McMullen Naval History Symposium 2019

Thursday Afternoon/Evening, 19 September 2019

Registration / Refreshments
Hart Room, Mahan Hall (0700-1530)

Session B (1300-1445)

Session B1 (Room: G14)
History & Professional Military Education at the U. S. Naval War College
Chair: David Kohnen, U. S. Naval War College

“The Hattendorf Historical Center Research Section: The Graduate Certificate in Maritime History”
    J. Ross Dancy, U. S. Naval War College

“The Hattendorf Historical Center Naval Historical Collection: Embedding Archivists into PME Classrooms”
    Stacie M. Parillo, U. S. Naval War College

“The U. S. Naval War College Museum: Making Museums Matter across the DOD”
    Ryan Meyer, U. S. Naval War College

Comment: David Kohnen, U. S. Naval War College
Session B2 (Room: SA111)
The Cold War at Sea: Three Case Studies from a European Perspective
Chair: Sebastian Bruns, Institute for Security Policy University of Kiel

“Punch above its weight: The role of the Royal Netherlands Navy within Allied Command Atlantic, 1950-1975”
A. J. (Anselm) van der Peet, Netherlands Defence Academy

“A wasted decade? The condition of European navies in the 1970s in the face of emerging Soviet Maritime Power”
Udo Sonnenberger, Bundeswehr Centre for Military History and Social Sciences

“1980s and 1990s. European navies returning to their expeditionary creed?”
Jeremy Stöhs, Institute for Security Policy University of Kiel

Comment: Randy Papadopoulos, Department of the Navy
Session B3 (Room: SA113)

Naval Ceremony and Symbolism in Warships and Battle
Chair: William McBride, U.S. Naval Academy

“The Role of Symbolic Capital in Battleship Acquisition”
Jordan Houchins, Norwich University

“The Might That Failed: Jutland and the Wages of Ceremonial Battle”
Michael Vlahos, The Johns Hopkins University

“Two Incredible Warships: Italian Ships Across Centuries”
Francesco Zampieri, Italian Naval College, Venice

Comment: William McBride, U.S. Naval Academy
Session B4 (Room: SA115)
International Naval History
Chair: Sara Pulliam, U.S. Naval Academy

“The Nigerian Navy: from the Biafra War to the Liberian Crisis: Role of a developing state’s navy to its National Security”
William Abiodun Duyile, Ekiti State University

“The Kingdom of Naples and its naval politics (1830-1848)”
Michele Lacriola, Independent Scholar

“A Question of Politics: German Coastal Defense, 1859-1866”
David H. Olivier, Wilfrid Laurier University

Comment: Jeff Macris, USNA Stockdale Center
Session B5 (Room: SA105)

Marines in the Early 20th Century and Preparing for War: Theorists, Operators, and Trainers

Chair: Edward Marolda, U. S. Naval Institute

“Major-General Sir George Aston, KCB, of the Royal Marines: Neglected Strategist and Professional of the Pre-World War II Era”

Donald F. Bittner, Professor Emeritus, Marine Corps Command and Staff College


Mark L. Folse, United States Naval Academy

“Gentle Transformation: U. S. Marine Corps Basic Officer Training 1928-1934”

Jennifer Mazzara, King’s College London

Comment: Kathleen Broome Williams, United States Naval Academy
Session B6 (Room: SA104)
Technology and Innovation in Naval History
Chair: Chris Hemler, U.S. Naval Academy

“Leading innovation in the 60’s: how the French Navy designed their variable depth sonar”
Jean-Marie Kowalski, Paris-Sorbonne University/French Naval Academy

“The Kiel Mutiny (1918), the German Revolution (1918-19), and the use of modern naval communication technology by the revolutionary sailors”
Ingo Heidbrink, Old Dominion University

“The ‘Test of War’: Pacific Wars as Laboratories of Naval Modernity (1879-1896)”
Tommy Jamison, Harvard University

Comment: Michael Sears, USNA Stockdale Center
Session B7 (Room: SA116)

Yanks and Limeys – Late Nineteenth Century to Early Twentieth Century

Chair: Dustin Longhenry, U.S. Naval Academy

“To Build a Fleet: The Development of Battle Fleet Tactics and Composition in Britain and the United States, 1898-1914”

Christopher M. Buckey, Independent Scholar

“Sailing out of the Doldrums: Then New Navy and the Fleet Marine Force”

J. F. Holden-Rhodes, Independent Scholar

“Sons of Neptune and Mars: Organizational culture and the struggle to define the Royal Marine mission, 1856-1927”

John D. Bolt, University of Portsmouth, UK

Comment: Fred Harrod, U.S. Naval Academy
Session B8 (Room: SA117)

War of 1812: French and British Perspectives and the Beginning of a New War with America”

Chair: Gene Smith, Texas Christian University

“A Second Naval War: The immediate effects of the American War on Royal Navy Operations, June 1812-July 1813”

Samantha Cavell, Southeastern Louisiana University

“Nerve Center of the British Navy? The Admiralty in the Late Napoleonic Wars and the War of 1812”

Kevin McCranie, U. S. Naval War College

“Harming and Fatiguing the Enemy: Napoleon Bonaparte’s Naval Strategy, 1811-14”

Kenneth Johnson, Air Command and Staff College

Comment: Evan Wilson, U.S. Naval War College
Session C (1515-1700)

