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## Letter from the Editor

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Welcome to the Spring/Summer 2016 issue of the *Saber and Scroll Journal*, produced by the American Public University System. Our all-volunteer group of editors and proofreaders has been hard at work during these incessant heat waves to help our authors review and revise a terrific collection of papers. The *Saber and Scroll* can continue to take pride in the scholarship produced by its membership.

As always, our members demonstrated their wide range of interests in the submission process. I can already look forward with optimism to the Fall issue, because several papers which remain in progress are queued up for that publication. In this issue, we have two papers related to my own personal era of expertise (the American Civil War), two papers on ancient topics, and American facilities in the Eighteenth and Twentieth Centuries. Warfare is a bit of an unintentional theme of this issue (which results from an open call for papers), but the theme is approached from a series of angles. Studies of Xenophon and John Bell Hood discuss the upper echelon of leadership; examinations of ancient horse cultures and of a World War II bomber plant demonstrate the logistical considerations that make tremendous feats possible; a look at the forts of the Ohio Valley shows the risks of broken logistical systems; and finally, we see how Americans have chosen to remember the suffering on our greatest battlefield at Gettysburg. As we academics all know, the history of war goes far beyond the history of battles themselves. Our Spring/Summer issue sheds light on several of the aspects of history which war touches.

I need to express my great thanks to all of the authors for their hard-work and their patience with our volunteer editors. I also need to express tremendous gratitude to all of my editors and proofreaders and faculty advisors, who make this Journal possible. I was on the move for most of the past few months, between the Carolinas, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut. Without the terrific people that we have on our editorial team, this issue never would have come together as it did. Unlike John Bell Hood (read Chris Schloemer's paper), I can place my trust in my team and know that the results are going to be superb.

I hope that you all enjoy this issue. Beyond that, I hope that you all will play your own part in keeping this scholarly tradition going by contributing an article today. The *Saber and Scroll* thrives because of members like you.

Joseph J. Cook  
Editor-in-Chief