



# Newsletter

Summer 2015—Election Special

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## *From the President*

This is a bittersweet moment for me.... It is my last communication with everyone as president of The Saber and Scroll. It has been a great experience, and I have enjoyed the ride. Have there been times that it was less than enjoyable? Of course, but those times were very few, and very far between.

I was fortunate to have two people watching my back when I first started – Carrie Ann Saigeon-Crunk and Kay O’Pry Reynolds – and without them I probably would not have survived the first several months. As time went on it got easier because there were great people who served, and are serving with me – far too many to mention here. I do have to take a moment to thank Anne Midgley and Guy Williams for their support. We have had many “discussions” about not only the future of the Saber and Scroll, but the new APUS Historical Studies Honor Society. I would also like to thank Jennifer Souza (Student Affairs) for helping me remember to submit reports when they were due.

As I get ready to hand the reins over to the new president, I think about how much we have grown over the last couple of years, and how much has been accomplished – not because of me, but because of you. We have been “Gold Status” for several years now, we have had three annual meetings during Commencement weekends, we have had several field trips (with another one coming up), and the Journal has just exploded thanks to Anne and her dedicated crew.

There were some who were not happy when I was elected President. I hope I have earned their respect over the past two years, but if not, I have done the best that I am capable of doing. I remember Kay and Carrie wondering what would happen when us “old-timers” finished up our tours of duty --- well, I can honestly say that those who are running for office for 2016 are more than capable of keeping the Saber and Scroll on course.

Thanks to everyone..... See you “around campus.”

## *Special Projects Committee*

First of all I would like to introduce the newest member to the Special Projects Team – Phips Knight in Tarzana, CA. She has stepped up and volunteered to help with Special Projects and has developed some great ideas – such as the Biography Project that is ongoing. Phips is a wonderful young lady who has injected a lot of energy into Special Projects. Thanks Phips! As an aside, anyone can volunteer for Special Projects at any time and suggestions, ideas, and thoughts are always welcome!

Thanks to Rattlers and Readers generosity, an anonymous private donor, and a business, we exceeded our goal of \$1,000.00 in our Dogs For Heroes fundraising campaign. The final tally was \$1,010.00! Wonderful job everyone for an organization that does so much good not only for veterans but rescued dogs as well.

We have also been asking for everyone to submit a short Bio so we can all get to know each other, connect with others in our areas, and, hopefully, come up with regional projects/field trips so everyone gets to experience history near their hometowns. This has met with great initial success, but has slowed somewhat. Remember to post to our S&S Facebook page gang!

We recently ran a “Thank a Vet” program in conjunction with Bank of America and had eleven respondents. This entailed submitting a Thank You via the BOA website and BOA would donate \$1.00 for every submission up to \$1 Million to Wounded Warrior Project – something that is near a dear to our hearts thanks to an S&S member who has benefitted greatly from WWP and continues to volunteer his time.

We do have an ongoing project where we have asked for photos of historical monuments/markers worldwide that we can post to our website. I have had a few sent to me so far and would really like many more. Remember this is worldwide, not just American so send them into me at [jrlunde1@gmail.com](mailto:jrlunde1@gmail.com). Thanks so much!

Remember we have the USO 11/11 fundraiser coming up in November where we donate directly to the USO in honor of family members, friends or just because. They ask for \$11.00 but you may donate as much as you wish to.



Wreathes Across America in conjunction with APUS is in December but preparations are already being made by many organizations in your area. You may also reserve a wreath for Arlington National Cemetery at [www.wreathesacrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathesacrossamerica.org). Our very own Lew Taylor is the APUS Chairperson for the Cape Cod National Cemetery for the year once again so you can coordinate with him to lay the

wreathes.

Be on the lookout for more projects as the year progresses! And remember – volunteers are welcomed for Special Projects!