Session C1 (Room: G14)
Understanding and Managing the Material Culture of the US Navy
Chair: Jay Thomas, Naval History & Heritage Command

“USS Kearsarge as a Maritime Cultural Landscape”
Anna Hollaway, SEARCH, Inc & Jeffrey Bowdoin, NHHC

“Navy Combat Art Program”
Kris Battles, Naval History & Heritage Command

“The 2018 Discovery of ‘Lady Lex,’ the First American Aircraft Carrier Casualty”
Kervin Michaud, Naval Sea Systems Command
Alexis Catsambis, NHHC

Comment: Jay Thomas, Naval History & Heritage Command
Session C2 (Room: SA111)
The Cold War and Naval Strategy
Chair: Nicholas Prime, Independent Scholar

“Admiral Gorskov’s Grand Design and Influence on American Naval Thought”
Jessica Huckabey, Institute for Defense Analysis

“The Post-1945 Navy Strategic Enterprise; A Reappraisal”
Steven Wills, Center for Naval Analyses

“Back to the Future: Zumwalt’s Attempt to Reorganize the Navy”
Peter Haynes, Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments

James Smith, King’s College London

Comment: David Winkler, U.S. Naval Academy
Session C3 (Room: SA113)
The U.S. Navy and the Transatlantic Slave Trade
Chair: James C. Bradford, Texas A&M University

“The USS Cumberland and the Struggle to Suppress the Slave Trade”
Gordon Calhoun, Naval History and Heritage Command

“Human Cargo: The U.S. Navy and Recaptured Africans”
Roger Bailey, University of Maryland

“From War on Slavery to the War on Drugs: The Antebellum Navy and International Trade Regulation in the 19th Century”
Zachary Kopin, University of Michigan

Comment: Thomas Sheppard, Naval History and Heritage Command
Session C4 (Room: SA115)

U.S. Naval Aviation and the Pacific War

Chair: Randy Papadopoulous, Department of the Navy

“The Technician’s War: Naval Aviation Maintenance and the Pacific Air War”

Stanford Fisher, U.S. Naval Academy

“WWII Carrier Operations: a Preview of Naval Aviation in the National Air and Space Museum’s WWII Gallery”

Laurence Burke, National Air and Space Museum

“Sailors in the Cauldron of Conflict After the War: OPNAV’s Pacific War Aviation History”

Hal Friedman, Henry Ford College

Comment: Timothy Wolters, Iowa State University
Session C5 (Room: SA105)

Amphibious Warfare in the Ancient World

Chair: Jorit Wintjes, Julius Maximilian University

“Naval Warfare in the Bronze Age Levant: An Overview”
Shelley Wachsmann, Texas A&M University

“From Miletos to Marathon: Early Land-Sea Operation on Persia’s Aegean Frontier”
John O. Hyland, Christopher Newport University

“Politics and Triremes: Amphibious Warfare at Eurymedon”
Kelcy Sagstetter, U.S. Naval Academy

Comment: Jorit Wintjes, Julius Maximilian University
Session C6 (Room: SA104)

New Research on Old Favorites: Camperdown and Trafalgar
-- Organized by the 1805 Club --

Chair: John B. Hattendorf, U.S. Naval War College

“Hero of Camperdown: Jack Crawford, Patriotism, and Representation of the Sailor”
   James Davey, University of Exeter

“The Curious Career of Sir John Orde”
   Evan Wilson, U.S. Naval War College

“Orde, Nelson, and the Admiralty: Information Sharing and Seams of Command at Trafalgar”
   J. Ross Dancy, U.S. Naval War College

Comment: John B. Hattendorf, U.S. Naval War College
Session C7 (Room: SA116)

Leyte Gulf at 75: Perspectives on the Battle

-- Organized by the U.S. Naval Institute --

Chair:  Thomas J. Cutler, U.S. Naval Institute Press

Paul Stillwell, U.S. Naval Institute

“Halsey’s Decision”
Trent Hone, Excella Consulting

“Syracuse in the Pacific? Why Leyte Was Not a Sicilian Expedition”
K. J. Delamer, U.S. Naval War College

Comment: Craig Symonds, U.S. Naval War College
Session C8 (Room: SA117)
Naval History in the Early Modern Era
Chair: John Freymann, U.S. Naval Academy

“Amphibious Operations in the Glorious Revolution”
Virginia Lunsford, U.S. Naval Academy

“The Construction of Genoese Galleys in the 17th Century”
Massimo Corradi, University of Genoa
Claudia Tacchella, University of Genoa

“The Royal Navy and the 18th Century Slave Trade”
Ryan E. Mewett, Johns Hopkins University

Comment: Jeffrey Seiken, U.S. Strategic Command

USNA Museum Reception – Preble Hall
(1715-1845)
McMullen Sea Power Discussion – Mahan Hall Theater  
(1900-2000)

CNO Leadership: King, Burke, Zumwalt, and their Legacies
Chair: VADM Frank Pandolfe, USN (Ret.), PhD

“Second to None: Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King”
   Dr. David Kohnen, US Naval War College

“What Burke Wrought: Assessing Admiral Arleigh Burke’s Legacy”
   Dr. David Rosenberg, Institute for Defense Analysis

“The Leadership of Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr: A Reappraisal”
   Dr. Edward Marolda, U.S. Naval Institute

Comment: ADM Jonathan Greenert, USN (Ret.)