



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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ICMH Congress Meeting:

Trieste, Italy, 31 August-5 September 2008

Pat Harahan, Secretary-general

The Italian Commission of Military History has invited all members of the 40 national military history commissions and their accompanying persons to participate in the 2008 ICMH Congress in Trieste, Italy. Colonel Matteo Paesano, President, writes that Trieste is a “mitteleuropean” city where different cultures, religions, languages, and ethnic peoples meet. It is a port city with excellent conference facilities and interesting hotels and restaurants. The dates are 31 August to 5 September 2008.

The 2008 Congress theme is “Military Conflicts and Civilian Populations: Total Wars, Limited Wars, and Asymmetrical Wars.” Colonel Paesano and the conference organizers start with the premise that military historians rarely focus on the impact of wars on civilian populations. Civilians have been involved in many ways with wars and warfare, from living in war zones, being ruled and occupied, supplying armed forces with manpower, feeding armies, through wars of liberations, guerrilla wars, and terrorism. Military conflicts impact civilian populations; and civilian populations impact militaries and military conflicts.

USCMH members interested in submitting a proposal to present a paper at this congress, see the article in this newsletter “Regular Call for Papers” by Jim Hogue, Vice President. The US Commission usually nominates three scholars to present papers.

This year we are introducing a new opportunity for a graduate student to travel to the congress city, attend the sessions, and present an original research paper. Information on this graduate student opportunity is in a separate article in the Newsletter. See "Invitation to Graduate Students to participate in ICMH Congress in Trieste, Italy," by Jim Hogue, Vice President. The Italian Commission of Military History developed seven themes for developing paper proposals.

The conference will be held in the Centro Congressi della Stazione Marittima, located on the waterfront in the city center. Working languages will be English, French and Italian with simultaneous translation. Beginning on Saturday August 30th, delegates and accompanying persons will be met at the airports of Trieste (Ronchi dei Legionari) and Venice (Marco Polo) and at the Trieste Railway Central Station, and taken to the hotels. On September 6th and 7th, Congress participants will be accompanied to the same airports and the railway station. Hotel accommodations will include a range of five (10%), four (50%) and three star (40%) hotels at reduced prices. All hotels are located within walking distance from the Congress hall and the city center.

Information on registration, hotels, daily schedules, and tours is available, electronically. To make the 2008 ICMH Congress in Trieste a success, Colonel Paesano asks that the participants and accompanying persons register by 31 March 2008. For details on the congress, registration, hotels, tours, and Trieste see the website www.cihm.difesa.it

An alternative way of acquiring the same information on the internet is:

http://www.difesa.it/SMD/Staff/Reparti/Vreparto/CISM/CIHM_ENG/default.htm

REGULAR CALL FOR PAPERS

Jim Hogue, Vice-President

The USCMH invites members of the U.S. Commission and U.S. historians to submit papers for the 2008 congress of the International Commission of Military History (ICMH) in Trieste, Italy, 31 August- 5 September 2008. The theme of the congress will be "Military Conflicts and the Civil Population: Total Wars, Limited Wars, and Asymmetric Wars." Three papers to be presented at the regular sessions will be selected by the U.S. Commission. In order to promote the participation of junior scholars new to the ICMH, the U.S. Commission is offering a travel subvention of up to \$1,500. Those historians selected will present their papers before an international audience of military historians from around the world and their papers will be published in the conference proceedings. Send two page draft proposal and a CV by email not later than 22 February 2008 to James K. Hogue, Associate Professor of History, UNC-Charlotte and Vice President of the U.S. Commission, at jhogue@uncc.edu.

To assist you in considering a proposal, Congress organizers recommended that the papers fit into one of the following specific themes:

- **Civilians and Military: A Changing Borderline.** The birth of the concept of civilian population, the evolution of its juridical definition: interpretative and definitional issues. Political regimes, international systems and limited or total character of wars.
- **Limiting Wars to Protect Civilian Populations: Genesis and development.** International conventions, military customs and laws.

