in 2024-2025. Those who are interested in presenting or who would like to join the SWWRGNA should contact the co-directors Mary Kathryn Barbier and Jadwiga Biskupska at swwresearchgroupna@gmail.com. All topics and methodologies on the history of the war, and graduate students, independent, and military-affiliated scholars are always welcome.

Call for Participants

NATO Mountain Warfare Center of Excellence (MW COE) Lessons Learned Workshop, 2-5 Dec 2024, Slovenia

The NATO Mountain Warfare Centre of Excellence (MW COE) in Slovenia will host a Lessons Learned Workshop, dedicated to the topic of Current and Future Security Threats, December 2-5, 2024. The workshop's concept involves presenting case studies of recent and ongoing light/mountain infantry-oriented operations and conflicts (such as Ukraine and Gaza). In its second part, a diverse group of military personnel will come together to share their experiences and insights regarding possible development of threats from different perspectives and domains (cyber/air/land).

This workshop will serve as a platform for participants to learn from each other's experiences and

develop innovative approaches to address future threats, particularly in mountainous environments. Also, this event will support the NATO MW COE Multi-Domain Operations Concept research phase.

If you are working on a study of recent light or mountain infantry operations and are interested in participating, please contact LTC Petr KRIZ, CZE (A), NATO Mountain Warfare COE Lessons Learned Branch, petr.kriz@mwcoe.org.

Call for Papers

The Kansas State University Department of History and the Fort Riley Museums announce a conference on War and Technology to be held October 18-19, 2024. It will take place in the beautiful Flint Hills at the Fort Riley Museum Complex and the Kansas State University campus. In addition to the usual conference agenda, there will also be recreational activities.

Topics include but are not limited to War and Technology and The Year of Victory. Technological innovations have greatly influenced both warfare and civilian life throughout history. From M&Ms and duct tape to helicopters and GPS, this innovation corridor has changed both worlds. The strategic environment now facing the world spurs a new round of innovation and inquiry into past adaptations. The term "Year of Victory" refers to the focus of celebration for the First Infantry Division during this calendar year. There is not a specific year denoted. Division leadership chose this theme to commemorate the accomplishments of the Big Red One during its 117 years of service to the United States. As such, proposals do not need to directly relate to the First Infantry Division or its history.

Papers dealing with all wars in all historical periods around the world are welcome as is subject matter on all branches of the military. A special interest, however, is placed on twentieth and twenty-first century wars.

Please submit abstracts or panel proposals by **August 1, 2024** via email to Damon Penner at dcpenner@ksu.edu. Full paper submissions will be due by October 4, 2024. For any questions contact Damon Penner at dcpenner@ksu.edu.

No registration fee required. List of available lodging will be provided, along with other information, to those selected.

Call for Abstracts, Papers and Peer Reviewers

Theme issue for *American Behavioral Scientist* titled "A Sampling of Pre-Internet Networked Operations"

We are soliciting essays for a survey of 1960s military operations such as: COINTELPRO (US); CHAOS (US); Phoenix (Vietnam); Condor (in South America); ORDEN (El Salvador); Jakarta (Indonesia); OBAN (Brazil) and other operations, both inside and outside the US. These operations networked societies prior to the advent of the Internet. Authors are requested to include whatever

information they can cite regarding how evident or non-evident the communication equipment was that supported these operations; what the operations consisted of in terms of staffing and hardware; what the operations were used for; and, how much the operations contributed to social and financial inequality and political polarization, in the populations they monitored.

Research article proposals are requested for an issue of *American Behavioral Scientist* guest edited by Noel Packard, Ph.D. and Dr. Bradley Simpson, professor of history and author of *Economists with Guns: Authoritarian Development and U.S.-Indonesian Relations, 1960-1968*. The issue is entitled: "A Sampling of Pre-Internet Networked Operations."

The full Call for Papers can be found at <https://www.cfplist.com/CFP/40855>.

