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## **AWARDS ANNOUNCED FOR EXCELLENCE IN U.S. ARMY HISTORY WRITING**

Arlington, VA – At its Nineteenth Annual Members’ Meeting, held 16 June 2016 at the Association of the United States Army Building in Arlington, Virginia, the Army Historical Foundation recognized six books and three articles as outstanding achievements in writing on U.S. Army history. General Gordon R. Sullivan, USA-Ret., announced the winners of the 2015 AHF Distinguished Writing Awards.

The winners:

### **Book Awards**

#### **Biography**

*Jacob L. Devers: A General’s Life*, by James Scott Wheeler (Lexington: University Press of Kentucky)

#### **Operational/Battle History**

*Thunder and Flames: Americans in the Crucible of Combat, 1917-1918*, by Edward G. Lengel  
(Lawrence: University Press of Kansas)

#### **Institutional/Functional History**

*Forging the Shield: The U.S. Army in Europe, 1951-1962*, by Donald A. Carter (Washington, DC: U.S. Army Center of Military History)

#### **Journals, Memoirs, and Letters**

*The Best Writings of Ulysses S. Grant*, edited by John F. Marszalek (Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press)

#### **Unit History**

*Relentless Strike: The Secret History of Joint Special Operations Command*, by Sean Naylor (New York: St. Martin’s Press)

#### **Reference**

*Understanding U.S. Military Conflicts through Primary Sources*, edited by Roberta Wiener and James R. Arnold (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO)

## Article Awards

### **Army Professional Journals**

“Joint Planning for Global Warfare and the Development of the RAINBOW Plans in the United States, 1938-1941,” by Mark E. Grotelueschen (*Army History*, Fall 2015)

### **Academic Journals**

“Opportunity Lost: Combined Operations and the Development of Union Military Strategy, April 1861-April 1862,” by Daniel T. Canfield (*Journal of Military History*: July 2015)

### **Journals and Magazines**

“Death in the West,” by Robert M. Citino (*World War II*: May/June 2015)

The book award winners received a plaque honoring the book and a \$1,000 cash prize. The article award winners also received a plaque and a \$250 cash prize.

In addition to announcing the Distinguished Writing Awards, the Army Historical Foundation also recognized editors Chris Mackowski and Kristopher White and publisher Savas Beatie, LLC, with the Lieutenant General Richard G. Trefry Award for their contributions to the literature on the history of the U.S. Army. This award is for their work on the Emerging Civil Series, an invaluable collection of Civil War battlefield guides.

The Army Historical Foundation, a non-profit, tax-exempt organization, is dedicated to preserving the history and heritage of the American soldier. Its goal is to promote greater public appreciation for the contributions that America’s Army – Active, Reserve, and National Guard – has made to the nation in 241 years of service. The Foundation is the principal fundraiser to build the National Museum of the United States Army, which will be located at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

In addition to fundraising for the National Museum of the United States Army, the Foundation’s projects and activities include refurbishment of historical Army buildings; acquisition and conservation of historical art, artifacts, and documents; support of Army history education programs; historical research; publication of historical materials on the American soldier; and providing counsel and support to private and governmental organizations committed to the same goals as the Foundation.

The AHF Distinguished Writing Awards program was established in 1997 to recognize authors who make a significant contribution to the literature on U.S. Army history. Each year nominations are submitted to the Awards Committee by publishers and journal editors. A small group of finalists are selected and a final judging is made. The winners are announced at the annual AHF Members’ Meeting.

For more information on the Foundation and its activities, please visit the AHF website at [www.armyhistory.org](http://www.armyhistory.org).

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