- Civilian Populations and War Booty. Military people and military governments in conquered territories.
- Civil Governance and Attitudes in Limited and Total Wars. War front and home front. Military mobilization from professional wars to mass wars - and civic mobilization. War and pacifistic ideals of civilians, their impact on operations, occupying forces, and their behaviour.
- Civil Wars, Guerrilla Wars, Liberation Movements, and Population Involvement. Civil population in asymmetrical warfare, guerrilla and counter-guerrilla warfare; genocides and ethnic cleansing; indiscriminate wars, and terrorism.
- Social and Demographic Impact of Wars: from Past and Ancient Regimes to the Contemporary Age: civilian war deaths, casualties, widows and orphans, exodus of civilians, population massacres, assistance to defeated populations, reconstruction issues in the defeated country.
- Wars, Mobilizations and Militarization in the Civil Society. Political regimes, international systems, limited or total war.

Invitation to graduate students to participate in ICMH Congress in Trieste, Italy

Jim Hogue, Vice President

The USCMH invites U.S. graduate students (those enrolled in graduate school but not yet awarded the Ph.D.) to submit papers for the 2008 congress of the ICMH to be held at Trieste, Italy, 31 August - 5 September 2008. In order to promote the participation of emerging scholars, the US Commission is offering a travel grant of up to \$1,500. The Italian Commission of Military History is offering a subvention to cover registration and lodging expenses for those graduate students who are selected for the congress. The successful candidate will submit an original piece of research, such as a seminar paper. Selected students will present their paper before an international audience of military historians from around the world and the papers will be published as part of the conference proceedings. Send a one page description of the project, draft copy of the paper, and a CV by email not later than 22 February 2008 to James K. Hogue, Associate Professor of History, UNC-Charlotte and Vice President of the US Commission, at jhogue@uncc.edu.

President's Report

Hans S. Pawlisch, President USCMH

As incoming president, I wish to thank outgoing President John Lynn for his many contributions to the USCMH and to the ICMH during his years of service. I also join with friends and colleagues to offer congratulations on his forthcoming appointment to Northwestern University and return to his hometown of Chicago. I want to affirm our commitment to the same programs and high standards of scholarship that our organization has followed under John's leadership. The USCMH will address a number of issues over the next several years and I will work through our statutory committees to consider the challenges that lie ahead.

I plan to schedule periodic meetings of the Executive Committee to consider outstanding business, and to reconstitute our Long-Range Planning Committee to examine USCMH participation in future colloquies, and financial and membership issues. The Executive Committee, as per our by-laws, is 'composed of the President, the Vice-President and the Secretary-General, and such members of the Board of Trustees and other non-

voting individuals as the President selects.' I will convene a meeting of this committee to consider several items of remaining business from our Annual Meeting including: revision of our by-laws, staffing our Nominating Committee, maintenance of our website, USCMH membership and the Commission's participation in ICMH committees.

I will also appoint a Long-Range Planning Committee to focus on future colloquia with the ICMH, and to examine membership and money matters with a view to improving our financial status. According to the USCMH by-laws, the Long-Range Planning Committee will be led by the Vice President and 'will consist of no fewer than three members in good standing, appointed by the President for two-year terms with unlimited eligibility for reappointment'. Since dues constitute a main source of USCMH revenue, increasing our membership must be a priority and I encourage all of you actively to recruit new members. The USCMH is an organization that represents all historians with an interest in military history. Our organization is open to members of the academic community, government historians, military archivists, museum professionals, and members of the public with an interest in military history.