If interested, please submit an abstract of 250 words describing your longer essay (5,000-10,000) words and a brief bio to Noel Packard, npac825@aucklanduni.ac.nz by **1 October 2024**. Full drafts of accepted papers will be due by November 1, 2024.

Tentative Timeline:

- November 1, 2024: Deadline for submission of draft essays.
- December 1, 2024: Authors of selected articles are notified of acceptance.
- March 1, 2025: Authors receive peer reviews.
- Early September 2025: Authors submit revised manuscripts.
- December 2025: American Behavioral Scientist publishes issue entitled "A Sampling of Pre-Internet Networked Operations."

Please send two copies of the draft essay to lead editor Noel Packard at npac825@aucklanduni.ac.nz.

For more information, please send questions to Noel Packard at npac825@aucklanduni.ac.nz.

Call for Contributors

Military History Chronicle, a new military history magazine, is searching for contributors. They are a professional magazine with peer reviews of all articles published. Article guidelines can be found at <http://www.militaryhistorychronicles.org/for-authors>.

Call for Papers

War College of the Seven Years' War at Fort Ticonderoga
May 16-18, 2025

2025 marks the 250th anniversary of the year when war broke out once again across North America, eventually evolving into the American War of Independence. Twenty Years earlier another conflict had begun, also beginning in America that led directly to the war for American independence. The global Seven Years' War reshaped political geographies, military practice, and alliances from Massachusetts to

Manila. To explore the events of that conflict, and their repercussions including the later American Revolution, Fort Ticonderoga seeks proposals for papers broadly addressing the period the Seven Years' War for its Twenty-Ninth Annual War College of the Seven Years' War to be held May 16-18, 2025.

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, 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 quality 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, 2024** to Richard M. Strum, Director of Academic Programs: rstrum@fort-ticonderoga.org.

Call for Papers

'Rethinking Concepts, Terms and Topics'

The 4th International Conference of the Military Welfare History Network

July 9-11, 2025 at the University of Graz, Austria

Approaches to military history and the history of war welfare have changed fundamentally in recent decades. They shifted from a focus on event history, the depiction of predominantly operational levels, the monopolisation of military meanings or discourses of legitimation to innovative approaches to a cultural history of armed conflicts, which are particularly influenced by Social History, the History of Mentalities, Body or Gender history. This also applies in particular to the analysis of military welfare and care practices from a historical and social science perspective, which has undergone a fundamental reorientation in recent years, not least as a result of current care ethics debates.

The fourth international conference of the Military Welfare History Network, which will take place for the first time at the University of Graz (Austria) in 2025, aims to explicitly focus on the theoretical, conceptual and research-practical dynamics associated with this reorientation. The conference aims to reflect about these changes in studies of care and welfare practices in military contexts and to discuss older and new concepts and their implementation in research. Referring to a problem-orientated approach, an explicitly interdisciplinary and trans-epochal orientation will be taken.

The aim of the MWHN conference is therefore to critically examine the effects of theoretical and conceptual perspectives as well as the productive applicability of (new) methods and concepts on different dimensions:

- the macro-level (state-national, transnational or global relations and networks, civil society and corresponding symbols, norms and orders etc.)
- the meso-level (such as the history of institutions and organisations as well as interdependencies between economic, political, societal, cultural and military issues)
- the micro-historical relationships (self-testimonies, personal identities, biographies etc.) in war care and welfare practices

Discourses, socio-cultural negotiation processes, the distribution of and access to socio-cultural resources, covert or overt power relations and hegemonies that form their background should be addressed as well as dimensions of experience and, in general, research desiderata and gaps in previous scientific approaches.

Submissions with either a theoretical-methodological or conceptual focus or empirical case studies are welcome. In both cases, the submitted contributions should address both levels (albeit with different emphases). In this way, the exchange of concepts and perspectives, mutual interaction possibilities and the intended discursive character of the conference should be promoted.

