



Newsletter

Summer 2013—Election Issue

From the Secretary

The first thing that I want to do in this issue is say congratulations to all of our members who have conferred and are graduating this month. We at the Saber and Scroll are proud of you and your accomplishments!

There are so many great things happening with our Club that it is hard at times to keep up with all the interesting opportunities that have come our way in the last month or so; if you are not a member of the Facebook group you are missing out on a lot of the day to day interaction and adventures. We also have a new social media outlet. Yes, the S&S is now on Twitter @SaberandScroll. Join us there also.

This issue of the newsletter will be devoted to the upcoming officer elections. Our candidates have sent in their biographies so that we can all get to know them a bit better. The current officers and I know that we are leaving the Saber and Scroll in good hands. I am also including a short piece on our outgoing president Carrie Ann Saigeon-Crunk.

Since this will more than likely be my last newsletter as the secretary of the club, let me say what a great honor it has been to serve you, the members, initially as the inaugural secretary and as the interim secretary for the past few months. I have been part of the organization since the early days when the charter members and founders were in the birthing process of our club and am very pleased to see its continued growth. Our baby is going through the terrible twos and many exciting things are coming in the New Year.

Good Luck to the Candidates and Best Wishes in your endeavors.

Kay O’Pry-Reynolds

Interim Secretary
Editor-Newsletter
Class of 2013

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From the Desk of the President

Saber and Scroll Meeting at APUS Graduation Festivities:

We are so proud to announce the first meet and greet of the Saber and Scroll at graduation this year. The meeting will be Friday June 14th from 2:00-2:45 P.M. in the Chesapeake D Room. Please go to the Quad and RSVP in the area regarding the meeting if you would like to attend.

Thanks to Lew Taylor, Jennifer Souza(APUS) and Stephanie Mato (APUS) for setting up our meeting. If you have any questions, or need more information please contact studentaffairs@apus.edu or Lew Taylor capecodlew@gmail.com.

Carrie Ann



Quotes from the Upcoming Journal

“Intelligence collection and dissemination rely almost entirely on an effective communications system.”

“Known for their constant raiding, groups of Celts continued east, creating the Scordisci tribal region as well as spreading more communities as far as present-day Moldova.”

“There are differing views on women during the Middle Ages, but it is generally agreed that their life was not easy.”

“It is imperative to go beyond the definitions of the masculine and the feminine and explore the way that men and women saw themselves, and each other.”

“In the absence of a king, a man of lower birth had risen to the highest power in Scotland at that time.”



Member Spotlight

Carrie Ann Saigeon-Crunk

This is a new feature for the newsletter and as the founder and editor of the newsletter, I chose our out-going president to be our first spotlight. Carrie Ann has devoted well over two years to the founding and running of the Saber and Scroll. Good job Carrie!

My name is Carrie Ann Crunk. I have been married for almost 21 years to my high school sweetie. We have 4 children and 4 dogs that keep us very busy. I live in Southaven, MS just outside of Memphis, TN where I was born and raised.

I have worked as an executive project manager for the last 12 years. I serve as vice president of a local nonprofit animal rescue group called Blue Sky Dog Rescue where I work closely with the United States Humane Society on changing legislation regarding the treatment of animals not only in my own state but across the nation. I also serve as president of the APUS historical society, the Saber and Scroll (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/114432541923834/>). I am also an advocate for sufferers of major depression. I have suffered with this illness since I was in my teens.

I have been a member of The Saber and Scroll since its inception, first in the vice president capacity, taking over as interim president when our current president left and then as president when elected in 2012. The office has its ups and downs but has been a rewarding experience that requires a can-do attitude as well as negotiation skills. Historians and history students alike are a very passionate bunch and this can often require intervention. In 2013, I was able to amend our constitution allowing alumni to vote and hold office. We also adopted a Standards of Conduct that are used as our criteria on behavior within the chapter.

As President, it is my responsibility to work closely with the school liaison, our advisor, professors and students alike. The president is often the first contact that students and alumni alike have with our chapter. The office works closely with the vice president, secretary and editor to ensure that everything runs smoothly. It truly takes the entire leadership board for a group our size to run smoothly.

A little about me personally: I enjoy traveling for work and also for pleasure as I can. I had the opportunity to visit Rome, Italy with my high school daughter in 2010. It was a wonderful experience for both of us and one that I wish I had taken AFTER my Ancient Rome class! I have also had the opportunity to take my 7th grade son to Washington DC to learn more about our government and to witness the election of President Obama. Whether I agree with his politics or not, this was a historical event in our





Member Spotlight (cont.)