Our financial situation is favorable. But I am concerned over our capacity to deal with current and future obligations without depleting capital reserves. Through careful shepherding of our resources, the USCMH has nearly doubled its net asset value since the 2002 Norfolk Colloquy to \$60,709.57. Although our financial position is strong and gradually increasing, our 5% investment return yields only \$3000/annum. This sum is hardly adequate to compensate for annual travel grants, internal expenses, and inflation. We face a challenge matching our resources with our stated goal to encourage and fund the study of military history through young scholar grants. As a 501(c) (3) organization, members and friends of the USCMH can make tax-deductible donations through annual or periodic gifts. My guidance to the Long-Range Planning Committee will be to explore the various avenues of giving and consider expanding our resources and philanthropic activity by encouraging individual charitable trusts and perhaps creating our own foundation. I want the Long-Range Planning Committee to consider the methods for increasing our revenue in five year increments to 2013 and 2018. There is work to be done.

U.S. Commission of Military History Election Results

Pat Harahan, Secretary-general

The votes have been cast, counted, and the new officers announced at the Commission's annual meeting. The officers and trustees, and their terms in office are:

Hans Pawlisch, President	2009
Jim Hogue, Vice President	2009
John Lynn, Immediate Past President	2009
Pat Harahan, Secretary-General	Appointed
Geoff Megargee, Treasurer	Appointed
Janice McKenney, Recording Secretary	Appointed
Ann von Luttichau, Counselor	Appointed
Sanders Marble, Newsletter Editor	Appointed

<u>USCMH Trustees</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>
Bianka J. Adams	2009
Jeffrey Clarke	2011
John F. Guilmartin	2011
Barton Hacker	2009
Janice E. McKenney	2009
Edward Marolda	2011
Sarandis Papadopoulos	2009
Willard B. Snyder	2009
Ann von Luttichau	2011

Representatives to the International Commission on Military History

Allan R. Millett, ICMH Vice-president	2010
Robin Higham, ICMH Archives Committee	2010
Jim Hogue, ICMH Bibliographic Committee	2010

Dean Allard, USCMH Nominating Committee 2008

2007 Annual Trustees' Meeting Minutes

Janice E. Mckenney, Trustee

President John Lynn called the meeting to order at the Army-Navy Club, Washington, DC, on Saturday, 3 November 2007. In his report, Lynn said that the USCMH had sent a reduced, but still strong, delegation to the 33rd Congress of the International Commission of Military History (ICMH) at Cape Town, South Africa. In addition to the USCMH presenters (see below), Pat Harahan organized and led a book panel on recent scholarship in African military history, Hans Pawlisch and John Lynn chaired sessions, and Allan Millett served on the ICMH executive board. The USCMH also hosted, thanks to Hans Pawlisch, a very enjoyable evening at the Cape Town Club, at which members and several invited guests, including the head of the South African Commission, General Solly Mollo, attended.

President Lynn reported that the USCMH had once again benefited from the generosity of the Breidenthal-Snyder Foundation, thanks to the efforts of trustee Willard Snyder. Lynn said that he wanted to allocate some of these funds to support a new ICMH graduate student workshop and an annual USCMH graduate student seminar. While happy with the operation of the commission's website, Lynn stated that there had been problems in the past few months and that he hoped that USCMH would appoint a webmaster to deal with them. As a member of an ICMH committee charged with future innovations, Lynn promoted his long-standing idea of an electronic library, a proposal that received support of the ICMH executive board, as well as being endorsed by the Society for Military History (SMH). He reported that during spring semester students at the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences would prepare a design for such an electronic library. Finally as part of a new ICMH project, initiated by Ciro Paoletti of Italy, a competition is being held this year for a graduate student paper to be presented at the ICMH meeting in Trieste in 2008. This would be the first step toward what Lynn hoped would be a regular USCMH program—an annual graduate student workshop keyed with the topic of the up-coming ICMH congress. Then Lynn reminded the board that

it was his last meeting as president, thanking all those who had kept the commission running smoothly, and he formally passed the “crown” to Hans Pawlisch, the new president.