In particular, the following topics can be addressed:

- Vulnerability | Trauma | Violence
- Belongings | Identities | Interdependencies | Diversity | Social entanglement
- Spaces | Boundaries | Transgression
- Body | Sexuality | Gender

We request submissions to mwhn.graz2025@uni-graz.at by November 30, 2024. Individual papers or panels of three papers plus commentary can be submitted. Each paper abstract should be a maximum of 250 words and should be accompanied by a 50-word biography. Panels should also include an additional ‘panel abstract’ of up to 250 words.

Travel and accommodation costs cannot be covered, but travel grants for Postgraduate Researchers and Early Career Researchers can be awarded subject to available funds. The Graz organisation team will also assist with travel and accommodation arrangements.

Conference Team

Heidrun Zettelbauer (Graz / History – Cultural and Gender History)

Viktoria Wind (Graz / History – Cultural and Gender History)

Sabine Haring- Mosbacher (Graz / Sociology – Archive for the History of Sociology in Austria)

Sabine Jesner (Vienna / Military History Institute – Military History Museum)

Paul Huddie (MWHN Co-ordinator)

Call for Papers

Cryptologic History Symposium
April 30 - May 2, 2025

The Center for Cryptologic History (CCH) and the National Cryptologic Foundation (NCF) invite proposals for papers and posters to be presented at the 19th Cryptologic History Symposium on April 30 - May 2, 2025. The Symposium will be held in-person at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab Kossiakoff Center in Laurel, Maryland on Wednesday, April 30 - Thursday, May 1, 2025. Following the Symposium, attendees will be given an opportunity to tour the recently renovated National Cryptologic Museum on Friday, May 2, 2025 and learn about resources available through the National Cryptologic Museum Library. Attendees may also want to consider attending the NCF general membership meeting which will precede the Symposium at the Kossiakoff Center on Tuesday, April 29, 2025.

CCH and the NCF reserve the right to modify or cancel the Cryptologic History Symposium, including a hybrid in-person/virtual event, or an all-virtual platform with a potentially abbreviated program if warranted.

Theme

The theme for the 2025 Cryptologic History Symposium is "Engage the Past - Educate the Future." From antiquity to the present, rigorous scholarship and technological innovation have advanced the science and art of cryptology. This rich heritage is told through stories of the people, technology, and events that have propelled cryptologic history and catalyzed innovation. Their stories can provide context to past events, a better understanding of the present, and a path toward a more secure future.

All topics relevant to the history and application of cryptology are welcome, and in particular its intersection with signals intelligence, cybersecurity, technological innovation, and national security. An interdisciplinary approach is encouraged, as are submissions from those who are new to the field, including students. An abroad perspective will ensure the variety and diversity of exchange that has been a tradition of this symposium.

Purpose

Since 1990, the Cryptologic History Symposium has served as an opportunity to present historical scholarship found in unclassified and declassified cryptologic records and engage in discussion about their significance to history. The event is an occasion for historians and those interested in history to gather for reflection and debate on relevant and important topics from the cryptologic past. Regular speakers include historians from CCH, the Intelligence Community, the defense establishment, the military services, scholars from American and international academic institutions, veterans of the cryptologic profession, graduate and undergraduate students, and noted authors. Past symposia have featured scholarship that sets out new ways to consider our cryptologic heritage. The conference provides many opportunities to interact with leading historians and other experts. The mix of practitioners, scholars, and interested observers guarantees a lively debate that promotes an enhanced appreciation for past events and their applicability to current and future issues.

Proposals

Proposals MUST be unclassified. Those who have a lifetime obligation of prepublication review are responsible for ensuring their proposals and associated presentations/posters have had the appropriate reviews. Proposals for single presentations or full panels (two to four speakers) are welcome. CCH staff will form panels from single presentations with the goal of putting like topics together. Presenters should be prepared to speak for approximately 15-20 minutes; proposals for a longer time slot should include a strong justification and will be considered, but not guaranteed.

