



Foreword

The USCMH is affiliated with the International Commission of Military History and takes part in its international projects, including contributing to its publications, the International Bibliography of Military History, and participating in the annual international military history congresses.

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International Congress on Military History in Turin, Italy

ICMH Congress in Turin, Italy in September

Pat Harahan

The 39th Congress of the International Commission of Military History will meet in Turin, Italy from September 1-6, 2013. The conference will attract military historians, military archivists, and museum specialists from more than forty nations.

The theme for this congress is “Joint and Combined Operations in the History of Warfare.” Scholars will present papers on several topics: coordination of land and naval operations in Ancient and Medieval history; coordination of land and naval warfare in Modern and Contemporary history; the impact of aviation on warfare; the history of coalition western alliances, collective defenses, and collective security organizations; the creation of Ministries of Defense, Chiefs of Staff Committees, and Integrated Theater Commands; and the Joint and Combined approach to military operations in the 19th and 20th centuries.

National commissions submitted the names of scholars with paper proposals for this congress. The U.S. Commission selected six scholars to present papers in Turin. All nations with scholars presenting papers will be represented in a book, the Acta, which be published after the Congress. Integrated in the congress will be parallel sessions, where PhD. students will present papers and hold discussions on research, presentations, and publication in a community of international scholars. This year The Italian Commission of Military History has organized a seminar for young military historians from more than ten major universities across Italy.

Turin is a beautiful northern Italian city located in the Alps. It was the capital city of the Duchy of Savoy since 1563. Then it became the capital of the Kingdom of Sardinia in 1720, and served as the first capital of the Kingdom of Italy at its founding in 1861-1865. Today, it is one of the principal scientific, industrial, and educational centers of Italy. The city has a long and strong military tradition.

Like many Italian cities, Turin is famous for its piazzas, museums, churches, cafes, and restaurants. Many streets in the city center have long porticos where local citizens shop, talk, visit, and simply enjoy city life. There is a night life with jazz, rock, and other musical groups. The adjacent regions of Turin grow wine and livestock, which is available at the city's many restaurants.

Approximately 25 USCMH members are planning on attending this Congress. To learn more information about the Congress, the scholarly and associate person's agenda, and the city go to the ICMH website at icmh2013@smd.difesa.it or www.icmh.info. There is an Italian agency which is organizing the Congress, for information on the city, hotels, and other data see www.mafservizi.it

President's Column

Richard Stewart
President, USCMH

It has been an exciting time for the Commission since our last newsletter.

The Commission put together a great panel for the annual meeting of the Society of Military History in New Orleans. Randy Papadopoulos chaired the panel and presenters included Ed Marolda on the 7th Fleet in the Pacific in the early Cold War, Randy reading the paper prepared by the Center of Military History's Bill Stivers on the U.S. Army in Berlin in the late 1940s, and Mr. Eric Setzekorn of George Washington University who talked about the U.S. Army Military Advisory Assistance Group on Taiwan as they attempted to rebuild the Nationalist Army of Chiang Kai-shek. I provided the commentary on the papers which was quite easy since their high quality gave me, and the audience, much to talk about. The questions and discussion afterwards were quite interesting and we managed to spread the word about the Commission at the same time. The SMH is an important recruiting ground for our organization as well as being THE most important scholarly venue for the profession of military historian and I know that this panel provided us additional visibility to recruit those new members we all agree that we need.

I know that we are all getting ready to attend the annual ICMH Congress, this year to be held in Turin, Italy. They have been a little slow in getting their website organized and their registration system set up, but the Italian Commission volunteered to organize this Congress at the last minute after the Japanese were forced to bow out so we need to give them some slack. Keep watching their website at http://www.difesa.it/Il_Ministro/CISM/39congressoCIHM/Pagine/Informazionigenerali.aspx?lang=en for more details.

