



# Newsletter

Fall 2016

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT...

MAT HUDSON

Greetings and welcome to a new year of scholarship and fellowship within our exciting society, the Saber and Scroll. I'm honored to have taken the reins of leadership from those who've guided us so exceptionally over the years. Myself and the other officers look forward to serving you in our shared journey of research and discovery in what I feel is the most important discipline, history.

It's important to remember that this society is not only a way to share stories of historical significance, but also an opportunity to grow as historians and students. Your fellow members and the attached faculty are a wealth of knowledge to be tapped in times of need. Whether a brainstorming session is needed or you'd like to have an extra set of eyes on a paper, your fellow members can be helpful. We are a society, a community that works towards the common goal of promoting history and scholarship.

We will over the course of the next year continue our series of guest presenters and speakers. This is a great way to not only increasing your knowledge on topics of interest but also an opportunity for some of us to get a dry run on a major paper or thesis. Therefore, I encourage all of you to reach out to the Saber & Scroll leadership team if you have interest in either presenting, or if you have a special request for a topic you'd like to hear expanded upon or learn more about. Last year's series was a huge success. I know I for one learned a great deal about not only the history but also how the presenter uncovered their

research. The choice is yours and I encourage you to seize the opportunity before you and expand your knowledge base.

With the New Year upon us, we commence our dedication to service within the greater community. Initiatives such as Wreaths Across America provide us an opportunity to give back to those who have served us all. I ask that all of us who have the ability contribute time to show support and appreciation to service projects such as these. Moreover, follow the instructions of the leadership to account for your time towards these noble efforts so we can retain our Gold Standing at APUS.

I'd like to close with a brief statement about our journal. While the number of downloads and reads the journal has received over the years may surprise some, I am not surprised at all. The amazing efforts of our journal team cannot be understated and the works within provide excellent reads on a myriad of excellent topics. Support and continue to contribute papers when that call it sent out.

Enjoy!

Mat Hudson

Saber and Scroll President

# JOURNAL UPDATE

## MICHAEL MAJERCZYK

Hi everyone, the Journal Team is feverishly working on the Fall issue. At this time, we have articles that include the French Navy in the 1920 and 30s, Antebellum America, and colonial Cameroon. I urge all members to submit their work to the Journal for publication. In addition, the Journal Team is currently looking for editors, proofreaders, and copyeditors. If you are interested in one of these positions, please contact a member of the Journal Team or one of the Saber & Scroll officers. Below are recent statistics provided by Molly Fischer showing the number of hits our authors received on the APUS Digital Commons.

1. Social and Political Roles of Women in Athens and Sparta by Kay O'Pry - 29,616
2. The Effect of Nazi Propaganda on Ordinary Germans by Judy Monhollen - 4,746
3. Men and Women as Represented in Medieval Literature and Society by Kay O'Pry - 3,669
4. The Black Death and Persecution of the Jews by Catherine M. Porter - 2,407
5. Eleanor of Aquitaine: Not Your Average Medieval Woman by Laura Goodman - 1,809
6. Railroads and their Effect on American Society, 1840-1890 by Greg Balliet - 1,654
7. William Wallace: The Man Behind the Legend by Deanna Stevens - 1,470
8. The Historiography of the Late Roman Republic by Guy Williams - 881
9. Book Review: Charles B. Dew. Apostles of Disunion: Southern Secession Commissioners and the Causes of the Civil War by Jim Dick - 850
10. Book Review: Hill, Frances. A Delusion of Satan: The Full Story of the Salem Witch Trials by Deanna Stevens - 812
11. The Franj Invasion of Islamic Lands: Muslim View of the Crusades by Noah Hutto - 810
12. Einhard: The Lasting Influence of The Life of Charlemagne and Other Works by Aida Dias - 758
13. Call to Arms: Military Musicians in Colonial and Revolutionary America by Anne Midgley - 728
14. Futuo: Fifty Shades of the Roman Empire by Kathleen Mitchell Reitmayer - 700
15. Left Out: Women's Role in Historiography and the Contribution of Mary Ritter Beard by Alice Alvarado - 676

## WINTER 2017 CALL FOR PAPERS

The *Saber and Scroll Journal* is a peer reviewed publication that accepts articles, book reviews, opinion pieces, and exhibition reviews. The Winter 2017 call for papers is open and can be found at [saberandscroll.weebly.com/journal-submissions.html](http://saberandscroll.weebly.com/journal-submissions.html). All submissions meet high academic standards. The journal team is composed of a volunteer group of APUS graduate student and alumni editors. The web site also offers an author guide and directions on how to prepare a successful submission. It is a great opportunity to get published!