Proposal packages should include the following:

- A title
- An abstract of no more than 500 words
- The amount of time required for the presentation; if longer than 20 minutes, please provide a justification (not applicable for poster presentations)
- A 150-word biographical sketch for each speaker, which will be used in the published program (full contact details of the speakers) (address, email, telephone number)
- Optional: ACV or resume for the speakers) that includes relevant publications and presentations

Please submit your proposals by **September 5, 2024** to CCH via email or mail:

Email: cchevents@nsa.gov

Address:

Center for Cryptologic History (CCH)
Suite 6886, ATTN: Symposium Committee 9800 Savage Road
Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755

Proposals received after September 5, 2024 will be considered on a space-available basis. CCH will notify you about the final status of your proposal by December 12, 2024, but may contact you for discussion before that date. If accepted, all slide decks and other technology requirements must be submitted to CCH by April 21, 2025.

Estimated Costs

Registration fees for the 2025 Symposium have not been finalized at this time, but for planning purposes the fees in 2019 (the most recent in-person event) were as follows. A modest increase is anticipated for 2025. Speakers and attendees may register for only one day or both days (April 30 - May 1, 2025):

Registration Rate Category

Standard: \$70/day

Student (with student ID): \$35/day

Speaker - Non-US Government Employee: \$0 on speaking day; Standard or Student rate on additional day

Speaker - US Government Employee: Standard or Student Rate each day

The daily registration fee includes lunch plus morning and afternoon refreshments on April 30 - May 1,

2025. Admission to the National Cryptologic Museum on May 2, 2025 is free to all attendees, but no lunch or refreshments will be provided on that day.

Registration for the NCF general meeting on April 29, 2025 is handled separately through the NCF. See www.cryptologicfoundation.org for details of their meeting.

There is no sponsored event hotel and CH cannot make lodging or transportation recommendations for out-of-town attendees. Lodging and transportation arrangements are the responsibility of each attendee. Questions should be directed to Melissa Mann or John Tokar at cchevents@nsa.gov or 301- 688-2336.

About the Center for Cryptologic History (CCH)

The National Security Agency (NSA) established the Center for Cryptologic History in 1989. CCH keeps history alive by enhancing the knowledge and decision-making abilities of the Intelligence Community (IC). A critical asset, the CCH provides a historical and objective account of cryptologic history for the NSA, IC, Department of Defense, other government agencies, academia, and the general public. At the CCH, we believe learning from the past can help improve future decision making and strengthen the public's understanding of cryptology's role in national security.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

North American Society for Oceanic History John R. Lyman Book Awards Committee

The North American Society for Oceanic History has released its list of John R. Lyman Book Awards for books published in 2023. More than a hundred titles were submitted for consideration by the committee of seven maritime historians and archaeologists, and awards are now bestowed in eight categories.

Since their establishment in 1995, the Lyman Book Awards have honored more than 240 titles from more than 80 publishers. This year's winners were announced at NASOH's annual conference, held jointly with the Canadian Nautical Research Society and Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario.

Maritime and Nautical Archaeology

Winner

Elkin, Dolores, and Christophe Delaere, eds. *Underwater and Coastal Archaeology in Latin America*. Gainesville: University of Florida Press, 2023.

Honorable mention

Riess, Warren Curtis. *Studying the Princess Carolina: Anatomy of the Ship That Held Up Wall Street*. College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2023.

Maritime and Naval Biography and Autobiography

Winner

Cherny, Robert W. *Harry Bridges: Labor Radical, Labor Legend*. Champaign: University of Illinois

Press, 2023.

Honorable mention

Willson, Margaret. *Woman, Captain, Rebel: The Extraordinary True Story of a Daring Icelandic Sea Captain*. Naperville: Sourcebooks, 2023.

