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## Letter from the Editor

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Michael Majerczyk

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Because my term as Editor-In-Chief ends prior to the publication of the next issue, this is the last time I will address Journal readers in this fashion. Thanks in large part to an active membership, the Journal realized remarkable success the last two years and our authors are the ones who deserve the most recognition; well done. The dedicated volunteer content editors, proofreaders, copy editors, and the editors at the APUS Library who sacrifice their personal time also deserve recognition. And without our Academic Advisors support and help when things get tough, the Journal would surely suffer. Furthermore, Saber & Scroll officers, both past and present, have continued to support the Journal and its endeavors. A sincere thanks to all, thank you!

And now, welcome to the Winter Issue of the Saber & Scroll Journal. In her article, *New Sweden: Sweden's Failure to Colonize*, writing from Sweden, Susan Danielsson discusses Sweden's efforts to build a lasting colony in the New World. Jeff Ballard contributed two articles to this issue. For students of WWII see his article *The Second Gold Rush: How Wartime Shipbuilding Shaped the San Francisco East Bay*, and for the many Saber and Scroll members that study Thomas Jefferson, give *The Land Ordinance Act of 1784: Defining the Political Geography of a New Nation*, a read. In *Letter to the Editor—World War One Will Begin Five Years from Now: How Frederic Harrison Predicted the Onset of the Great War for Civilization*, Daniel C. Ross discusses WWI and the theoretical models used to predict war. For the medievalist, Christopher Sheline analyzes the myths surrounding Genghis Kahn in *The Lighter Side of Khan*. The Winter Issue features four book reviews. Robert Smith reviewed *The Storm before the Storm: The Beginning of the End of the Roman Republic*, and *Blood and Steel, The Wehrmacht Archives: Volumes I Normandy 1944; Volumes II Retreat to the Reich: September to December 1944 and Volumes III The Ardennes Offensive: December 1944 to January 1945*. For those interested in the French Revolution, Jessica Lathrop reviewed *The Terror in the French Revolution*. And for those interested in the late nineteenth century British Empire, see Chris Schloemer's review of *An Episode of the Great Game*.

Lastly, the Saber and Scroll Journal received its first letter to the editor. In it Sharon Gregory discusses the role cemeteries play in our discipline and the importance in maintaining them.

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