



The Society for Army Historical Research

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CHANGES TO COUNCIL AND SITUATIONS VACANT

Very sadly, Major General Ewan Carmichael was obliged to resign as Chair, for personal reasons, just before Christmas. In anticipation of such an eventuality, he had briefed his predecessor, Major General Ashley Truluck, to be available to take over if required. This enabled a swift transition and Council at its January meeting formally confirmed Ashley as Chair to serve out the remainder of Ewan's term of office, up to the 2025 AGM.

January's meeting also saw Dr Glyn Pryor join Council as the National Army Museum's representative. Vacancies on Council remain to be filled for the Grants and Events portfolios; interested parties should enquire for further details to Andrew Cormack and Andrew Bamford respectively.

Hon. Secretary, Dr Andrew Bamford

95th AGM

Wednesday 26th April 2023 – National Army Museum

The 95th Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on Wednesday 26 April, at the National Army Museum. Timings for the day are as follows:

- 4.00 pm Refreshments and Registration
- 5.00 pm AGM
- 6.00 pm Lecture by James Falkner on the Duke of Marlborough and the Battle of Ramillies.
- 7.30 pm Prizegiving
- 8.00 pm Reception
- c.9.30 pm Close

Members who have registered their email address with us will receive a link to register to attend via Eventbrite; those who have not provided us with an email address can register by contacting the Hon. Secretary. Details of the AGM programme will be posted on the SAHR website under the AGM tab. Any items of business for inclusion in the agenda should be notified to the Hon. Secretary no later than 15 March.

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SAHR FELLOWSHIPS

As those who were at the 2022 AGM will be aware, the Society has instituted the grade of Fellow, as an honour to recognise service to the Society and distinguished research into the history of the Land Forces of the Crown. We are pleased to announce that our Royal Patron, HRH the Duke of Kent, has agreed to accept the inaugural award in recognition of his many years of service to SAHR.



The remainder of the first tranche of awards are as follows:

- Professor Ian Beckett, in recognition of a lifetime's contribution to the history of the Land Forces of the Crown.
- Professor Brian Bond, in recognition of a lifetime's contribution to the history of the Land Forces of the Crown.
- Professor Sir Hew Strachan, in recognition of a lifetime's contribution to the history of the Land Forces of the Crown.
- Dr Yolande Hodson, in recognition of the work entailed in cataloguing the military map collection of King George III to enable it to be made available as a public resource.
- Dr John Houlding, in recognition of significant contributions to the history of the British Army in the eighteenth century and to the Journal of the Society for Army Historical Research.
- Dr Rory Muir, in recognition of significant contributions to the study of the British Army in the Napoleonic era.
- Professor Gary Sheffield, in recognition of significant contributions to the history of the British Army in the Great War and support of the Society over many years.
- Charles Street, for distinguished services to the Society as Honorary Treasurer.

Members wishing to propose someone for consideration for a Fellowship should notify the Hon. Secretary.

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ON-LINE EVENTS

After a pause at the end of 2022, the online lecture series is now back up and running, with a full programme planned through to the end of the year. We began on 28th February when Dr Kate Vigurs spoke about her book *Mission France: The True History of the Women of SOE*, which was shortlisted for the 2021 Templer Best First Book Prize.

On 22nd March, Dr Andrew Cormack will be talking about his research into Chelsea Out-pensioners during the eighteenth century. This will be followed by Robert Davidson on 27th April, talking about the fighting to relieve Ladysmith during the 2nd Anglo-Boer War and Carole Divall on 25th May talking about Sir Ralph Abercromby.

Subsequent talks for 2023 are planned to range across topics from the British Civil Wars to the British Army of the Rhine, so there should be something to suit all tastes and interests.

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TUDOR WARFARE CONFERENCE

The Society is sponsoring the inaugural Tudor Warfare Conference run by Helion and Company, taking place on Saturday 16 September 2023 at Worcester Cathedral's Undercroft Learning Centre. SAHR members can obtain a £5 discount on tickets by using the code TUDOR2023 when ordering. For more details, and ticket sales, see <https://www.helion.co.uk/military-history-shows-and-conferences/retinue-to-regiment-tudor-warfare-conference.php>

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NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Council is seeking a member who would take over the Newsletter Editorship from the current Membership Secretary. The Newsletter Editor would attend Council meetings but not as a voting member. However, he or she would see how Council works and may, perhaps, wish to take a full role on Council in future. Interested members should contact the Membership Secretary at membership@sahr.org.uk.

Hon. Membership Secretary, Chris Palmer



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