As a reminder, the special Cowpens issue is now available on the APUS Digital Commons and at Lulu.com for a print version.

This special feature issue provides an overview of past Saber and Scroll field trips, as well as in depth articles on the Revolutionary War Southern Campaign, focusing primarily on the Battle of Cowpens. It also includes a tribute to the memory of Melissa Weger, a member who passed away in 2016.



## OFFICERS MEETING

The Saber and Scroll Officers Meeting was held on November 2. As of that date, Saber and Scroll has 113 points which officially puts us in Gold Standings! Thank you to all our members for a great 2016.

A quick note from our president on our most recent officers meeting.

Greetings fellow members! Your leadership team met (virtually) and discussed how best to serve you for this exciting year before us. Among the topics were our efforts in service projects. You will see communications coming to you with information on how to give time and energy to support our larger community and show our appreciation for those who came before us and especially those who served. We spoke on our journal and if you've read this newsletter, then you can see some of our successes with that great publication. We have begun planning our speaker series and are giving a call for those who wish to participate. And most importantly we discussed how best to encourage you, our members, to become vested in our future.

# SERVICE PROJECTS

The Annual Wreaths Across America event is scheduled for December 17, 2016.

Register Today for National Wreaths Across America Day

Saber and Scroll encourages its members to join the American Military University (AMU) and American Public University (APU) community December 17, 2016 to participate in the National Wreaths Across America Day. Wreaths Across America is an opportunity to remember those who have given their lives, honor those who serve, and teach younger generations about the value of their freedoms.

AMU and APU students, alumni, faculty, and staff will be volunteering at the locations listed below.

## Locations

- Arlington National Cemetery - Arlington, VA
- Fort Mitchell National Cemetery - Fort Mitchell, AL
- Fayetteville National Cemetery - Fayetteville, AR
- Riverside National Cemetery - Riverside, CA
- Riverside Cemetery - Macon, GA
- Abraham Lincoln Cemetery - Elwood, IL
- Massachusetts National Cemetery - Bourne, MA
- Woodland Cemetery - Rosebush, MI
- Resurrection Cemetery - Clinton Township, MI
- Salisbury National Cemetery- Salisbury, NC
- Coastal State Veterans Cemetery - Jacksonville, NC
- Forest Lawn East Cemetery - Matthews, NC
- Veteran's Cemetery - Boulder City, NV
- Indiantown Gap National Cemetery - Annville, PA
- Resthaven Memorial Gardens - Clarksville, TN
- Houston National Cemetery - Houston, TX
- Fort Bliss National Cemetery - El Paso, TX
- Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery - Dallas, TX
- Albert G. Horton Jr. Veteran's Cemetery - Suffolk, VA
- Hampton National Cemetery - Hampton, VA
- Tahoma National Cemetery - Kent, WA

**Please register to volunteer at <http://www.apus.edu/wreaths> by Monday, December 12, 2016.**

We encourage members to share their participation by using the hashtag **#APUSwreaths** on social media.

Saber and Scroll Red Cross Blood Drive Team

Throughout the year, Saber and Scroll hosts a Red Cross Blood Drive team. Download the Red Cross Blood app, search for Saber and Scroll, and join the team! Each donation can save as many as three lives!

If you participated in the Service Project, make sure to report your time on the Quad—this helps us in our goal to reach Gold Standard.

# MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## Graduated in 2016:

Lew Taylor, Noah Hutto, Jess Muhcnilf, Jim Werbaneth, Josh Bixler, Raymond Kurtz, Andrew L. Rosario, Erica Niemi, Laura Goodman, Chris Honsky, Lindsay C. Irwin, Greg Drummond. Congratulations, everyone!

President's List: Marie Tan

Dean's List: Eric Bynum

## Published articles:

Patrick Baker, Lew Taylor, Kimberly Trenner, Joseph J. Cook, Heather Para, Greg Drummond, John Chappo, PhD, William Lawson, Jimmy Dick, Tom Leamy, Noah Hutto, Daniel Rosko, Christopher Sheline, Christopher N. Schloemer, Michael R. Majerczyk, Kathleen Guler, Christopher Cyr, Anne Midgley, Elizabeth D. Young, Francis Hoeflinger, Jessica Lathrop, Robert Smith, PhD. Note: the above list includes those who published articles and book reviews in the *Saber and Scroll Journal* in 2016).