Vice President Pawlisch reported that he had convened a committee in 2007 comprising Janice McKenney, Bianca Adams, and Edward Marolda to select papers for the Cape Town meeting. The papers selected were as follows: Willard Frank, “The Nyon Arrangement 1937: Mediterranean Security and the Coming of the Second World War;” Ambassador David Rawson, “Contracting for Peace: Peace Keepers and the Rwandan Peace Process, 1990-94;” and Pat Harahan and William Alberque, “Africa’s Deadly Harvest: The Cold War Proxy Arsenal of Small Arms and Light Weapons and their Use in Sub-Saharan Africa, 1989-2006.” Pawlisch also reported that he had made arrangements for Brigadier General David Armstrong, US Army (retired) to speak on “A Global War on Terror—The American Government’s Response to 9/11” at the annual general meeting luncheon. General Armstrong is the Director for Joint History in the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Pat Harahan added that Brig. Gen. Carl Reddell (USAF Ret.), Executive Director of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, would speak briefly on plans for the new memorial in Washington DC.

International Vice President Allan Millett reported on the ICMH Executive Board meeting. He discussed the goals of the ICMH in expanding the organization’s membership, especially to those countries outside the European sphere. Millett announced that future ICMH Congresses would be held in Trieste, Italy (2008), Portugal (2009), the Netherlands (2010), and Japan (possibly) (2011).

Secretary-General Pat Harahan reported that as of 3 November the Commission had 85 members. Approximately 80 percent of the membership had renewed for 2007, with about 40 percent of those paying their 2008 dues as well. Fifteen new members joined in 2007. Last year he had recommended that the officers and trustees consider expanding membership through joint membership with other professional societies. John Lynn had communicated the concept to the SMH, but its board was not interested. With Bianca Adams’ assistance, Harahan designed a new brochure and table display for professional meetings. Both were used at the 2007 SMH meeting and would be used again for the 2008 AHA meeting in Washington. At the ICMH Congress in Cape Town, fifty of the brochures and newsletters were distributed. Harahan recommended that the USCMH create a new category for foreign members. There would be two types: general and honorary. General members would receive all the commission’s newsletters and communications, but would not be permitted to present papers in the name of the USCMH. Honorary membership would be granted to those who had contributed to the field of military history or who had led major international military history activity.

John Lynn commented that one of the benefits of the Cape Town meeting was its emphasis on current affairs and suggested that in the future a panel on security issues of the host country would be profitable. Allan Millett said that the concept might be discussed at the ICMH executive board meeting in April in New Orleans. Jeffrey Clarke suggested that future ICMH Congresses be included on a new one-page flyer advertising the US Commission.

The Secretary-general gave the Newsletter Editor’s report. In 2007 the Commission had published three newsletters. All were posted on the website, and were sent electronically to the 36 national commissions and to the ICMH officers and committee chairmen. Approximately 90 percent of the membership receives the newsletters electronically.

Treasurer Geoffrey Megargee distributed copies of his report, announcing that as of 31 October 2007 the commission's net assets totaled \$60,709.57, while its operating income stood at \$10,993.06. Hans Pawlisch questioned what kind of return the commission was getting from its investment accounts and if a broker might not be consulted.

John Lynn reported on the meeting in Cape Town of the Committee Bibliographie Internationale d'Histoire Militaire (BIHM) since James Hogue could not attend. He explained that traditional means of publishing the bibliography were endangered because the Swiss government had limited funds. The Swiss were consolidating their military libraries, further impacting its publication. There are, at present, only enough funds for two or three more annual issues. In response, Dimitry Queloz, BIMH editor, accepted advertisements in the 2007 volume and is looking for foundation support. When Lynn asked if it would be simpler to adopt an electronic format, Major Queloz thought that would be unacceptable. In the meantime, past bibliographies are being digitized. The Canadian Commission announced that it would digitize all remaining volumes, including the ones assigned to the USCMH.