The Special Projects Team  
Jona Lunde and Phips Knight



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## *Election Biographies*

### **Duties of the President**

1. It shall be his or her duty to preside at meetings of the organization and at the business meetings of the board.
2. The President will appoint, with the consensus of the Leadership Council, participants to ad hoc committees and any standing committees deemed necessary by the Leadership Council.
3. The president will compose and submit all forms to AMU/APU Student Affairs that require submission on a non regular, or occasional basis.
4. The president will be responsible for elections of incoming officers by appointing an ad-hoc nominating committee to oversee all elections after the initial election of officers.
5. The president shall achieve working knowledge of the Student Organization Handbook for the AMU/APU school system.

### **And Your Candidate is: *Guy Williams***

I served in the US Army for nearly twenty-two years as an Airborne Ranger and retired in 2006 from active service. I began my studies with the American Public University (APU) in 2009 and completed my Undergraduate Degree in Military History with honors and a GPA of 3.97 in 2011. In 2013, I graduated from the APU with honors and a 4.0 GPA and earned a Master of Arts in History with a concentration in Ancient and Classical history. My academic awards include the 2011 Outstanding Undergraduate Student for the School of Arts and Humanities, the 2012 Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges, the 2013 Excellence in Service Award for the Chapter Standards Program, and most recently the 2014 Alumni Award for APU. I am one of the original beta testers for the Quad on the APUS website and a current APUS University Ambassador. I maintain an active role in the Saber and Scroll History Club as the current Vice President and I joined the club in July 2012.

Additionally, I wrote several articles for the Saber and Scroll Journal. Currently we are working on coordinating the Wine and War field trip for the weekend of 25-27 September 2015. The tour will focus on Stonewall Jackson's Shenandoah Valley Campaign and a few visits to some of the valley's local wineries. I am running for the office of President and as the character, Pedro Sanchez stated in the movie Napoleon Dynamite, "If you

vote for me, then all of your wildest dreams will come true.”

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### **Duties of Vice President**

1. It will be his or her duty to preside at meetings of the organization in the absence of the president and at the business meetings of the board in the absence of the president.
2. The vice president has procedural authority to break election ties and shall not vote in any other vote taken by the club.

### **And Your Candidate is: Mathew Hudson**

Greetings! My name is Matthew Hudson and I'm a candidate for Vice President of Saber & Scroll. I earned my MA in History with honors from AMU. My thesis was on the Fall of Anglo-Saxon England. I'm from Huntsville, AL where I live with my wife and young daughter. I am a multiple contributor to the Saber & Scroll Journal.

I currently work as an analyst where my everyday actions provide experience I hope to apply if I'm fortunate enough to be elected. I facilitate meetings between various teams in order to achieve goals necessary to support the client. I also work to define policy as well as enforce the rules of engagement as set for by our client. These are traits I feel are beneficial to anyone in a leadership position. As Vice President, I would not shy away from assisting in making decisions and working in cooperation with fellow members of the leadership. I possess the ability to listen to all sides before arriving at a resolution in which I hope finds compromise while maintaining the standards of Saber & Scroll and enforcing the policies and regulations.

Each voice within Saber & Scroll is one of great importance and each member a leader. I hope you all take the time to participate in this fine organization. I thank you for your time.

Regards,

Matthew Hudson

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### **Duties of the Treasurer**

1. to plan and prepare a budget as required by the school.
2. To oversee the budget.
3. To work in tandem with the officers to ensure that the organization stays within said budget.
4. To prepare and present any paperwork required by the school in regards to the budget.

## **And Your Candidate is: Lew Taylor**

My name is Lew Taylor and I am running for the office of Treasurer. As the outgoing president of the Saber & Scroll I have several years experience working on the budget process for the Society. I am knowledgeable on what needs to be done in order for us to receive funding to help with special projects and our annual meeting during Commencement Weekend.

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### **Duties of the Membership Secretary**

1. To keep the roster updated, to provide copies to the officers as needed as well as the school.
2. To create and keep a printable up to date roster for the entire membership.
3. To send messages of well wishes as needed (birthday, honor, job, baby, death in the family, etc.)
4. To send welcome packages to the new members.
5. To act in tandem with the recording secretary as a vote counter for any elections, or votes of any kind presented to the membership.

