



Newsletter

March 2014

From the Copy Editor

Well what a journey since the last time!

The Saber and Scroll continues to grow in leaps and bounds. November 2013 saw our first organized field trip to the Gettysburg and Antietam battlefields. More field trips are in the planning stages.

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Until then, please enjoy the newest edition of our newsletter. Remember, you too can see your accomplishments listed. Just send an email with your news, tech reviews, or interesting history ideas.

DeAnna Stevens



From the Trenches

History tales and ideas from our members

November 9th and 10th saw close to twenty members of the Saber and Scroll, along with some family members, meet in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania for a tour of the Gettysburg and Antietam battlefields.

On Friday night we gathered at O'Rourke's tavern in Gettysburg to get to actually meet each other and partake of some adult beverages, food, and great discussions. Bright and early on Saturday morning our trusty guide, Phil Muskett, met us at the Travelodge so we could caravan out to our starting point. What a great, great day. It was windy (and quite chilly), but Phil managed to help keep our minds off the weather with his great running narrative (as well as the handout he put together). After 3-4 hours on the battlefield we adjourned to General Pickett's Buffet for lunch, and then back to the battlefield for a couple more hours. Saturday night was left to the individual people to do what they wanted to do – some went shopping, others just crashed early.

On Sunday morning we caravanned down to Sharpsburg, Maryland for our tour of the Antietam (Sharpsburg) battlefield. Phil gave us another great tour. It was not as cold and windy at Sharpsburg, but it still was a bit on the chilly side. Lunch on Sunday was at Captain Benders Tavern (it has been around since the 1800s), and then back to the battlefield for the afternoon part of the tour.

Thanks to Phil for his hard work in preparing for this wonderful two-day excursion!! We also got to see (and some of us hear) an AMU professor – John Hoptak – giving his presentation at Antietam.

There are plans in the works for a tour of a couple of North Carolina Revolutionary War battlefields in the Spring, and then possibly a tour of Boston's Freedom Trail and Lexington/Concord in the fall.





Member News

All the information you could ever want about our members

Joe Cook attended the annual Symposium on 19th Century Press, the Civil War, and Free Expression at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga from November 6-10. At the conference, he presented a paper entitled "Thunders of Divine Wrath," about the national reaction to the death of General Edward R.S. Canby, who was the only U.S. Army general killed in America's Indian Wars. The paper was awarded as the "Most Outstanding Student Paper" at the conference, which included a \$250 prize. The conference included a wide range of papers covering everything from the Southern press in occupied areas during the Civil War to the early development of photo-journalism to press coverage of First Lady Lucy Hayes. Audio of his talk is available on YouTube.

A week later, he returned to his alma mater of Gettysburg College in order to attend the 150th Anniversary commemoration of the Gettysburg Address. At a ceremony at the National Cemetery, Pulitzer-Prize-winning historian James McPherson (*Battle Cry of Freedom*) was the keynote speaker, where he spoke of the enduring legacy and meaning of the Gettysburg Address for modern Americans. The ceremony also included remarks by Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell, Gettysburg National Park director Bob Kirby, and Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia -- who also delivered the oath of citizenship to a dozen applicants. On the night of November 19, he attended the annual Fortenbaugh Lecture at the Majestic Theatre, which this year was delivered by Dr. David Blight (*Race and Reunion*). He spoke about author Bruce Catton, who delivered the first ever Fortenbaugh Lecture; specifically, Dr. Blight spoke of Catton's ambiguous sense of 'tragedy' in his books on the Civil War, which earned him a reputation as "the last soldier of *both* the blue and the grey."

Jessica Hastings, now Jessica Fourman, married the man of her dreams on November 2nd. She and her husband Josiah are already busy managing their newlywed life with preparing for the Bardstown Colonial Days as members of the board. They are also excitedly arranging to renew their vows in May at a historical reenactment event in Virginia where they first met.

Megan Hepler has made it to the halfway point towards getting her Bachelor's degree in History with a minor in Religion. She made the Dean's list for the third quarter and fourth quarter of 2013. She has also self-published her first young adult fantasy novel in October, called *The Mythos Unveiled*.





Member News (cont.)

Kyle Lockwood has published a book titled *An Odyssey through History: The First Journey*.

Ken Ozhah has completed his first 12 graduate hours with a 4.0 GPA. He is also preparing to take the Florida Social Sciences 6-12 test in March. He will be submitting his application to the Florida Department of Education in the hopes of getting a teaching job next school year.

Allison Ramsey, currently a Senior at AMU and working on her BA in History, has recently received a full scholarship to the Virginia Association of Museums Annual Conference in March. She has also landed an internship in the curatorial division at the National Museum of the Marine Corps.

Sara Rivera finished her BA in Early European History in December. She will be starting her MA in Public History in the spring. Her and her husband are currently expecting their fourth child in June.





Club News

Saber & Scroll Service Project - Spring 2014

Ladies and gentlemen, spring is right around the corner and it's time for our next project. This one will give you the choice of either cleaning a historical marker/site OR volunteering a day at a historical site. This will run from now until April 1, 2014.

Please send pictures and a paragraph in an email to saberandscrollserviceprojectteam@gmail.com

Holiday Service Project - Winter 2013

During the holiday season, the Saber and Scroll participated in the Holidays for Heroes service project. This service project entailed sending holiday cards to our service members. The Saber and Scroll's participation in this project resulted in over 1,200 cards being sent to our service members. Excellent job Saber and Scroll!





Journal News

The latest happenings

On March 1st, **Anne Midgley**, the Editor-in-Chief, resigned from her position in order to concentrate on her MA Thesis. Her hard work and dedication to the journal helped bring it into a print on demand version. We appreciate everything she has done for the journal and her leadership will be missed.

Liam Potter is the new interim Editor-in-Chief. His experience and dedication will continue to allow the Saber and Scroll Journal to be a wonderful publication.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Saber and Scroll Journal team is proud to announce that the Spring 2014 journal will be open to feature articles of history or historiography from any period.

The Saber and Scroll Journal is currently soliciting articles and reviews for its spring 2014 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. Please note that all journal submissions must conform to Turabian 8th edition style and formatting specifications.

Abstract Due : April 1, 2014

Manuscript Due: May 1, 2014





The Last Word

History is the witness that testifies to the passing of time; it illuminates reality, vitalizes memory, provides guidance in daily life, and brings us tidings of antiquity.

Cicero