Jim Hogue explained that at the 2007 Potsdam Congress, ICMH Secretary-General Piet Kamphuis had recommended that a triumvirate of Swiss commission members be designated as a collective editorial leadership team. Accepted, this editorial concept was extended for another year at the Cape Town Congress. Hogue also said that Kamphuis is in contact with commercial publishers as an option for publishing the bibliography. Hogue then reported that volume 28 of the bibliography had been mailed to members. If any USCMH members did not receive copies, he would ensure that they did so. The volume consists of 284 entries and a special essay on "Nation States, Nationalism, and the Military," by Swiss military historians Andres Heizmann, Elmar Plozza, and Rudolph Jaun. Twenty-two U.S. books were featured. Hogue said that he would be soliciting entries from the official military service history offices to ensure the broadest possible international distribution for the new publications, in addition to the already prominent academic entries.

In the absence of Robin Higham, the Secretary-general distributed the minutes of the meeting of the Military Archives Committee (CAM) at Cape Town, describing the work of the committee for the incoming officers and trustees. The minutes, available upon request, included a discussion of papers given on the military archives of South Africa, Brussels, Canada, Germany, and Austria.

Pat Harahan passed out the latest information on the XXXIV Congress in Trieste, Italy, 31 August-5 September 2008. The theme will be "Military Conflicts and Civilian Populations: Total Wars, Limited Wars, and Asymmetric Wars". Further information will be posted on the website at <http://www.cihm.difesa.it>

Under old business, Randy Papadopoulos reported on the Military Classics Seminar. Currently, it is being sponsored by the USCMH, and he distributed the schedule for 2007-08. He stated that although pleased at the turnout, he was not entirely satisfied that the commission was benefiting from the sponsorship. For the 50th anniversary of the Seminar program, Papadopoulos said that he would like to organize a bibliographic dinner on the 500 books that have been reviewed over the past 50 years. Allan Millett requested that the Korean embassy be invited to the review of his book in May, and there was general agreement that other embassies might be interested in other sessions.

Dean Allard, Chair of the Nominating Commission, announced the election results: President, Hans Pawlisch; Vice President, Jim Hogue; and new Trustees: Jeffery Clarke, John F. Guilmartin, Edward Marolda, Pat Harahan, Ann von Luttichau, and Bianka J. Adams, Trustees. Members of the Nominating Committee were elected. Then Harahan moved that the Secretary-General and the Treasurer should not serve concurrently as trustees, and, after discussion, the motion passed. Geoff Megargee presented the 2007-08 budget, and Hans Pawlisch reiterated his concern about how much interest the current investments were providing, which will be discussed at a later date. Randy Papadopoulos asked if the travel grants could be increased, but Pawlisch responded that he did not want to reduce the principal.

For the 2008 ICMH meeting in Trieste, it was announced that Jim Hogue would be in charge of selecting papers to be presented. John Lynn announced the launch of a new ICMH Workshop/Roundtable for graduate students. For the Trieste meeting, the Italians will provide housing, waive the registration fee, and will not count the student against a nation's allotted speakers. Dr. Lynn proposed that in the future the winner of a USCMH competition, held in conjunction with the annual meeting, be granted a travel grant, not to exceed \$1500. The Board of Trustees unanimously appointed Lynn as the Commission's webmaster.

Allan Millett announced that the ICMH is looking for people to write a series of essays in English on World War I to be published for an International Review of Military History. Randy Papadopoulos commented that 35 papers had been presented at the International Society for World War I Studies and that he might be able to recruit essays from them. Millett also reported that Swiss historian Rudolf Jaun's proposal to organize an ICMH Education Committee received the full agreement of the board and will be formally established at the 2008 meeting in Trieste. Dr. Jaun is the interim chairman. He then paid tribute to the late Edwin H. Simmons, former head of US Marine Corps History and Museums Division and an organizing member of the USCMH.