## **And Your Candidate is: Tomesha Campbell**

Tomesha Campbell is a policy enthusiast with 5+ years of experience accommodating the needs of the military, diplomats and foreign nationals. She has had the pleasure of working with diverse groups of people from around the world while serving in the Marine Corps. She received her Master of Arts in Political Science from American Public University in May and holds a Bachelor's of Science in Crime and Justice from Albright College. She is a member of Pi Gamma Mu, Phi Alpha Delta and the American Political Science Association. As a member of Saber and Scroll she has been granted the opportunity to learn more about the ancient world and other marvels of the past. When the opportunity presented itself to take a more active role in Saber and Scroll, she knew she would be an ideal candidate for the Membership Secretary.

Being able to communicate with new members and ensure that those who are current members remained informed of what is happening within the group are important attributes of a Membership Secretary. Having been the onboarding person for new team members at her job, she understands the importance and paperwork that is needed to make the transition to membership as smooth as possible. She is experienced working with Microsoft Excel and Word to maintain rosters as well as detailed reports. As one of the most organized individuals on her team, she keeps thorough notes during meetings and

is able to easily relay information to those who were not present. By maintain awareness of developing events within her team, she has been able to assist new and departing team members with any administrative issue that should arise. As a result, she has received professional recognition from her commanding officer for significant improvement in the administrative readiness of her team. Beyond her professional accomplishments, she takes a personal interest in the personal interests of her team through organizing dinners and events. Whether it is celebrating a birthday dinner or joining a team relay marathon, she makes it her mission to look out for the welfare of her team. She enjoys spending many of her days outside learning more about the city she lives in which is currently Manama, in the Kingdom of Bahrain. She welcomes the opportunity to contribute her skills and experiences to the Membership Secretary position.

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### **Duties of the Recording Secretary**

1. Handle minutes of the meetings—both board and membership.
2. To provide said minutes membership and newsletter editor.
3. To keep record of things such as the constitution
4. To turn in a Chapter Standards Reporting For in the Quad after chapter meetings, elections, officer meetings, newsletter releases, etc.
5. To provide ballots to the membership for elections and any other type of vote that must go the the members, and to act in tandem with the membership secretary to count said votes.

### **And Your Candidate is: Deanna Simmons**

Deanna Simmons currently lives in Maryland, about 10 miles from Washington, DC. She is a History major at APU, concentrating in American History. Living so close to Washington, DC is amacing since she has access to all of the Smithsonian Museums and has been to every one of them? Althought she is only starteing her second year of her BA, she has plans to get her Master's and, hopefully, her PhD!

Deanna's love of History comes from listening to stories about her Great Grandmother, who recenty passed at the age of 101, and listening to stories about her Great Grandmother, who was a slave on a plantation in Virginia. Deanna is extremely detail oriented, having worked in Corporate America, before taking time off to get her degree and raise her girls. She actually worked for two years doing data entry, so she understand the importance of excellent record keeping.

History is more than just a passion to her, its what she lives for!!!!

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## Duties of Editor-in-Chief

1. It shall be his or her duty to call for papers, organize and electronically publish the club's journal.
2. Communicate with the school and or the ePress team in regards to copyright issues, etc.

## And Your Candidate is: **Joe Cook**

Joseph Cook earned his BA in History with a minor in Civil War Era Studies from Gettysburg College in 2009. He is a veteran researcher of the Civil War Institute of Gettysburg, where his work contributed to the 2006 book *The Gettysburg Gospel* by Dr. Gabor Boritt. Currently, Joseph is scheduled to publish an article in a book to be edited by Dr. Peter Carmichael on the subject of cowardice at the Battle of Gettysburg. He is a member of the Organization of American Historians and the Phi Alpha Theta history honor society. In November 2013, Joseph was honored as the author of the top paper at the 21st annual Symposium on the 19th Century Press, the Civil War, and Free Expression — hosted by the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; his paper dealt with newspaper coverage of the death of General E.R.S. Canby in the Modoc War. At APUS, Cook joined the editorial staff of the *Saber & Scroll Journal* in 2013 and completed his MA in History in May 2014. He is currently a teacher of US History and Civics at Wayne Country Day School in Goldsboro, North Carolina.

