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AWARDS ANNOUNCED FOR EXCELLENCE IN U.S. ARMY HISTORY WRITING

Arlington, VA – At its Fifteenth Annual Members’ Meeting, held 3 June 2012 at Mount Vernon, the former estate of General George Washington, the Army’s first commanding general, the Army Historical Foundation recognized seven books and three articles as outstanding achievements in writing on U.S. Army history. AHF President GEN William W. Hartzog, USA-Ret., announced the winners of the 2011 AHF Distinguished Writing Awards.

The winners:

Book Awards

Biography

Westmoreland: The General Who Lost Vietnam, by Lewis Sorley. New York: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

Operational/Battle History

Advance and Destroy: Patton as Commander in the Bulge, by John Nelson Rickard. Lexington: University Press of Kentucky.

Institutional/Functional History

Command Culture: Officer Education in the U.S. Army and the German Armed Forces, 1901-1940, and the Consequences for World War II, by Jörg Muth.. Denton: University of North Texas Press.

Journals, Memoirs, and Letters

Lincoln on War: Our Greatest Commander-in-Chief Speaks to America, edited by Harold Holzer. Chapel Hill, NC: Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill.

Reference

Of Duty Well and Faithfully Done: A History of the Regular Army in the Civil War, by Clayton R. Newell & Charles R. Shrader. Lincoln : University of Nebraska Press.

Reprint

Gettysburg’s Forgotten Cavalry Actions: Farnsworth’s Charge, South Cavalry Field, and the Battle of Fairfield, July 3, 1863, by Eric J. Wittenberg. El Dorado Hills, CA: Savas Beatie.

Article Awards

Army Professional Journals

“Foraging and Combat Operations at Valley Forge” by Ricardo A. Herrera (*Army History*, Spring 2011).

Academic Journals

“Cold Warriors: Lt. Patrick H. Ray’s Expedition to Point Barrow, Alaska, 1881-1883,” by Rebecca C. Raines (*The Journal of America’s Military Past*, Fall 2011).

Journals and Magazines

“Hard War on the Southern Plains,” by Noah Andre Trudeau (*MHQ*, Summer 2011).

The book award winners received a plaque honoring the book and a \$1,000 cash award. The winner in the Reprint category received a plaque but no cash award. The article award winners also received a plaque and a \$250 cash award.

Another author was presented with the LTG Richard Trefry Award in recognition for his contribution to U.S. Army history. James R. Arnold, author of *The Moro War: How America Battled a Muslim Insurgency in the Philippine Jungle, 1902-1913*, was honored for his study of the Army’s first counterinsurgency campaign against a Muslim foe.

The Army Historical Foundation, a non-profit, tax-exempt organization, is dedicated to preserving the history and heritage of the American soldier. Its goal is to promote greater public appreciation for the contributions that America’s Army – Active, Reserve, and National Guard – has made to the nation in 236 years of service. The Foundation is the principal fundraiser to build the National Museum of the United States Army, which will be located at Fort Belvoir, VA.

In addition to fundraising for the National Museum of the United States Army, the Foundation’s projects and activities include refurbishment of historical Army buildings; acquisition and conservation of historical art, artifacts, and documents; support of Army history education programs; historical research; publication of historical materials on the American soldier; and providing counsel and support to private and governmental organizations committed to the same goals as the Foundation.

The AHF Distinguished Writing Awards program was established in 1997 to recognize authors who make a significant contribution to the literature on U.S. Army history. Each year nominations are submitted to the Awards Committee by publishers and journal editors. A small group of finalists are selected and a final judging is made. The winners are announced at the annual AHF Members Meeting held in June.

For more information on the Foundation and its activities, please view the AHF website at www.armyhistory.org.

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