Pat Harahan announced that the Commission would sponsor a session at the 2008 meeting of the American Historical Association (AHA). The session entitled "U.S. Occupations in Germany, Japan, Austria, and Iraq: Spreading Democracy by Force," will take place on Saturday, 5 January, 2008. Under New Business, Harahan proposed a new category of foreign membership. After some discussion as to merit, the Board of Trustees agreed in principle, subject to a revision of the by-laws.

President Lynn announced that the 2008 USCMH meeting would be held on 8 November at Mount Vernon. He then thanked the trustees going off the board-- David Armstrong, John Brown, Willard Frank, and Geoff Megargee—and welcomed incoming trustees Jeff Clarke, Joe Guilmartin, Ed Marolda, and Ann von Luttichau. The meeting was then adjourned.

USCMH at the American Historical Association meeting in Washington

By Dr. Bianka Adams, Trustee

"U.S. Occupations in Germany, Japan, Austria, and Iraq: Spreading Democracy by Force?" was the title of the session that the US Commission sponsored at the AHA annual meeting in Washington on January 5, 2008. Pat Harahan, USCMH Secretary-general, chaired the panel which explored US military occupations that followed when the fighting ended in decisive military victories. At the end of World War II and again after Operation Iraqi Freedom, U.S. occupations involved a complex mixture of U.S. policies,

American and allied military forces, and foreign cultures and governments. Some of these occupations have been the subject of dozens of deeply researched histories and interpretive works; others were neglected or virtually unknown; and the occupation of Iraq is an unfolding contemporary event. In most cases the goal of the U.S. occupation was to establish indigenous democratic governments. The panelists' papers explored the possibilities, challenges, and limits of spreading democracy through U.S. military occupations.

Bianka J. Adams (Defense Threat Reduction Agency) explained that the German "Model" was the most extensive occupation ever undertaken by American military and civilian authorities in Europe. Shaped largely by a combination of improvisation on the ground and by wider diplomatic developments, she concluded that the U.S. occupation was indeed a model. Less so as a pattern for future efforts, but as an example of how even the best laid occupation plans are only as effective as the military commanders, diplomats, and commissioners people who implement them.

Ronald H. Spector (George Washington University) based his presentation on the findings in his latest book entitled *In the Ruins of Empire: The Japanese Surrender and the Battle for Postwar Asia* (2007). In it, he examined effects the withdrawal of Japan's military forces had on the vast Asian territories it had conquered. Unprepared for what they had unleashed, the Anglo-American Allies were overwhelmed and unprepared as civil war and anarchy raged across nations, territories, and societies released from Japanese bonds.

In his presentation, Robert S. Rush (U.S. Army Center of Military History) examined three aspects of the U.S. occupation of Austria and then compared them to contemporary U.S. efforts in Iraq. His vignettes on civil administration, economic recovery, and Denazification and de-Baathification illustrated how occupation policies, when adjusted to and capitalizing on conditions within the occupied territories, produced the necessary pre-conditions for lasting security.

Rajiv Chandrasekaran (The Washington Post) discussed the early stages of the U.S. occupation of Iraq under the leadership of presidential envoy Ambassador L. Paul Bremer. Drawing on his book entitled *Imperial Life in the Emerald City: Inside Iraq's Green Zone*, Chandrasekaran described and analyzed the Coalition Provisional Authority's seemingly quixotic efforts at creating democratic institutions and laws while the country it meant to reform slowly descended into sectarian violence, ethnic strife, and a full-scale insurgency against U.S. military forces and the Iraqi government.

The session was very well attended and the discussions were lively and continued afterwards. The Commission received inquiries, through the internet, concerning the presentations for several weeks.