Maritime and Naval Reference Works and Published Primary Sources

Co-Winners

Jones, Ryan Tucker, and Matt K. Matsuda, eds. *The Cambridge History of the Pacific Ocean*. Volume 1, *The Pacific Ocean to 1800*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2023.

— & —

Hattori, Anne Perez, and Jane Samson, eds. *The Cambridge History of the Pacific Ocean*. Volume 2, *The Pacific Ocean since 1800*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2023.

Honorable mention—

Hughes, Christine F., and Charles E. Brodine, Jr., eds. *The Naval War of 1812: A Documentary History*, vol. IV: 1814–1815 (*Atlantic, Gulf Coast*). Washington, D.C.: Naval History and Heritage Command, 2023.

Maritime and Naval Science, Technology, and Environment

Winner

Holm, Fynn. *The Gods of the Sea: Whales and Coastal Communities in Northeast Japan, c.1600–2019*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2023.

Honorable mention—

Trethewey, Laura. *The Deepest Map: The High-Stakes Race to Chart the World's Oceans*. New York: Harper Wave, 2023.

North American Maritime History

Winner

Earle, Thomas Blake. *The Liberty to Take Fish: Atlantic Fisheries and Federal Power in Nineteenth-Century America*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2023.

Honorable mention—

Kelley, Sean M. *American Slavers: Merchants, Mariners, and the Transatlantic Commerce in Captives, 1644–1865*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2023.

North American Naval History

Winner

Fisher, Stan. *Sustaining the Carrier War: The Deployment of U.S. Naval Air Power to the Pacific*. Annapolis: Naval Institute Press, 2023.

Honorable mention—

Reid, Philip. *A Boston Schooner in the Royal Navy, 1768–1772: Commerce and Conflict in Maritime British America*. Rochester: Boydell & Brewer, 2023.

World Maritime History

Winner

Carminati, Lucia. *Seeking Bread and Fortune in Port Said: Labor Migration and the Making of the Suez Canal, 1859–1906*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2023.

World Naval History

Winner

Wise, Jon. *The Royal Navy and Fishery Protection: From the Fourteenth Century to the Present*. Barnsley: Seaforth, 2023.

Honorable mention

Caputo, Sara. *Foreign Jack Tars: The British Navy and Transnational Seafarers during the Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2023.

For additional information, contact LymanBookAwards@gmail.com.

Society for Army Historical Research: 2023 Awards

Templer Medal

1st Place (Medal winner): Silver medal + £2000

Dr Adam Marks, *England and the Thirty Years War* (Brill). An original and ground breaking study of the contribution of English soldiers to the conflicts in Europe between 1618 and 1648, both as members of state-sponsored expeditions and also as mercenaries. Based on extensive and impressive research in archives in Britain, Denmark, Germany, and the Netherlands, it is particularly significant for showing the importance of continental military experience prior to 1642 as a basis for soldiering in the British Civil Wars.

First Runner Up: Engraved Dartington Crystal + £1000

Dr Chris Mason, *Heart like a Fakir: General Sir James Abbott and the Fall of the East India Company* (Rowman & Littlefield). The first biography of Abbott, and extensively researched in Britain and India. An informative and enjoyable read which, through the lens of Abbott's politico-military career, makes an important contribution to the understanding of the growing schism between the East India Company and its sepoys in the crucial period between the First Burma War and the outbreak of the mutiny in 1857.

Second Runner Up: Engraved Dartington Crystal + £200

Professor John Laband, *In the Shadow of Isandlwana: The Life and Times of Lord Chelmsford and his Disaster in Zululand* (Greenhill). The first biography of Chelmsford since the 1930s, which demonstrates the mastery of the sources in Britain and South Africa acquired by John Laband over some 30 years of study of the Anglo-Zulu War. An enjoyable and well written biography.