Carrie Ann Saigeon-Crunk

nation's history and one that I was proud that I could share with my son. I recently took a trip to Chattanooga with my youngest daughter and we were able to have our first train ride and visit the site of historic Lookout Mountain Battlefield during the Battle of Chickamauga. I have a love and passion for animals and devote much of my time to running the nonprofit group, Blue Sky. We focus on saving the lives of animals in high kill shelters that are tagged for extermination. This has been a very rewarding experience for me.

As a child of a Civil War re-enactor, my childhood was filled with visiting old battlefields and being "on location" during events. Many of my summers were spent at Shiloh National Park digging for bullets around bloody pond. It was creepy and awesome at the same time! My dad had the opportunity to be an extra in the movie North and South Book 2 with Patrick Swayze.

Below is the information on Carrie's on going volunteerism:

Founded in 2012 by Donna Orman, Blue Sky Dog Rescue is a Mississippi non-profit 501 (c)3 organization based near the Mississippi/Tennessee state line. Our pups are cared for 100% by volunteer foster families. We are funded 100% by donations. We make it a point to rescue dogs from high kill shelters in the mid south area and are heavily involved in the sterilization of stray animals. Donations can be made at https://www.paypal.com/us/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_flow&SESSION=TnUm_hLysfA0ppfF6wuDaiRxTtCeedcPg6R5bJxLoIba5VmH19QuTepVaDi&dispatch=5885d80a13c0db1f8e263663d3faee8d14f86393d55a810282b64afed



Officer Elections

This year's officer elections will be taking place via APUS' Quad. The membership will be provided with a link for voting purposes, and you will have to provide your student ID in order to vote if you are a current student. Alumni will simply check a box regarding their status.

This year's elections will take place July 28th through August 10th.

***In order to vote the secretary must have your current email address, please update it by July 1st with Kay at sec.historyclubapus@gmail.com.

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

Secretary

Jessica Hastings

My name is Jessica Hastings and I am running for the Office of Secretary for the Saber and Scroll. I am currently majoring in European History at APU, with a focus on medieval Europe, Tudor England, and European colonization. I also have a deep passion for Native American History and plan on pursuing a Master's degree in Public History in the future. I love studying history and enjoy bringing the past to life, making it accessible for future generations.

I am a reenactor of Colonial America and a committee member for the Bardstown Colonial Days, which is one of the reasons I feel like I am the best candidate for the Office of Secretary. Taking care of administration for a non-profit organization, documenting meeting minutes, and keeping people informed is what I do. As Secretary, I am confident that my contributions to the Saber and Scroll will continue to push our organization in the direction we would like it to go and make the journal what we know it can be. I thank you for your support and hope you will vote for me.

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Secretary

DeAnna Stevens

My name is DeAnna Stevens and I am in my last two undergraduate classes at American Public University. Graduating in August 2013, I have been accepted to the Master of Arts in History program at University of Nebraska - Kearney and will begin classes August 26th. I have spent the last eight years earning my degree, basically one class at a time. This shows my perseverance and dedication in attaining my goals.

A member of the Saber & Scroll since August 2011, I have watched the society grow and struggle in its infancy. I am proud of those who have stepped up and led the Saber & Scroll to this point. This is the first position that I decided to run for and I am looking forward to helping the society in any way possible in the role of Secretary. I volunteered to help our current Secretary, Kay O'Pry-Reynolds, redesign the newsletter. This new design previews with this issue and I hope you enjoy it.

As your potential Secretary, I see myself acting as a liaison between the members and the officers as well as the officers and the journal team. I believe that having the Secretary as the go-to officer will facilitate responses between all parties and eliminate potential problems of getting lost in the shuffle. I also plan to continue with a newsletter which will inform the members of all the current and future events of the Saber & Scroll, as well as tie into the current journal theme.

Kim Trenner

If you would indulge me a moment, I'll introduce myself. I'm working on MA in Global History. I am 4 classes from completion. I have a BA from Grand Canyon University in History as well as a BS in Geography with minors in Cartography and Environmental Geology.