As you may know, at the annual business meeting last October I established a special committee to explore the possible venues and themes for a USCMH sponsored ICMH Congress sometime after 2017. Former President Hans Pawlische agreed to chair the panel has been busy generating ideas and possible venues. At a special meeting of the Trustees and Officers on 22 April, he presented a tentative proposal that the Commission should propose hosting the 2019 Congress at Baltimore with a theme something along the lines of: "Beyond Versailles-War, War Termination, and the Challenges of Making Peace in the 20th century." We will be working together over the next few years to refine this proposal and begin to lay the groundwork for this Congress. It will take a lot of work (and money!) from everyone, but it is time that our Commission, the largest single Commission in ICMH, to step up to the plate!

Finally, be sure and mark your calendars for 16 November for our next annual meeting here in Washington. The place is yet to be determined, but the guest speaker is our first Collins Prize winner, Dr. Stephen Fritz, whose book on Hitler's war in Russia, *Ostkrieg*, is a new look at the horrors of that portion of World War II. So mark your calendars now and plan on coming to Washington (exact location to be announced) then.

In short, we are a healthy organization financially, with a growing membership, and increasing engagement in scholarly endeavor. I hope that in the year ahead we can continue to improve in all these areas. And I still would like every member to get out there and find one other historian or friend of history and get them to join our organization in the next year. Hope to see you in Turin for the annual ICMH Congress and in Washington in November for our annual meeting!

USCMH Secretary General

Donald F. Bittner
Secretary General, *USCMH*

I have officially succeeded Pat Harahan as the Secretary General of the U. S. Commission on Military History and the transition from Pat to me has gone very smoothly.

Recent Mailings to Members. As part of this process, we, i.e., the USCMH, are updating our membership rolls to include names, U.S. Postal Service addresses, and e-mail addresses. This will ensure we have accurate information on our members and to ensure that effective communication with all of our membership will ensue. (**NOTE:** This information is for internal USCMH use only – and will not be shared with any outside entity.)

Thus, you should have received from me a membership mail out via the U.S. Postal Office pertaining to membership. Responses to this are being received at the new address of the Secretary General (see below). If you have not received such a mailing but receive this newsletter via electronic means, this has occurred because: (1) I do not have a current USPS mailing address for you, or (2) or if you have moved, mailed addressed to your former address has been returned for various reasons. If either reason has resulted in non-receipt of the recent membership mail outs, please e-mail me at the address below. Also, to members who have received my mailings via the U.S. Post Office but have yet to respond, I ask that you do so. Thus, the USCMH will ensure that we have accurate membership numbers and have the means to ensure communication our membership.

Future Membership. Please permit me to make a comment about our membership. The USCMH is the officially recognized body for this country within the International Commission on Military History (ICMH). We remain small in numbers, but always welcome new members, whether these be younger or older in both personal or professional age, and have an interest in military history (especially within its international context).

Thus, if you know anyone who might be interested in becoming a member of the USCMH, please give them my name and addresses – and I shall follow-up on any such lead. Please have any such individual contact me directly via the below USPS or e-mail addresses; I shall take it from there. (**NOTE:** If discussing who and what we are, please note to any perspective member the forthcoming international congresses, especially Paris in 2014, and that we shall be seeking paper proposals for that meeting. Also, there is some support for young scholars who thus might consider submitting a proposal for that conference.)

A final comment: Phishing e-mail. One of our members recently received an e-mail purportedly from the commission and, amidst much wording, was a request for money. Of course, this was a phishing contact. Until noted otherwise, official communication from the Secretary General with regards to funds will be mailings via U.S. Post Office – and any requested responses would be returned to the below Quantico mailing address. This, of course, does not preclude individual member correspondence between us. But with regard to financial matters, to include annual membership information, this will still be done by mail via the U.S. Post Office – with the below Quantico USCMH Secretary General address. Any change to this will be formally communicated to the membership. Our thanks to our member who let us know about the phishing e-mail.

Thank you. My sincere appreciation to our members who have and are responding to the recent mailings with regard to membership and needed information for future communications. This is very much appreciated.

From all of the leadership, thank you for your continued membership in and support of the U.S. Commission on Military History as we look into the future of the USCMH.