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## *Election Information*

Elections will be held August 23 through September 5, 2015. Ballots will be tallied, checked and officers announced no later than September 8.

Visit the following link to vote:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1tvcDE2u0fLKmH7akgxtJP\\_ht5BCvGU7o0Ndmnq\\_-EqM/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1tvcDE2u0fLKmH7akgxtJP_ht5BCvGU7o0Ndmnq_-EqM/viewform)

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## *Graduation—Commencement*

*Graduation pictures are on the APUS website. You can get there by entering your APUS password/login. In the meantime, check out this handsome group!!*

*[http://commencementapus.photoshelter.com/#!/index/C0000RSv41P6tDKo/G0000taTP8Jlqg\\_Q/10000Jhi1IminvFM](http://commencementapus.photoshelter.com/#!/index/C0000RSv41P6tDKo/G0000taTP8Jlqg_Q/10000Jhi1IminvFM)*

## *Member Spotlight*

Members have been posting their biographies to our Facebook page—here are just a couple in case you missed them.

### ***Laura Herring Goodman***

I finally have a little time to post my own introduction! I live in southwestern Virginia with my husband, an Italian greyhound and too many cats. I'm currently a technical case manager for DISH, the satellite TV provider. This means that I get the really messed up technical issues and do whatever it takes to fix them—I actually really enjoy it! We just started the team about six months ago and I've never been happier at work. They even let me do homework while I work, which is amazing! I'm an avid knitter and I even design my own patterns when I have time. I am working on my BA with a concentration in early European history. My specialty is British history from the Wars of the Roses through the Tudors. I have only FOUR CLASSES LEFT! I plan on writing my final paper on the rise and fall of the Howard family during my time period. They were an amazing family that was a huge power in England at the time. I actually have already started researching in preparation for my final course!

### ***Susanne Schenk Watts***

Hello everybody! I'm Susanne, one of those Germans who has been imported to the US via US Military personnel serving in Germany. I've been living in the US since 8 March 1994, the majority of my adult life. My German hometown is about 10 miles from the former East-German border located at the famous Fulda Gap, and about 85 miles northeast of Frankfurt. I graduated with a BA History from APUS last November, and I'm still trying to figure out what I want to be when I grow up and/or get older. I'm married (still to the same GI) and we have had several furry kids throughout our married life. Currently we're owned by one Rubenesque kitty, Rugby. No real human kids though. We are currently considering a move from hot and sticky NC to the cold North (or south Canada) for us both to attend the University of ND at Grand Forks. My historical interests include US Gilded Age through the 1920s., the Great War, Germany from 1871 to 1933, and the history of the Cold War, pertaining to my hometown area. I wrote my Senior Seminar Paper on the different approaches to the Americanization of immigrants by comparing the work of Jane Addams in the immigrant neighborhood of her Chicago Settlement House to Henry Ford's Americanization Program. I've been a member of the Saber and Scroll for a few years now, and I'm also a proofreader for the Journal.

## *Call for Papers – Fall 2015*

The Saber & Scroll Journal Team is proud to announce that the Fall 2015 Journal will be open to feature articles of history or historiography from any period. **Abstracts are due by October 1, 2015. If selected for the upcoming issue, manuscripts will be due November 1, 2015.**

The Saber & Scroll Journal is currently soliciting articles and reviews for its Fall 2015 edition. Published by the Saber and Scroll Historical Society, this edition will accept works on topics of history and historiography which deal with any period or sub-discipline in history. Short book reviews, opinion pieces, and exhibition reviews should be on recent events or publications. Students are welcome to use previously submitted and corrected coursework, provided it has not been published. All submissions should meet high academic standards. The journal team, composed of a group of APUS graduate student and alumni editors, reserves the right to reject any manuscript that does not conform to high academic standards and to the most current Chicago Manual of Style/Turabian style guidelines.

## *Last Word*

**I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live by the light that I have. I must stand with anybody that stands right, and stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong.**

**Abraham Lincoln**