My experience as secretary stems from the type of work I have done in the office setting as personal assistant (board meeting minutes, shareholder meeting minutes, project management, filing, typing, and liaison between copywriters and printer) as well as the past 8 years as secretary of Western Reserve Sampler Guild.

I have been published in the magazine Needlearts with an article on the history of darning samplers. I also teach needlework classes as well as needlework history.

As for my plans as Secretary, the first and foremost would be to serve the members of the club in any way I can to help keep the club moving forward. I would want to keep getting the newsletter out as I think it is just as important as the journal to keep members informed. I would like to assist the president in any way necessary to make his/her job easier.

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Editor-in-Chief

Anne Midgley

Hi folks, I am running for Editor in Chief of the Saber and Scroll Journal. Just a few items about me - I am currently studying with APU as a M.A. candidate in Military History - American Revolution concentration. I have two classes plus my thesis to complete after my current class. I have edited for the APUS Saber and Scroll since its inception and am currently acting as the interim Editor in Chief. While serving as a journal editor, I've created the Saber and Scroll Author Guide to assist journal contributors with the creation of abstracts and journal submissions.

If you choose me as EIC, I intend to continue the journal's mission to create a rigorously edited academic journal providing for our APUS History and Military History students - and other historians- with the opportunity to publish high quality research papers and book reviews while building experience with the publication process. I do want the club to know that the editor role is not a one-person role - at present we have an amazing journal team. The group works very well together - we collaborate on ideas, support each other, act as a review panel and work hard to create the journal. We are currently exploring options for both an on-line and a print-on-demand version of the journal with the university and hope to provide the club with both versions of our Saber and Scroll Journal in the future.

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Treasurer/Chairman of Finance Committee

Benjamin Sorensen

Benjamin Sorensen has a good history of teaching; he once held the position of Area Coordinator at the Akademia Vzdelavania (Academy of Education) in Poprad, Slovakia. He was also an ESL instructor there with a very good record of preparing students to pass the British Council's First Certificate Exam and Advanced Certificate Exam in English. He also taught English to business owners and professionals all over the country. Upon his moving back to the United States, he entered corporate America in the cell phone industry; however, his heart was always in teaching.

He entered the MA in History program at American Public University to honor his favorite professor Dr. Walter Hanak, leaving the cell phone industry right before he began his thesis. Graduating with honors, Benjamin began teaching in North Carolina's community college system. Teaching ESL and Western Civilization at two local community colleges, Benjamin also gives lecture series through Brunswick Community College on various aspects of local history. He is also employed as an online adjunct faculty at Ashford University. Currently enrolled in the American Revolution Studies graduate certificate program at APU, Benjamin plans to further his studies by earning a PhD. His real strength in history, is in the Byzantine Empire, with strong focuses on the reign of Justinian and the missions of the Saints Constantine Cyril and Methodius. Benjamin currently serves as an editor for the Saber and Scroll Journal.



Journal News

The Saber and Scroll Journal is proud to announce our Spring/Summer journal topic:

Open Topic

The Saber and Scroll Historical Journal is currently calling for articles and reviews for its Spring/Summer 2013 issue. Sponsored by APUS' Saber and Scroll Historical Club, this edition will accept works on all topics of history. Short book reviews, opinion pieces and exhibition reviews should be on recent events or publications. While students are welcome to use previously submitted and corrected coursework, provided it has not been published, we encourage them to create new articles based on the journals theme. All submissions should meet high academic standards and will be peer reviewed by a group of qualified graduate and undergraduate APUS student editors.

Abstract Deadline : July 1, 2013 Manuscript Due Date : August 1, 2013

Complete submission guidelines are available at www.saberandscroll.weebly.com/submission-guidelines.html



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Vice-President

Scott Manning

Hi all, I am running for VP of Saber & Scroll. Before my bio, here would be my objective as VP: Support the president. While I will voice my opinion on any matter, I believe the role of the VP is to be there to support the president and carry things along as he or she would in the event of an absence. In addition, I believe a good VP should be an advocate for the society while also sharing the load with the president.

When I am not working or schooling, I am pursuing history recreationally. I spend much of my time on battlefields, especially Gettysburg. I have led several dozen tours there, dragging friends, family, and coworkers along. I always try to explore historical places and in a recent work-related trip to Luxembourg, I was sure to visit Bastogne, the Somme, Agincourt, Crecy, Waterloo, and several military cemeteries (British, French, German, and of course, American). I am a dangerous man with a rental car and two days to kill.

