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Playing Games with History

Military History Essay Contest Rules

The Challenge

The studies of military science, leadership, and philosophy have a rich literary tradition. There is much to be learned about all three by learning military history. The Historical Miniature Game Society - Pacific Southwest (HMGS-PSW) invites Upper Division and Rising Historians to write on their chosen military history topic from any era. However, the essay should examine the subject—people, battles, strategy, tactics, leadership, traditions—from at least two viewpoints, comparing and contrasting, as necessary, to support the paper's thesis. A superior Upper Division essay will utilize primary sources from different perspectives, oral histories, and eye-witness accounts.

Deadline

1 September 2021

Prior Publication

Submissions must be the author's original work, neither previously published or currently under consideration for publication elsewhere, nor previously submitted to the HMGS-PSW Military History Essay Contest. Author's may, however, have submitted their essays as part of their academic course work. Entrants may submit multiple essays, but the judging panel will select only one winning essay per entrant.

SCHOLARSHIP PRIZES (Two categories)

Upper Division – Current and former college students and ROTC cadets

The Tim Keennon Grand Prize - \$150

First Prize - \$75

Second Prize - \$25

Rising Historians – Students under the age of eighteen, are grouped as High, Middle, and Elementary School students. Winners will receive gifts cards donated by our generous corporate sponsors.

ALL WINNERS RECEIVE

1. Invitation to present their essays at the 2021 HWGS-PSW Lecture Series event at Cal State Fullerton on 9-10 October 2021.
2. A prepaid Family Admission (up to four entrants) to HWGS-PSW Mini-Wars 2021 on Saturday or Sunday (an approximate \$50 value).
3. Upper-division papers that meet the minimum requirements outlined in Appendix A are eligible for publication in The Saber and Scroll, the historical journal of the American Public University / American Military University. Now published by Westphalia Press, The Saber and Scroll Journal is available in 28,000 college and university libraries worldwide.

Submission Guidelines

- i. Manuscripts should be written using Microsoft Word with a title page. The narrative, and any notes, are to be in 12-point Times New Roman, numbered, and double-spaced with a one-inch margin on all sides.
- ii. Do not include your name on the title page or within the essay.
- iii. On a separate cover-sheet, include the essay category (Upper Division or Rising Historian w/ grade level) with the title and author's name, email address, phone number, and school affiliation.
- iv. Essays and cover-sheet should be emailed to jeff.ballard.hb.ca@gmail.com before the deadline for consideration.

Judging

Essays are judged on the following criteria:

- a. Essay's success in proving the author's thesis;
- b. Readability;
- c. The thoroughness of research;
- d. Quality of insights based on historical events; and
- e. Uniqueness/novelty of ideas presented.

All essays will be judged in the blind. A panel of distinguished judges will select winning essays. We reserve the right to stop accepting essays once submissions reach 200 per division.

2020 TIM KEENNON GRAND PRIZE WINNING ESSAY

Allied Amphibious Doctrine, the Landing Craft Shortage of 1943-1944, and Operation OVERLORD

William F. Lawson

American Military University

<https://view.joomag.com/the-saber-and-scroll-journal-volume-9-number-3-winter-2020/0249190001611078899>

ABOUT US

The Pacific Southwest chapter of the Historical Miniature Gaming Society (HMGS-PSW) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote historical gaming and the study of military history. Our territory is Southern California, as well as all of Arizona and Southern Nevada. We host two conventions of our own each year: **Spring Campaign** and **Fall Campaign**. The precise dates of these conventions vary according to the Holiday calendar and meeting hall availability. In between the two, we attend major Southern California conventions and sponsor informal game days at local hobby game stores.

HMGS-PSW is also committed to educational outreach and either host or attends events at museums and schools in our community to learn history in a fun and exciting way; by playing games.

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Appendix A

The Saber and Scroll Journal is a quarterly, peer-reviewed journal that welcomes submissions from graduate and undergraduate students, as well as alumni. The Journal will consider submissions on any history or military history topic. (<https://www.ipsonet.org/publications/open-access/sshj>)

Manuscript submissions must adhere to the following: The length of the manuscript should be between 6,000 and 7,000 words, not including front or back matter, and prepared using MS Word. The narrative and notes are to be in 12-point Times New Roman, numbered, and double-spaced with a one-inch margin on all sides. The citation style for the Journal is the latest edition of Chicago-Turabian, using end-notes.

The manuscript and cover page need to be submitted separately so that we can protect the fairness of the double-blind peer-review process. The cover sheet must include the name, affiliation, mailing, and email address of the author along with a statement that the manuscript has not been previously published and has not been submitted for publication elsewhere.

Each submission must also include a 100-150 word abstract and a list of 8-10 keywords on the first page of the manuscript.