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USCMH Participation at Turin ICMH

Randy Papadopoulos
Vice President, *USCMH*

The membership of the U.S. Commission will be well represented at the ICMH Congress in Turin, with six historians presenting papers. They are:

Fred Borch (US Commission on Military History)--"The Bombing of Monte Casino in 1944: How Differing Views of "Military Necessity" in a Combined Command Resulted in the Needless Destruction of the Cradle of the Benedictine Monastic Order."

Nancy Walbridge Collins (Columbia University)--"Strategic Integration: Mission and Practices of NATO Special Operations Forces."

Rhys Crawley (Australian National University)--"Commanding Combined and Joint Operations: The Gallipoli Model."

Philipp Fraund (University of Constance)--""Hour Zero" as Combined Operation" (Allied Preparations for the Occupation of Germany).

Eric Setzekorn (Graduate Student, The George Washington University)--"Formosa U.S. Army MAAG: Army Building in a Cold War Hotspot."

Richard Stewart (US Commission on Military History)--"UNITAF and UNOSOM II: The Failure of Multinational Operations in Somalia 1992-1994."

Professor Collins and Mr. Setzekorn, a doctoral candidate at the George Washington University, are each recipients of a young scholar's travel grant from the USCMH. We wish all participants much success at the upcoming meeting.

USCMH Executive Committee and Board of Trustees Meeting on 26 April 2013

The Executive Committee of the U.S. Commission and the Board of Trustees held a special meeting on 26 April to discuss a number of issues that could not wait until the next annual meeting, currently scheduled for 16 November.

The meeting was held in the main conference room of the U.S. Army Center of Military History on Fort McNair starting at 1035 and ending at 1150. The following officers and members were present:

President Richard Stewart
Vice President Randy Papadopoulos
Immediate Past President Hans Pawlische
Secretary General Don Bittner
Treasurer Geoffrey Megargee

Trustees
Bianka Adams
Ann Von Luttichau
Rick DiNardo
Graham Cosmas
David Crist

One other attendee for part of the meeting was Erik Villard, our new web site coordinator

The officers and trustees voted unanimously to accept the appointment of our new Secretary General Don Bittner. He reported on membership numbers and dues collection. Thirty-one returns had been received so far with other notices going out within the week. Don was working hard to consolidate and verify various membership lists.

Treasurer Megargee reported that our current funds included approximately 57K in the General Fund and 37K in the Endowment.

Trustee Von Luttichau reported that new wording was needed for the proposed Proxy amendment to the By-Laws. The new wording, to be voted on by the general membership through an email ballot to be sent out by the Secretary General was voted on and approved. The proposed amendment is as follows:

ARTICLE III

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

“Section 5. A voting member of the Board of Trustees who is unable to be present at a called meeting may appoint another member to vote his proxy on a specific issue to be considered at that meeting. The proxy shall be in writing, shall state the specific issue or issues for which it is given, and shall be signed by the member of the Board making the appointment. A copy of the proxy shall be attached to the Minutes of the Meeting. The proxy shall terminate at the adjournment of the meeting for which it is given, and shall not be counted toward the achievement of a quorum.”

We heard from the Committee, chaired by Past President Pawlische, on preparing a proposal for USCMH to host the 2019 Congress of the ICMH. The cost of translation will be high, but the proposal was to hold the Congress in Baltimore which would be easier to arrange and more cost-effective for translation support. The officers and trustees voted to continue to pursue this option and refine additional details before sending a formal proposal to ICMH in September. The consensus was also to request some financial assistance from the ICMH to defray some of the cost since the full expenses of the Congress would nearly wipe out our General Fund.

