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CHAIRMAN'S NEWSLETTER - SPRING 2019

FIELD MARSHAL HRH THE DUKE OF KENT TO PRESENT PRIZES at SAHR ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING

- We are delighted to confirm that our royal patron **HRH The Duke of Kent** has graciously accepted our invitation to attend this year's SAHR Annual Members' Meeting on **Tuesday 9 April at the National Army Museum** Royal Hospital Road, London SW3 4HT Chelsea.



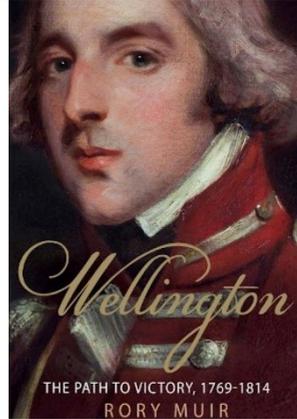
- In addition, **Dr Rory Muir**, author of the acclaimed two-volume biography of Wellington and winner of the 2015 Templer Medal, will be flying in from Australia to deliver the keynote lecture for the evening.
- And – the venue gives members an opportunity to view the controversial changes made at the **National Army Museum** – and to make up your own mind.
- All this for **free** for paid-up Members, including one guest each.

That's four good reasons not to miss what promises to be a memorable evening!

Programme: you and your guests can attend any or all parts of the meeting, but only members can vote at the AGM. All those coming to the Awards Ceremony & Reception are asked to be in situ by 7.15pm ready for the arrival of HRH.

- **Afternoon:** The Museum will be open as normal all day and the museum's café will remain open until 5pm, for members who arrive early to take tea or coffee.
- **4pm: Special tour of the 'new' National Army Museum':** Spaces are limited. Those who would like to join should email Adam Storing (details below).
- **5pm: The Annual General Meeting.** We will update you on past and future events, finance and policy issues. The Agenda plus Annual Report and Accounts will be posted on the website in advance. Anyone requiring a hard copy may contact the Secretary either via the website or by post at 12 Laurence Court, SP11 9QN. Note, only paid-up members may vote.

- **6pm: Lecture – ‘The Duke of Wellington and the British Army.**
Dr Rory Muir will look at the task Wellington faced, the methods he used to bring his army to its high state of effectiveness during the Peninsular War, and his influence on the Army in general in the decades after Waterloo. He will also consider Wellington's image as the archetypal British soldier, and his connections to the wider world of politics and diplomacy.
- **7.30pm: Awards Ceremony – Templer Medal, Research Grants, Essays Prizes**
- **8pm: Buffet Reception.**



How to register: The event is absolutely free for SAHR members and their partner or guest. All we ask is that you wear lounge suit/jacket & tie (or female equivalent) and let us know in advance who will be attending for security/catering purposes. A registration form was included in the last Newsletter and is reproduced below. Alternatively - and much easier for all concerned - please go to the 'Booking' section on the AGM page of the SAHR website and book in online. If all else fails, email the relevant details direct to Events Secretary Adam Storing at events@sahr.org.uk

Please book in in good time – it makes planning & organisation so much easier



Annual Members' Meeting and AGM – Tue 9 April 2019

Please fill in the form in CAPITAL LETTERS:

I wish to attend the Annual Members Meeting starting at 5pm on Tue 9 April 2019.

Name:.....

Name of Guest:.....

Member's Email:.....

Any dietary requirements?.....

I/we would also like to join the NAM guided tour.....YES/NO

Signed:.....

Please send completed proforma to:

Adam Storing, SAHR Membership Secretary, 9 Blakeney Close, London N20 9LH
 or email to events@sahr.org.uk

OTHER FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Note: Please monitor the website for latest information on these and other events.

Conference at Derby Museum – 27th April 2019



SAHR is proud to sponsor the Helion & Co. conference 'Life in the Red Coat: The British Soldier 1721-1815' at the Derby Museum and Fine Art Gallery on Saturday 27 April. **Tickets can be booked via Helion's website (www.helion.co.uk), and SAHR members can attend this event at a £5 discount using the discount code FRTR2019.**

SAHR Lecture at National Army Museum – 1st May 2019



Dr. Jonathan Boff will give a lecture at the National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Road, London SW3 4HT at 6 pm on Wednesday 1 May 2019 on 'The British Army and the End of the First World War'. This event, organised and sponsored by SAHR, is free and open to all. **Please register via SAHR's website www.sahr.org.uk.**

SAHR Annual Battlefield Tour - Malta 2-7th November 2019

We have had an excellent response from members to attend this popular tour and can still take a few more. Malta is jam-packed with historical, cultural and architectural treasures- so this tour is suitable not only for military history enthusiasts but also their partners, family and friends. All are welcome so long as at least one member of the group is a SAHR member. Our six-day Valetta-based tour will cover all aspects of the military history and much of the culture of Malta - full details and prices are available on the website... *If you haven't already*



registered, want to book, or need further information, please contact me, Ashley Truluck, at chair@sahr.org.uk or ring me direct on 01722-780852

MEMBERSHIP

Good News: SAHR's membership numbers are steadily growing – at a time when many other historical societies and associations are experiencing a membership crisis. This is entirely due to the indefatigable efforts of your Council members: For example, **Andrew Cormack's** work as Editor of our excellent Journal, **John Peaty's** stewardship of the increasingly prestigious Templar Medal competition and **Ismini Pells'** administration of the Research Grants scheme – have all served to benchmark our academic reputation. Behind the scenes **Charles Street** as Treasurer, and **Peter Howson** as Secretary, ensure that professional standards are maintained. Younger members **Adam Storning** and **Eamonn O'Keeffe** have done wonders re-kindling our Events programme. **Andrew Bamford** has ensured that news of Society activities reach an ever-expanding audience – whilst new Membership Secretary **Christopher Palmer** is finding ever-more innovative ways of reaching out to our membership.

What can members do reinforce this success? Please let us know if you can think of anything more we can be doing to improve 'membership services'. Meanwhile, could I ask Members to assist us in spreading the good word? For example – do **bring a colleague or friend along to our events** and if they enjoy the event, suggest they join the Society. If each member recruited just one friend/colleague in this way, our membership numbers – and with it our income – would double, and we could expand our range of services even more. Similarly, if you would care to **sponsor subscriptions to the Journal on behalf of your old school/university**, that would also increase revenue and spread the word to the next generation. Any other ideas, or offers of help, are always welcome.