Chapple Prize

1st Place (Best First Book): Engraved Dartington Crystal + £1000

Lt. Colonel Richard Farrimond, *Birdie: More than the Soul of ANZAC: Field Marshal Lord Birdwood of ANZAC and Totnes 1865-1951* (Helion). A sympathetic biography of Birdwood covering his career in India (before and after the Great War), South Africa, and on the Western Front. Based on extensive research in Britain, Australia, India, and New Zealand, it is the first biography of Birdwood, who commanded the Anzacs at Gallipoli and the British Fourth and Fifth Armies on the Western Front before rising to become CinC in India from 1925 to 1930.

Runner Up: Engraved Dartington Crystal + £ 200

Dr Glenn Price, *Soldiers and Civilians, Transport and Provisions: Early Modern Military Logistics and Supply Systems during the British Civil Wars, 1638-1653 (Helion)*. An interesting study of the often neglected role of logistics in the campaigns of the British Civil Wars including land and water transport as well as manpower issues.

Awards Announced For Excellence in U.S. Army History Writing

The Army Historical Foundation is pleased to announce the winners of the 2023 Army Historical Foundation Distinguished Writing Awards. The 2023 awards honor books and articles published in 2023. The winners:

Book Awards

Biography

Patton's War: An American General's Combat Leadership, Volume 2: August-December 1944. By Kevin M. Hymel. University of Missouri Press.

Operational/Battle History

To the End of the Earth: The US Army and the Downfall of Japan, 1945. By John C. McManus. Caliber.

Institutional/Functional History

Part-Time Soldiers: Reserve Readiness Challenges in Modern Military History. By Andrew Lewis Chadwick. University Press of Kansas.

Journals, Memoirs, and Letters

Bipolar General: My Forever War with Mental Illness. By Maj. Gen. Gregg F. Martin, USA (Ret.). Naval Institute Press.

Unit History

No Sacrifice Too Great: The 1st Infantry Division in World War II. By Gregory Fontenot. University of Missouri Press.

Reference

The Maps of Spotsylvania through Cold Harbor. By Bradley M. Gottfried. Savas Beatie.

Reprint

Through Blood and Fire: The Civil War Letters of Major Charles J. Mills, 1862-1865. Revised and Expanded Edition. Edited by J. Gregory Acken. Kent State University Press.

Article Awards

Academic Journals

“Bring Them Up to Standard: Historical Perspective on How the Army Has Worked with Unqualified Recruits.” By Sanders Marble. *Army History*, Winter 2023.

Journals and Magazines

“Message from Mogadishu.” By Col. Daniel Roper, U.S. Army retired. *Army*, September 2023.

The book award winners receive a plaque honoring the book and a \$1,000 cash award; the winner in the Reprint category receives a plaque only. The article award winners also received a plaque and a \$250 cash award.

The Army Historical Foundation, a non-profit, tax-exempt organization, is dedicated to preserving the history and heritage of the American soldier. Its goal is to promote greater public appreciation for the contributions that America’s Army – Regular, Reserve, and National Guard – has made to the nation in 249 years of service. The Foundation is the principal fundraiser for the National Museum of the United States Army at Fort Belvoir, VA, which opened to the public on 11 November 2020.

In addition to fundraising for the National Museum of the United States Army, the Foundation’s projects and activities include refurbishment of historical Army buildings; acquisition and conservation of historical art, artifacts, and documents; support of Army history education programs; historical research; publication of historical materials on the American soldier; and providing counsel and support to private and governmental organizations committed to the same goals as the Foundation.

The AHF Distinguished Writing Awards program was established in 1997 to recognize authors who make a significant contribution to the scholarship on U.S. Army history. Each year nominations are submitted to the Awards Committee by publishers and journal editors. A small group of finalists are selected and a final judging is made.

Thank you to all the book publishers and journals/magazines who submitted nominees for this year’s awards. We look forward to your participation in next year’s program.

For more information on the Foundation and its activities, please view the AHF website at www.armyhistory.org.