The website hosted by UNC (thanks to Jim Hogue) continued to be a high priority item. Erik Villard, a historian with the U.S. Army Center of Military History, has volunteered to work with UNC to get full permissions to add and subtract material from the current site. He proposed a three phased approach: post new information on the current site; then upgrade the look of site; followed by expansion of bibliography links, archives links, and perhaps even a listing of scholars with expertise for collaboration purposes to make it more appealing to young scholars. The site's full capabilities would be for members of USCMH and ICMH only but anyone could access the general information portion (newsletters, lists of officers, membership information, etc.) as an aid to recruitment. The site has great potential for even more changes. Bianka Adams, David Crist, Randy Papadopoulos, and Richard Stewart agreed to work with him on ideas to present to the board as we upgrade and approve.

Collins Book Award committee (Ed Marolda Chair). We voted to approve Stephen Fritz's *Ostkrieg* book as the first Collins Prize award winner. Ed agreed to approach him to attend our annual meeting to accept the prize

and serve as our guest speaker. (Ed contacted him and he has accepted the award and agreed to be our guest speaker at our 16 November annual meeting.)

We discussed the annual ICMH Congress in Turin and voted to approve the slate of papers to be presented at the ICMH by USCMH members. We also voted on travel grants for young scholars or grad. students. The papers approved were from Collins, Wadley, Stewart, Crawley, Setzekorn, and Borch. (Wadley later dropped out.) Travel grants were authorized for Collins (junior scholar) and Setzekorn (grad. student)

We voted to establish a Nominating Committee for this year's elections (President and Vice President and four of the eight trustee positions will be up for election/reelection) Janice McKinney was approved as chair. (Nick Schlosser and Martin Gordon had previously agreed to serve as the rest of the nominating committee.)

In the nature of new business, President Stewart proposed that the USCMH counsel develop the wording for a "Donations in Kind" letter which would assist officers and trustees gain some level of approved tax deduction for attendance at ICMH Congresses. She agreed to develop some recommended wording of a donation letter which would affirm, for officers and trustees, attendance requirements but not specific amounts spent for required attendance at events for our organization in accordance with our 501 c (3) status.

The meeting adjourned at 1150.

USCMH Endowment Fund

One of the things that makes life worth living, in my opinion, is the sense of satisfaction one gets in giving something of oneself to improve the world and help others. We have that opportunity in our own organization when we each take a moment and donate what we can to the **USCMH Endowment Fund**.

This Fund, which was just set up last year, is the key means by which the Commission will build for the future. The goal, as established by the Board of Trustees and by your vote, is to build up the Endowment Fund so that is healthy enough to support the long-term grant program of the Commission. Interest from the fund will provide travel grants to young scholars to attend the annual Congress of the International Commission and provide the money for the new Brigadier General James L. Collins, Jr. annual Book Prize in Military History. In short, the Endowment Fund, if it is healthy, will guarantee the future of our Commission and its active engagement in promoting and supporting military history in the United States and the world.

I would ask each of you to take a moment and consider making a donation, of whatever size, to the USCMH Endowment Fund so that you are helping support your organization and its future. Your donation is also, I hasten to state, tax-deductible since the Commission is a registered 501 (c) 3 Non-Profit organization. Definitely a win-win!

So, please send your check to our esteemed Treasurer, Geoffrey P. Megargee, at: 5314 26th Road North, Arlington, VA 22207, made out to USCMH, and specify that it is for the Endowment Fund. You'll be glad you did.

Toward a New ICMH Bibliography

SUBMIT YOUR RESEARCH

The International Bibliography of Military History (IBMH) has been published annually since 1978 as an annotated bibliographical survey of the international literature of military history.

The Bibliographical Committee of the International Commission of Military History (ICMH) encourages contributions to the International Bibliography of Military History, published by Brill. For the next issue (33.2), due to be published in November 2013, the deadline for the contributions is 1 September 2013.

We would like to invite scholars to submit historiographical articles, dealing with the state of military history in a specific country or an issue of military-historiographical relevance.

- These articles should be no longer than 7,000 words.

For more information on how to prepare your article or manuscript, please view the instructions for authors.

