



## foreword

The USCMH is affiliated with the International Commission of Military History and takes part in its projects and programs, including contributions to its publication program (mainly the International Bibliography of Military History) and participating in the annual international meetings.

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## Madrid Conference

The 31st International Congress of Military History (ICMH) will convene in Madrid, from 21 to 27 August. The Spanish Commission, host of this year's Congress, selected the meeting theme of naval and land power in the age of Trafalgar. Twenty-one members of the US Commission will attend the Congress and another thirteen are registered as accompanying persons. By early June, more than 200 people had registered for the Madrid Congress, making the US delegation one of the largest participants.

The following five USCMH members will present scholarly papers at the Congress:

### For Track 1:

Edward Coss (The Ohio State University) "All for the King's Shilling: A New Appraisal of the British Soldier under Wellington."

Marc DeVore (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) "A New Look at the Stability of British Naval Mastery."

John Lynn (University of Illinois Urbana Champagne) "Does Napoleon Really Have Much to Teach Us?"

Two Track II papers were accepted by the program committee.

Regrettably, one of our presenters, Ed Marolda, withdrew his paper from the program upon learning he would not be able to attend.

### Track II:

Margaret Vining and Barton Hacker (Smithsonian Institution) "Women's Military Work in the Revolutionary and Napoleonic Era, 1789-1815."

## **NOMINEES FOR NEXT USCMH ELECTION**

The Nominating Committee pondered long and hard (and late) to develop the following slate of candidates for this year's elections:

President: John Lynn

Vice President: (one will be elected) Hans Pawlisch, Margaret Vining

Trustees: (four will be elected) Kelly DeVries, Janice McKenney, Sarandis Papadopoulos, Robin Higham, Bart Hacker, Jim Hogue, Will Snyder, Michael Hughes, David Crist

Nominating Committee: Dean Allard

Biographical information for the candidates will be included in the September newsletter. You will also receive a ballot in September. The results of the election will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

## **Mark Your Calendars!**

The USCMH Annual Meeting will take place on October 29, 2005, in the Washington, D.C. area. The guest speaker has been invited and the search is narrowing for a meeting place that offers good food and historical military affiliation. Watch for information on the meeting location, the distinguished speaker, and menu options in the September newsletter.

## **Membership Renewal Time**

Yes, it's that time. Some members are behind with their membership renewals for 2005-6. A dues notice is at the end of this newsletter. If you're not sure whether you've paid your dues, you can check with the Secretary General, Margaret Vining, at 202-633-3924 or [viningm@si.edu](mailto:viningm@si.edu).

## **ICMH BOARD CHANGES**

Elections for the board of the International Congress of Military History will take place at the Madrid Congress. International Vice Chairman Dean Allard and Treasurer Hervé de Weck have announced their intentions to step down. They leave a remarkable record of service to the Congress, particularly through their work with revision of the statutes. Fortunately, a number of candidates have presented themselves, ensuring a competitive election. USCMH member Allan Millett is standing for a board position.

## POSSIBLE NEW ICMH MEMBERS

Several countries have applied to join the ICMH. The ICMH Board is likely to support one or more of the following applicants: United Arab Emirates, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Botswana, Cameroon, Senegal, Tunisia, Cyprus, and Azerbaijan.

## INTERNATIONAL REVIEW OF MILITARY HISTORY

Issue 80 of the *International Review of Military History*, *Military Professionalisation 1900-1999: The Quest for Excellence*, appeared early this year. It was published by the Hungarian Commission for Military History.

A subsequent issue of the *International Review of Military History* is underway. Devoted to the subject of recruitment, it will draw together papers from Belgium, Canada (two papers), Denmark, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, The Netherlands, Rumania, Sweden, Switzerland, and Turkey.

## In Memoriam

This year we remember with appreciation three members who have left the indelible imprint of distinguished participation and service to the Commission: Founding member Charles V. P. von Luttichau; longtime member and Commission officer Richard A. von Doenhoff; and prominent historian Martin Blumenson.

**Charles V.P. von Luttichau** died on 27 May. He was born in Switzerland, educated in Austria and Germany, and did graduate work in economics, history, and international relations at the universities of Berlin and Munich. (He would later receive another MA at American University.) During WWII he served in the Luftwaffe in France, Germany, and Russia, as well as teaching tactics and military history at the Luftwaffe Academy in Berlin. From 1947-49 he worked as a liaison officer between the US consulate in Bavaria and the Bavarian government. He emigrated from Germany to the US in 1949, and in 1951 started work at the Center of Military History, where he worked until 1986. He worked mainly on the European theater volumes, but also wrote on the Army in Vietnam. He even served twice in Southeast Asia.

As a co-founder of the USCMH, he was well known to us, and will be missed. His widow, Ann, is a valued member and frequent legal consultant to the Commission.

**Richard A. von Doenhoff** died on April 1st. He was born in Newport News, VA and grew up in Hampton. He received his BA and MA at George Washington University, and did his doctoral work at Maryland on the Grossadmiral Karl Donitz' trial. He first worked at the Naval History Division in 1963, then in 1973 moved to the National Archives' Records Declassification Division; his job description changed over the years but he stayed at the Archives until he retired in 1995. He continued research and writing about naval history, including some of the basic research about the USS Indianapolis.

He joined the USCMH in the 1970s, staying an active member for two decades, traveling to many of the international congresses. He was Secretary-General in the 1990s, and a trustee until 2004. His wife, Jan, survives him. Jan is herself an active USCMH member who consistently participated as a partner in duties of Commission offices.

**Martin Blumenson** died on 15 April. He was born in New York City and grew up in New Jersey, getting his BA and MA at Bucknell and a second MA in history from Harvard. In WWII he served in a military history unit and eventually wended his way into Patton's Third Army. After the war he stayed in France as a civilian historian and played piano (he had played in Carnegie Hall in his youth) in nightclubs. Activated as a reservist for the Korean War, he moved to Washington, D.C. afterwards. He worked at the Center of Military History until 1967, then briefly for the Johnson Administration. From 1970 he was an independent historian, writing many of his 23 books, and lecturing at local colleges and various military institutions. He was best known for writing about Patton (two volumes of papers, plus a one-volume biography), but wrote several other military biographies, and several campaign histories. In 1995 he received the Society for Military History's Samuel Eliot Morison prize for general contributions to military history. A son survives him.



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