MEETINGS CALENDAR

2024

September 5-6 – Understanding the Future of Air Power: Air Forces since 1980 and Beyond, Royal Air Force Museum, London. For more information, Dr Megan Kelleher at megan.kelleher@rafmuseum.org.

September 7 – Virginia Museum of History & Culture’s 2024 History Matters Symposium. For more information: <https://virginiahistory.org/2024-vmhc-history-matters-symposium>.

September 18-19 – The NASA History Office will coordinate a symposium entitled “NASA and Archaeology From Space.” The symposium seeks to highlight past archaeology projects at NASA, the current state of the field, and promising new opportunities in multiple sectors. The symposium will be held in Washington, D.C. For more details, see the Office’s newsletter at [NASA History - NASA](#).

September 20-22 – Fort Ticonderoga Seminar on the American Revolution, Fort Ticonderoga, New York. Contact: Richard M. Strum, Director of Academic Programs: rstrum@fort-ticonderoga.org.

September 25-28 - Northern Great Plains History Conference, including many SMH-organized panels, Sioux Falls, SD. General information at visit ngphconference.org. SMH-specific information from Mike Burns at smhatngphc@gmail.com.

November 4-7 –The Air Force Historical Foundation will offer its annual Fall Symposium, Literary Awards and Museums Conference at the Doubletree Hilton Tucson and Pima Air and Space Museum in Tucson, Arizona. The theme of the symposium is “Technological Change in Air and in Space, 1920-2020.” For registration and other information, reach out to the Foundation at [Richard Beckerman \(afhhistory.org\)](mailto:Richard.Beckerman@afhhistory.org).

November 7-10 – The History of Science Society will hold its annual meeting in Mérida, Yucatán, Mexico. This is the Society’s centennial, and the theme of this year’s gathering is “**Imperfect Pasts, Uncertain Futures.**” For more details, see the Society’s website at [HSS 2023 Call for Proposals - History of Science Society \(hssonline.org\)](http://HSS2023CallforProposals-HistoryofScienceSociety.hssonline.org).

November 21-23 – The National World War II Museum will host its 17th annual conference at the Museum in New Orleans, Louisiana. The program for this year’s gathering will begin with a symposium on “The Battle of the Bulge, 80 years on.” For details and registration, see the Museum’s website at [17th International Conference on World War II | The National WWII Museum | New Orleans \(nationalww2museum.org\)](http://17thInternationalConferenceonWorldWarII|TheNationalWWIIMuseum|NewOrleans.nationalww2museum.org)

2025

January 3-6 – The American Historical Society will hold its annual meeting in New York City, New York. For more details as they become available, see the Society’s website at [Annual Meeting - AHA \(historians.org\)](http://AnnualMeeting-AHA.historians.org)

January 25 - Material Matters: It’s in the Details conference, organized by the Fort Ticonderoga Museum. For more information, contact Richard M. Strum, Director of Academic Programs: rstrum@fort-ticonderoga.org.

March 27-30 – Society for Military History 91st Annual Meeting at the Battle House Renaissance Mobile Hotel and the Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel in Mobile, Alabama.

April 3 – The Organization of American Historians will offer its annual conference in Chicago, Illinois. For more information as it becomes available, see the Organization’s website at [OAH | Future](#)

Conferences.

April 10-12 – The Vietnam Center & Sam Johnson Vietnam Archive will present its latest biennial conference on the Vietnam War at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. This year's theme will be "1975: The End Of The Vietnam War." For further information, see the Center's website at [The Vietnam Center and Sam Johnson Vietnam Archive: Events \(ttu.edu\)](https://www.vietnamcenter.org/events).

July 10-11 – Occupation Studies Research Network members' conference, King's College, London. For more information: <https://fasos-research.nl/occupationstudies/>.

2026

March 26-29 – Society for Military History 92nd Annual Meeting, Arlington, VA.

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