USCMH Supports Military Classics Seminars

Randy Papadopoulos, Trustee

As a new initiative, this year the USCMH is co-hosting the Washington DC-based Military Classics Seminar. Founded in 1958, this seminar is a dinner-and-speaker series is held on the third Tuesday of the month at the Fort Myer Officers' Club, in northern Virginia. Each of the Military Classics seminars opens with a reception at 5:30 pm, followed by dinner at 6:30 and book presentation at 7:30. The cost for the evening is \$28.00,

including the dinner and gratuity. The books and discussants scheduled for the seminar from February through June 2008 are:

19 February 2008. John Prados, **Safe for Democracy: The Secret Wars of the CIA**. Chicago: Ivan R. Dee, 2006. Speaker: Tom Johnson, CIA Contract Historian

18 March 2008. Dual selection: Charles MacDonald, **The Battle of the Huertgen Forest**. Boston: Lippincott, 1963; Robert S. Rush, **Hell in the Huertgen Forest: The Ordeal and Triumph of an American Infantry Regiment**. University Press of Kansas, 2001. Speaker: Dianne L. Smith, Defense Intelligence Agency

15 April 2008. Morris Janowitz, **The Professional Soldier: A Social and Political Portrait**. Free Press, 1960 (Updated 1971). Speaker: David Segal, University of Maryland

20 May 2008. Allan R. Millett, **The War for Korea, 1945-1950: A House Burning** (Modern War Studies). Lawrence, Kan.: University Press of Kansas, 2005. Speaker: Janet Valentine, Historian, Air National Guard

17 June 2008. Clark Reynolds, **The Fast Carriers: The Forging of an Air Navy**. New York: McGraw Hill, 1968 (Naval Institute Press 1992). Speaker: Curtis Utz, Naval Historical Center

If you are interested in being added to the monthly announcement list for these dinner meetings and book discussions, contact Randy Papadopoulos at (202) 433-3934 or via e-mail at randy.papadopoulos@navy.mil

2006 ICMH Congress ACTA

The papers, roundtables, and speeches presented at the 2006 ICMH Congress in Potsdam, Germany have been published. The volume, edited by Hans Ehlert and Winfried Heinemann, is entitled ***Nation State, Nationalism and the Military, 2006 ICMH ACTA***, German Commission of Military History, Potsdam, Germany, 2007, includes tables, maps, charts, illustrations, and notes, 566 pages. Like the published volumes of all recent congresses, this volume contains the papers and articles presented at the congress by the international historians. The articles are published in the language in which they were presented. Consequently, the compendium contains articles in French (7), English (16), and German (20). The U.S. Commission received multiple copies. If you would like a copy, contact the Secretary-general Pat Harahan at harahan@verizon.net.

H-War: A Stimulating Military History Discussion Network

Janet Valentine, USCMH Member and H-Net Editor

Since H-War (www.h-net.org/~war/) went online in 1995 it has been the principal internet discussion list for military history. With an international membership of more than 1700 scholars and graduate students, librarians and archivists, museum specialists, military professionals, and non-academic historians, H-War is a boundary-free meeting ground for people who would not otherwise have a chance to exchange ideas and share knowledge. Topics include all areas of military history, ranging across place and time.

Initially, H-War was edited by its founders, Mark Parillo of Kansas State University and Henry Lowood of Stanford University. Within a week, the new military history network had 200 subscribers, placing it squarely, and permanently, in the top-ten most active lists on the H-Net: Humanities & Social Sciences Online discussion network. By its second birthday in 1996, H-War had over 1,000 subscribers. Large numbers of those early members remain active participants in H-War discussions.

Over the years, H-War has hosted roundtable discussions on the War of 1812 and the Mexican-American War, the history and historiography of the Vietnam War, and the state of the field of military history. The panel for the latter discussion included Jeffrey Grey and Jeremy Black. More recently, H-War hosted a discussion of John Lynn's *Battle: A History of Combat and Culture*. In the near future, H-War plans a roundtable on Niall Ferguson's *The War of the World*. (2007) In addition to list discussions and roundtables, H-War hosts an active program of book reviews, a weekly summary of blogs, reports from military history conferences worldwide, and announcements of future conferences and calls for papers. Subscribers find this military history network an excellent forum for organizing and developing conference panels.