## Published books:

Cam Rea *The Wars of Israel: A Military History of Ancient Israel from the End of Judges to Solomon* and Bill Speer *From Broomsticks to Battlefields: The Cadets of Delaware Military Academy in the Civil War and Beyond*. Additionally, Ben Sorensen was quoted on the cover of Dr. Ed Berenson's new textbook, *Europe in the Modern World*.

## Professional accomplishments:

### Special Feature:

On Memorial Day 2016, Stan Prager launched a new website - *Resurrecting Lost Voices* - to host previously unpublished Civil War letters that he digitized and transcribed for public access. The letters of George W. Gould, an ordinary soldier from Massachusetts who was later killed at Cold Harbor, were loaned to Stan by a collector. He scanned these and posted both the original correspondence in PDF format as well as the transcribed text. Further research enabled Stan to locate the graves of Gould and his family members, an original memorial GAR plaque and other related materials. Owner of a computer services company, Stan obtained his Masters in Public History with a focus upon digital archiving from APU in 2014, and puts focus upon what he calls "the marriage of history and technology." Stan, who plans to add letters from other soldiers going forward, says that he launched this website because even after a lifetime of studying the Civil War, a random letter from a



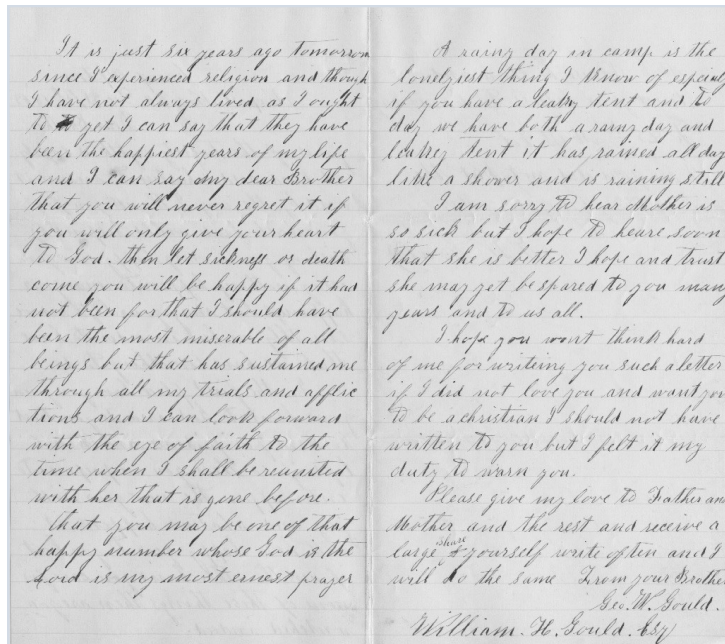
Stan Prager, APU MA in History (Honors) and digital archiving scholar.

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George W. Gould strips away the statistics and puts your finger on the once-living pulse of an ordinary man participating in an extraordinary struggle. See more at:

[www.resurrectinglostvoices.com](http://www.resurrectinglostvoices.com)



Sample of George W. Gould letters loaned to Stan Prager for project.



Grave site of George W. Gould

**Resurrecting Lost Voices**

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### The George W. Gould Story

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Camp Pickett N.C. Oct. 12th, 1863

Dear Mother

I received your letter of the twenty-third and was very glad to hear from you and to hear that you were all well but I am sorry to hear that he is sick but it is the common lot of man here below and I think the more we suffer in sickness and affliction will better fit us for that world to which we are all hastening if we only make the right use of it. Life is short at the longest and we ought so to live as to be prepared for death at any time for we know not what a day may bring forth we are admonished of the uncertainty of life every day one after another [sic] of our friends pass away and their places are left vacant never more to [be] filled on earth . . . George W. Gould

In July, 1862, the second year of the Civil War, a twenty-nine-year-old man named George W. Gould from Leicester Massachusetts was paid a \$100 bounty and enlisted in the Massachusetts 29th Volunteers to fight for the Union, leaving his wife Almira ("Mira") and their three young children Ada, Cora and Etta at home. He traveled by ship to New Bern, North Carolina, which had recently fallen to Union forces, arriving intact according to a letter written from Mira to George's mother, despite seasickness and rations of "maggoty" crackers. Mira also addresses his mother's inquiry about the bounty paid to George.