Aside from history, I love American football, poker, and smoking cigars. When I have time, I write about my historical encounters on my website (<http://www.scottmanning.com/>). You can find plenty about me on there, but if you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

Chris Watt

My name is Christopher Watt and I am a candidate for the position of Vice President. Currently I work as a Defense Contractor for AAI Corp. My job consists of supporting Shadow 200 Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicles with the 101st Airborne Air Assault at Ft. Campbell, KY. I live in Clarkville, TN just outside of Ft. Campbell but I was born and raised in mid Michigan. I enlisted in the United States Army back 1995 and served for eight years, where I worked as a AH-64A Apache Armament Electrical Systems Repairer. My time in the Army had me living in places from South Korea to Germany. This includes having deployed for the initial invasion of Iraq.

I am in my Junior year at American Military University working towards an undergraduate degree in Military History with a concentration in Early European Studies. Having served in the military has directly influenced my decision to peruse a degree in Military History. My degree choice is simply for personal enrichment, which could also lead to other opportunities in the future. I do plan on continuing my education with a Graduate degree in History once I have completed my degree here at AMU. I look forward to the opportunity of serving the Saber & Scroll group as your next prospective Vice President.

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President

Joe Bullins

My name is Joe Bullins, and I am running for President of the Saber and Scroll.

I am 26 years old and live in Greensboro, NC. I have been married for almost seven years and recently graduated from APU with a degree in Military History. On June 3rd, I will begin working towards my Master's degree in Intelligence Studies.

I am a member of various historical societies like the Guilford Battleground Company. I have led various groups in the past through global missions where most of my leadership experience has come from. Travelling to many countries, I have striven to try and help improve the lives of others. I have worked on the leadership team of Hebron Int. (Mexico), The Heifer Project (Worldwide), and the Malawi Group (Africa).

I am pursuing the office of President from a desire to continue and build upon the great works that Carrie Anne, Kay, and the leadership team have fostered. The group continues to grow monthly and yet we can all recognize the low level activity that is present within the club. My hope is to utilize creativity and every possible technology available to us to try and encourage continued growth and renewed activity. I want to see our future administration reconnect with the membership and allow them a greater degree of decision making with regards to the direction of the club.

I would also like to strengthen the already phenomenal journal team so that the journal can continue to grow-both in print (potentially) and online. I would like to evaluate the amendments made to the constitution of this club to determine what changes may need to be made and would of course include the members in this process. Beyond this, I would focus my efforts on trying to encourage ideas for new service projects, club goals, as well as a means of communicating outside of Facebook (i.e. apps or programs that can allow for get-togethers and impromptu or unofficial presentations, meet and greets, or debate). All of these things are attainable.

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President

Lew Taylor

My name is Lew Taylor, and I am running for President of the Saber and Scroll. I am a retired (disability) Vietnam Veteran, having served two tours in Vietnam. I graduated in February 2013 with a BA in History. In September 2013, I will begin the Master of Arts in Public History with a Certificate in Revolutionary War Studies at American Military University.

I am running for the office of President because I believe in this group. It can be difficult to successfully manage a group whose officers and members are spread out all over the United States - even the world - but with strong leadership it can be done. We have had excellent leadership during the first years of this group, and I believe that I have the knowledge and experience to take the group forward. I am in the process of arranging a meeting (the first ever) of the Saber & Scroll - a meeting that will be held during Commencement weekend. Hopefully this will become an annual event. I would also like to see the club set up a scholarship fund to be awarded on a yearly basis to a deserving student; develop our journal further so that we can possibly have a print version at some point; and work to increase our membership so that each year there are more and more people involved that would like to serve as officers of the group.

I am a member of Pi Gamma Mu and a University Ambassador; a member of the Board of Directors of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham County (VA) Historical Society; and a member of the Colonial Williamsburg Association, the Civil War Preservation Trust, the Virginia Historical Society, the Massachusetts Historical Society, and the Dennis (MA) Historical Society. I was the Convener of the Saint Andrew's Society of Connecticut and served as President as well as on its Board of Governors; Past Master of St. Pauls' Lodge AFAM, Litchfield, Connecticut; the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Chapter of St. Jude's Children's Hospital; and Founder and Artistic Director of the Cape Cod Celtic Society.



The Last Word

“Historians tend to be, alas, a herd of independent minds.”

Hans J. Hillerbrand



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