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THE TEMPLER LECTURE & DINNER

Thursday 17th November 2022



The annual Templer Lecture & Dinner was held at the Army & Navy Club on 17th November. Our speaker was Prof. Raymond Callahan, Emeritus Professor of History at the University of Delaware, who travelled from the USA to deliver his lecture in person on *The 1945 Burma Campaign and the Transformation of the British Indian Army*. Prof. Callahan spoke with great assurance on many aspects of the 1945 campaign and provided very detailed answers to questions from the audience afterwards.



Prof. Callahan co-authored the book of the same title with Prof. Daniel Marston, for which they were declared winners of the Templer Medal Book Prize for 2021. Uniquely, the Society awarded both authors a suitably engraved Templer Medal. Our Chair, Maj-Gen Ewan Carmichael presented Prof. Callahan with his medal immediately prior to the lecture.



Three of the Templer Medal judges were in attendance (Dr. John Peaty, Prof. Matthew Hughes, Mr Peter Robinson) along with a gratifyingly strong turnout of members and their guests, including author Robert Lyman (middle left with Prof. Callahan & V-P Ashley Truluck).

The Dinner was a great success, with toasts proposed to the King, the Society and the late Prof. Christopher Duffy (renowned historian and RMA Sandhurst personality) – the port being the personal gift of the Chair.

Hon. Membership Secretary, Chris Palmer



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A "POSSIBLE" SPECIAL PUBLICATION FOR 2025

The idea of a Special Publication for 2025 to mark the 250th anniversary of the American War of Independence has been mooted within the Society's Council. Although this is an interesting proposal, it will probably depend upon raising some sponsorship and it will particularly depend upon members or readers of the Journal being prepared to submit suitable material for inclusion in the volume. It would be especially interesting to be able to include new scholarship in this field from the United States, Canada or Germany, but the material should primarily be about The British Army and its various allies and auxiliaries in this conflict. The scope of the content should also cover all areas of operations – the Caribbean, Gibraltar and West Africa for instance - not merely the rebellious American colonies. New research on, for instance, the Indian Department in North America and the contribution of German troops would be welcome, as well as collections of letters, diaries or other contemporary documents that have not hitherto been published. Illustrated material will be essential.

The volume would be a stand-alone publication and would not replace one of the quarterly journals.

It must be stressed that no firm decision on this matter has been made, but declarations of interest and intent to contribute would enable Council to assess the viability of the proposal.

The Hon. Editor would be delighted to hear from potential contributors with a synopsis of what they might like to write about – editor@sahr.org.uk.

Hon. Editor JSAHR, Dr. Andrew Cormack

EVENTS CO-ORDINATOR

Due to a change in the personal circumstances of the present incumbent, the Society is looking for an Events Co-ordinator to start next year. Council thanks Carol Dixon-Smith for her work on its behalf – especially with the Centenary celebrations last year and the introduction of the very popular on-line Lecture program – and looks forward to her return in another role in due course. The Chair would like to hear from interested parties at chair@sahr.org.uk.

Chair, Maj-Gen Ewan Carmichael



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CENTURY OF THE SOLDIER, ENGLISH CIVIL WAR CONFERENCE

Saturday 15th April 2023 – Worcester Cathedral

The Helion 'Century of The Soldier' English Civil War Conference 2023 will be held at Worcester Cathedral's Undercroft Learning Centre. The focus is on new research and interpretation on the British Civil Wars and the military history of the 17th century. The event is being sponsored by the SAHR and members are entitled to a £5 discount; the code for this discount is WORCESTER2023 when ordering tickets from the Helion & Co website <https://www.helion.co.uk/military-history-shows-and-conferences/century-of-the-soldier-british-civil-war-conference-2023.php>.

Hon. Secretary, Dr. Andrew Bamford

MEMBERSHIP REMINDERS

Annual Subscription Renewals – due in January 2023

Members are reminded that annual subscription renewals are due in the month of January each year. For those members who pay by bank Standing Order or using PayPal's automatically-renewing subscription service no action is required. For those who pay by cheque or by one-off on-line bank transfer (e.g. BACS), please remit your payments as soon as possible after the turn of the year.

Membership subscription rates and payment methods are listed in the Membership page on our website.

AGM Wednesday 26th April 2023 – National Army Museum

The date for the Society's 2023 Annual General Meeting has been set for 26th April 2023. It will be held at the National Army Museum in Chelsea. Details will be posted on our website and the Agenda will be included with the 2023 Spring Journal (despatched to arrive on 15th March 2023).

Hon. Membership Secretary, Chris Palmer

INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR EUROPE, 2024

Members are asked to read the two documents accompanying this Newsletter with regard to your MemSec's request for the 2023 AGM to approve a subscription rate increase for members with mailing addresses in Europe from 1st January 2024.

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SITUATIONS VACANT !

Grants Officer

The Society is looking for a new officer to take over the administration of the various grants which it offers. Two grants for university students are awarded each year – a Minor one of £500 and a Major one of £1,000. They have application deadlines of 31st May and 31st August respectively and are open to any student and there is no need for the applicant to be a member of the Society. The Independent Research Grant with a deadline of 1st November, is open only to members of the Society.

The new administrator will be the conduit of applications to Council and will be expected to make recommendations from the proposals submitted. He or she will be expected to devise and implement a publicity strategy to make the Society's grants more widely known to those who might be interested in applying for them.

This is a Council Member role and might be an ideal opportunity for an early career scholar. Any member who is interested in taking on this role should apply for more information to grants@sahr.org.uk. *Hon. Editor JSAHR, Dr. Andrew Cormack*

Newsletter Editor

Your current Newsletter Editor is also the Membership Secretary (and serves on the Society's Investment Sub-committee as well). The workload has expanded for all roles, and threatens to compromise the quality of the services that the Membership Secretary must provide to members. Council is seeking a member who would take over the Newsletter Editorship after the New Year.

The Newsletter is compiled simultaneously with the publication of each quarterly Journal. The Newsletter Editor solicits contributions from Council Members, and then collates their submissions to include the latest possible news items. The layouts are created in MS Word by the current Editor, and must be made to fit a format of 2, 4 or 8 page, or eight-page formats. Drafts are circulated to Council for review and approval. The printer needs the final proofs as PDFs at least five working days before the end of February, May, August and November.

The Newsletter Editor participates in Council deliberations but without having voting rights. It could be a good way to learn how the Council operates with a view to becoming a full Council Member when a vacancy arises, as will happen in 2023 and in the following year. Interested members should contact the Membership Secretary at membership@sahr.org.uk. *Hon. Membership Secretary, Chris Palmer*