- Instructions for Authors

http://www.brill.com/files/brill.nl/specific/authors_instructions/IBMH.pdf

IBMH ONLINE

To give you an idea on which type of articles are published by the International Bibliography of Military History, we invite you to the Brill Books and Journals platform where you can access some of the articles from past issues for free. Go to: <http://booksandjournals.brillonline.com/content/22115757>

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SUBMISSIONS

The articles should be submitted either to:

The Editor-in-chief and President of the IBMH, Dr. Mauro Mantovani (Military Academy at ETH Zurich, Switzerland) (mauro.mantovani@vtg.admin.ch).

The Scientific Editor and Secretary General of the IBMH, Dr. Marco Wyss (Center for Security Studies, ETH Zurich, Switzerland) (marco.wyss@sipo.gess.ethz.ch).

Who will then decide, together with the committee and external reviewers, about the article's suitability for publication. For additional information and editorial guidelines, please contact the Editor-in-chief.

The deadline for the contributions is 1 September 2013

Call for Papers and Panels

“Sustainable Public History” 2014 Annual Meeting, National Council on Public History

Monterey, California, March 19 – 22, 2014

In 2014 the National Council on Public History will meet at the Monterey Conference Center. Monterey is a city where nature and culture intersect in fascinating and challenging ways, an ideal place to explore issues of sustainability. The program committee invites panel, roundtable, workshop, working group, and individual paper proposals for the conference.

At its core, sustainability means meeting the needs of the present without compromising the future. Sustainability requires us to work within limited economic and natural resources, build lasting community and cross-disciplinary relationships, emphasize quality over quantity, and elevate social responsibility. The idea of sustainability is often applied to our relationship with the environment, but also relates to the way we manage and fund historic resources. This conference will examine how the idea of sustainability can advance the field of public history and, in turn, how public history can encourage sustainability.

We welcome submissions from all areas of the field, including teaching, museums, archives, heritage

management, tourism, consulting, litigation-based research, and public service.

See <http://ncph.org/cms/conferences/2014-annual-meeting/> for details about submitting your proposal. Proposals are due by **July 15, 2013**.

If you have questions, please contact the program committee co-chairs or the NCPH program manager.

2014 Program Committee Co-Chairs Briann Greenfield & Leah Glaser
greenfieldb@ccsu.edu & glaserles@mail.ccsu.edu Central Connecticut State University, History Department

NCPH Program Manager Stephanie Rowe rowes@iupui.edu

MEDICAL HISTORY OF WWII

In March 2014, the Army Medical Department Center of History and Heritage and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences will be co-sponsoring a conference on the medical history of WWII.

It will be hosted at the Army Medical Department Museum in San Antonio, Texas.

Presentations on all facets of medicine and the war are welcome, including consideration of the repercussions of the war on the practice of medicine, medicine in various campaigns, effects on the home front, and related topics.

Presentations should be 30 minutes long, and two-paper panels are welcome.

Contact: Dr Sanders Marble, Office of Medical History, US Army, sanders.marble@us.army.mil

The Great War and the Moving Image

15-16 April 2014

University of Kent, Canterbury, United Kingdom

An international conference organized by the University of Kent in conjunction with the University of Southampton and in association with the Imperial War Museum.

The aim of the conference is to explore the Great War through all forms of moving images including cine-ma, television and computer games. We are particularly interested in the way genres have translated across media and how images were received creating popular understandings of the war and feeding into wider commemorative processes. The conference is particularly interested to explore the moving image in terms of circulation, distribution and representation.

While the conference is mainly historical in focus, we would like to encourage interdisciplinary, especially the cross-fertilization of history with the wider military and media communities. This will be the first major international conference of its kind to explore these issues and will, we hope, identify further research synergies forming the basis for future collaboration.

Topics may include, but are not limited to, the following:

Home Front

Combat filming

The Colonial context

The European context

Landscape and battlefield

The Other (women, orphans etc)

The wounded, disfigured and disabled

Battlefield tourism

Cinematic culture

The relationship between cinema and other forms of popular culture

Multi-national productions

Proposals (no more than 300 words in length) should be submitted, together with a short CV, by 11 November 2013 to either Professor David Welch (d.a.welch@kent.ac.uk) or Professor Mark Connelly (m.l.connelly@kent.ac.uk).

