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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

Wednesday 27th April 2022

The 94th Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on Wednesday 27th April 2022 at the National Army Museum in London, gathering in person for an AGM for the first time since 2019. Members reviewed the Society's activities, elected and re-elected members of Council, and passed several motions and constitutional amendments.

Minutes of the AGM are posted to the website on the AGM page.

Outgoing Hon. Secretary, The Rev'd Dr Peter Howson

THE REV'D DR PETER HOWSON, BSc MA MBA PhD FCMI FRHis

The Society acknowledges with gratitude the many years of good service provided by our out-going Secretary, the Rev'd Dr Peter Howson, who has stepped down with effect from the 2022 AGM. He served in this role since 2015, having been on Council since 2012. He had previously served on Council from 1995 to 2001.

The Society evolved significantly during his period as Secretary and he provided the necessary continuity of the Council's culture while offering sage advice whenever required, especially to new Council Members.

We wish him the very best in his several future careers, and look forward to seeing him whenever the Society meets in person.



Photo courtesy of Dr Phil McCarty

Chair, Maj Gen Ewan Carmichael



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THE TEMPLER MEDAL for 2021

The Templer Medal (and associated Best First Book Prize) for 2021 were announced and awarded at a ceremony hosted by the National Army Museum on the evening of Wednesday 27th April. The ceremony was preceded by a lecture by Nicholas Perry about Major-General Oliver Nugent and the 36th Ulster Division (the subject of his 2020 book, which won the Best First Book Prize for that year). The awards were announced in reverse order by Dr John Peaty, the Chair of Judges, and presented by Major General Ashley Truluck, Vice-President of the Society. The ceremony was followed by a convivial reception. The Society is once again most grateful to the National Army Museum for its support, not only for hosting the ceremony and reception but also for contributing to the prize fund.

The winners and runners up were:

Medal

1. The 1945 Burma Campaign and the Transformation of the British Indian Army
by Prof Raymond Callahan & Prof Daniel Marston (University Press of Kansas)



Prof Raymond Callahan & Prof Daniel Marston with our V-P Ashley Truluck



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2. Semut: The Untold Story of a Secret Australian Operation in WWII Borneo
by Prof Christine Helliwell (Penguin Australia)
3. History of the British Army 1714-1783
by Prof Stephen Conway (Pen & Sword)

Best First Book

1. The Changing of the Guard: The British Army since 9/11
by Simon Akam (Scribe)
2. The Regiment that Mapped the World
by the late Maj Alan Gordon (Royal Engineers Association)
3. Indian Soldiers in World War I: Race and Representation in an Imperial War by Dr Andrew Jarboe (University of Nebraska Press)

The Society was delighted that so many of the finalists were able to attend the ceremony and reception, especially those who had flown from the US with their families in order to be with us.

Chair of Judges, Templer Medal, Dr John Peaty FRGS FRHistS

SAHR 2022 ON-LINE LECTURE SERIES

Our monthly talks have been very successful so far, and will continue through the year with a wide variety of topics and speakers. The next tranche of talks is as follows:

June:	Dr Andrew Bamford: <i>Mounting Wellington's Cavalry: Horses and Horsemanship in the Peninsular War</i>
July	Christopher McKay (Ontario): <i>1st Regiment of Foot (The Royal Scots)</i>
August	Maj Gen Ewan Carmichael : <i>Minden</i>
September	Dr John Peaty: <i>The Battles of Alamein 80 Years On: Outfoxing the Fox</i>

Details will be available on the Society's website, including the links to register for each talk. If you have missed any of our earlier talks, they have been posted on the SAHR YouTube channel SAHR Lectures.

Events Co-ordinator, Carol Dixon-Smith



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SAHR FELLOWSHIPS

The recent Society AGM saw the passing of a motion to create a grade of Fellow of the Society for Army Historical Research (FSAHR). The intention is that a small number of fellows will be created each year, enabling the Society to honour deserving individuals under any of the following categories:

- 1) As a 'lifetime achievement' award to a distinguished scholar of the land forces of the British Crown.
- 2) To mark a significant contribution to the history of the land forces of the British Crown that cannot be recognised under any of our existing prizes and awards (for example, a museum exhibition or an online resource).
- 3 To mark a sustained and meritorious contribution to the activities of the Society (NB serving Council members and Officers of the Society are not eligible under this criteria).

Any members who would like to draw Council's attention to a worthy potential recipient of this honour are invited to send their suggestions to the Hon. Secretary by email to secretary@sahr.org.uk. Council's feeling is that it is important to strike a balance between 'lifetime achievement' awards to deserving recipients, and awards to scholars still active in the field who are more likely to serve as ambassadors for the SAHR brand in years to come; however, this does mean that it is likely to take some time to work through all the potential awards that could be made under the former heading.

Hon. Secretary, Dr Andrew Bamford

CONFERENCE, WARFARE IN NORTH AMERICA 1754-1815

Saturday 2nd July 2022 – Derby Museum & Art Gallery

UK Members will find along with their Newsletter and Journal a flyer for a conference, organised by SAHR member Andrew Bamford and run by Helion & Company, on the topic of warfare in North America 1754-1815. Since this event is being sponsored by SAHR, members are entitled to a £5 discount; this can be obtained by using the code FRTR2022 when ordering tickets from the Helion and Company website. For more details, please see the flyer.

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