At present, H-War's editorial board comprises four list editors, five book reviews editors and four advisory board members. The board includes scholars from the United States, Great Britain, Australia, Canada and Germany. All board members are volunteers.

New members are always welcome. To join H-War use any search engine and go to the network's homepage www.h-net.org/~war/. Under "General Information" on the left side of the page, click on "Subscribe" and just enter the requested data. The system will generate an automatic acknowledgement of your request, and ask you to confirm your contact information. Once you have replied to this message you will be entered into the membership logs and begin receiving H-War messages.

World War I Anthology Planned

Allan R. Millett, Vice President ICMH

The ICMH Executive Committee plans to sponsor an international anthology on the closing phases of World War I, dating roughly from the German offensive of 1918 until the fall of 1919. Dr. Luc de Vos, ICMH president, will be the editor-project director. The individual essays will focus on national experiences and perspectives and may be written in the national language (preferably French or German, if not English) or be translated for different editions. I am responsible for forwarding names, essay titles, and vitas of potential authors from the United States, especially anyone interested in writing the essay on the United States. Details on all aspects of the project will come from Dr. de Vos. Please contact me through amillett@uno.edu.

German Historical Institute History Series, On-Line

David Lazar, Senior Editor, GHI

The full texts of most of the books in the German Historical Institute series, published by Cambridge University Press are now available online free of charge in PDF format for non-commercial use. A complete list of titles, including many that explore military and diplomatic history, can be found at www.ghi-dc.org/publications/books/cambridge/html Titles of interest include:

Berlin – Washington, 1800-2000: Capital Cities, Cultural Representation, and National Identities; 2006.

Edited by Andreas Daum, Christof Mauch

A World of Total War: Global Conflict and the Politics of Destruction, 1937-1945; 2005 (Vol. 36).

Edited by Roger Chickering, Stig Förster, Bernd Greiner

The United States and Germany in the Era of the Cold War, 1945-1968 (Volume I);

The United States and Germany in the Era of the Cold War, 1968-1990 (Volume II); 2004.

Edited by Detlef Junker

Dictatorship in History and Theory: Bonapartism, Caesarism, and Totalitarianism; 2004.

Edited by Peter Baehr, Melvin Richter

America, the Vietnam War and the World: International and Comparative Perspectives; 2003.

Edited by Andreas W. Daum, Lloyd C. Gardner, Wilfried Mausbach

The Shadows of Total War: Europe, East Asia, and the United States, 1919-1939; 2003 (Vol. 30).

Edited by Roger Chickering, Stig Förster

Medieval Concepts of the Past: Ritual, Memory, Historiography; 2002.

Edited by Gerd Althoff, Johannes Fried, Patrick J. Geary

Great War, Total War: Combat and Mobilization on the Western Front, 1914-1918; 2000.

Edited by Roger Chickering, Stig Förster

Anticipating Total War: The German and American Experiences, 1871-1914; 1999.

Edited by Manfred F. Boemeke, Roger Chickering, Stig Förster

News and Information



Bianka J. Adams presented a paper, "The German Model," at a session "U.S. Occupations in Germany, Japan, Austria, and Iraq: Spreading Democracy by Force" at the AHA meeting.



Andrew J. Birtle published *U.S. Army Counterinsurgency and Contingency Operations Doctrine, 1942-1976* with the US Army Center of Military History.



Graham A. Cosmos published *MACV: The Joint Command in the Years of Withdrawal, 1968-1973* with the US Army Center of Military History.



John A. Lynn, past president USCMH, announced that he will be joining the Department of History at Northwestern University in September 2009 following retirement from the University of Illinois.



Allan Millett published *The Korean War: The Essential Bibliography* with Potomac Books in August 2007.



Janice E. McKenney published *The Organizational History of Field Artillery* with the US Army Center of Military History in 2007.



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