Job Announcement

MINNESOTA MILITARY MUSEUM

Phone: 320-616-6050

Email: connect@mnmilitarymuseum.org

Website: mnmilitarymuseum.org

POSITION OPENING: Archivist

BACKGROUND

The Minnesota Military Museum recently received an increase in its biennial appropriation from the Minnesota Legislature to employ an Archivist. Funding covers a two-year period and there is no certainty we will be able to fund the position beyond the initial two years. The archival collection has been managed up to now by volunteers. This will be the museum's first professional Archivist.

NATURE OF THE APPOINTMENT

The Archivist will be employed by the Military Historical Society of Minnesota at its primary public outreach location, the Minnesota Military Museum, located at Camp Ripley. It is a temporary, full-time, 40 hours per week, salaried position.

SALARY AND BENEFITS

\$39,000 to \$44,000 per year depending on qualifications and experience.

15 days paid personal time off per year.

Medical and dental insurance is not provided.

The position is covered by Social Security but no other retirement benefits are provided.

QUALIFICATIONS

Minimum Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree.
- At least one year of experience working in a museum, library, or similar non-profit organization.
- Strong written and verbal communications skills.
- Experience working with Microsoft office software applications
- Proven ability to establish positive working relationships with other staff and organizations.
- Ability to lift and maneuver 30-40 pound boxes.
- General understanding of information technology applicable to www tools and networked applications.

Desirable Qualifications:

- Post-baccalaureate degree in library science, museum studies, information management, history, or a related field.
- At least two years' experience working in a museum, library, or similar non-profit organization.
- Experience with collection databases.
- Experience with photographic collections.
- Experience with collection acquisition, management and processing.

- Experience handling museum and archival material.
- Keen interest in military history or more broadly in US and Minnesota history.
- Knowledge of and experience with basic collections processing procedures.
- Knowledge of and experience working on collections management with electronic records.
- Knowledge of copyright law and rights and reproductions procedures.
- Familiarity with Past Perfect Software.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Archivist is responsible for organizing and managing the museum's growing collection of papers, records, maps, photographs and other archival materials. A copy of the full position description will be provided if requested or upon receipt of applications.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Candidates should send an email to jthielen@mmilitarymuseum.org with an attached resume and letter of interest explaining their qualifications and reasons for their interest. The letter should be addressed to:

Jeff Thielen, Executive Director
 Minnesota Military Museum
 15000 Hwy 115,
 Little Falls, MN 55345
 320-616-6051

**Application deadline is July 15, 2013

**Applications will be reviewed and Interviews will be conducted during the first week in August.

**Approximate start date for the position is September 1, 2013.

Brigadier General James L. Collins Jr. Book Prize in Military History

The U.S. Commission on Military History proudly announces the submission date for all books for consideration for the Brigadier General James L. Collins Book Prize in Military History. The prize entails a \$1,000 award to the author, irrespective of nationality, of the best book written in English on any field of military history published during 2012. The Book Prize Committee, comprised of USCMH members Dr. Edward J. Marolda, (Chair), Dr. Jeffrey Clark, and Dr. Kelly Devries, will review the submitted books and select the winner. Topics in all periods and all aspects of military history (including naval and air warfare) will be considered.

One copy of books for consideration by the Collins Prize Committee must be submitted to each of the following addresses:

Dr. Edward J. Marolda
 15570 Golf Club Drive
 Montclair, VA 22015

Dr. Jeffrey Clarke
 1011 North Van Dorn Street
 Alexandria, VA 22304

Dr. Kelly DeVries
1170 Crab Walk
Charleston, SC 29412

Copies must be postmarked no later than 30 December 2013. Upon notification from the selection committee, the Collins Prize will be presented at the USCMH Annual General Meeting usually held in early November. For further information contact the Collins Prize Committee Chair at: Edward.Marolda@Navy.mil or edwardmarolda@yahoo.com

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