Like most soldiers in an era of widespread illiteracy, George wrote home frequently reporting on his circumstances, speculating on the prospects for the war, and desperately inquiring about the well-being of loved ones so distant to him. I came to read some of George's letters by happenstance through the kindness of Morgan Kolakowski, a graduate student in history working her way through school at Staples, where I shop frequently. Morgan also interned at the Wood Museum in Springfield MA, where I had digitized a trove of rediscovered Civil War correspondence, diaries and memoirs in 2014. Morgan had privately acquired a small collection of Civil War letters, and knowing my interest offered to let me borrow them for a time. In return, I promised to digitize them for her.

Shortly thereafter, before I managed to scan or read the letters, I left for vacation to North Carolina, where my son lives, and while there happened to visit the New Bern Battlefield. A few days after my return, I scanned the letters and sat down one evening with my iPad to read the digital images. Imagine my surprise when I read a letter from George Gould to his mother written from his camp at New Bern one hundred and

**RULES**

- The George W. Gould Story
- George W. Gould Letters
- MCWL\_101: Almira to George's Mother 5-19-62
- MCWL\_102: George W. Gould to his mother 6-14-63
- MCWL\_103: George W. Gould to his mother 7-5-63
- MCWL\_104: George W. Gould to his mother 8-11-63
- MCWL\_105: George W. Gould to his mother 10-12-63
- MCWL\_106: George W. Gould to his mother 11-5-63
- MCWL\_107: George W. Gould to his brother William 12-1-63
- MCWL\_108: George W. Gould to his sister 12-29-63
- MCWL\_109: George W. Gould to his brother William 1-2-64
- MCWL\_110: George W. Gould to his sister 2-8-64
- MCWL\_111: George W. Gould to his mother 2-28-64
- MCWL\_112: George W. Gould to his mother 6-16-64
- MCWL\_113: Sgt. B. Bonds to George's Mother 6-4-64
- MCWL\_114: Almira Weston Hays to George's mother 6-21-64
- MCWL\_115: George B. Bond to George's mother 1-26-66

Links

Sample page of *Resurrecting Lost Voices*, which hosts previously unpublished Civil War letters digitized and transcribed by Stan Prager for public access.

Promoted:

Mike Gottert was promoted from captain to inspector and made Director of Metropolitan Police Department's Disciplinary Review Division. Josh Bixler was also recently promoted.

New Job:

Nina Rivera-Nunez, John Persinger

Additional member accomplishments:

Noah Hutto was the editor and cover artist for Book #3 in a series *Irish Witch* (*The Forgotten Magick Series Book 3*). Noah had also edited and did the cover for the second book in the series. *Irish Witch* is available for Kindle on Amazon.

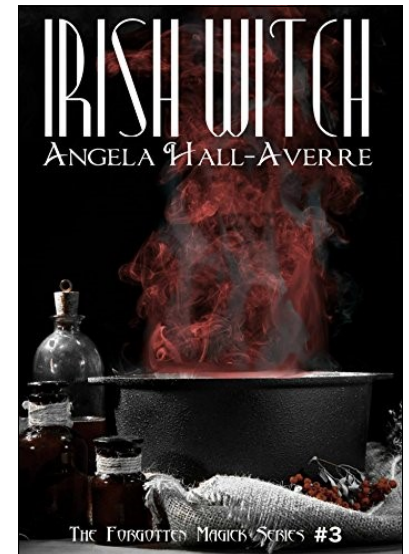
Jim Werbaneth has a wargame to be published.

Susanne Schenk Watts has started graduate school "near the North Pole." She is pursuing her MA in History at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, ND and eagerly anticipating her first northern plains winter.

Marie Tan claims that she got one step closer to crazy dog lady status by adopting another dog.

Chris Schloemer says that he "got old!"

Congratulations to all!



## MEMBER FAILURES

This category is added at the special request of Michael Majerczyk, who wishes to share that he has failed for thirty-two years to see the point of a horrid system of measurement known as metric. He converted English dimensions to metric throughout the night of November 18 and claims that he HATES metric. Yes, he knows that we live in a metric world, but sincerely believes that to be a sad state of affairs. Michael's rallying cry is: "Down with the centimeter and long live the inch."