



Salisbury Military History Society

June 2020 eNewsletter

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We trust this finds you all well.

Seapower States (24th June) – POSTPONED

As restrictions on public events remain, next week's talk is postponed. Community centres like St John's Place are unlikely to open before 4th July at the earliest. We will endeavour to reschedule missed events for future dates and, in addition to Allan Mallinson already confirming for April 2021, Professor Lambert has agreed to speak for us in June next year. You can find our [2020/21 programme here](#).

With tomorrow being the 205th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo and us not having the pleasure of Professor Lambert's company next week, what better way to start this month's eNewsletter than with his short film marking the 200th anniversary back in 2005 – [watch here](#).

Parish Notices

Update on the Royal Artillery Museum

We were saddened to read at the end of May that the Chief of General Staff has withdrawn his support for the lease of Avon Camp West, Larkhill to the Royal Regiment of Artillery for the purposes of the new regimental museum. The Master Gunner's announcement was frank and he remains determined to find a new home for the museum – [read it here](#).

Chalke Valley History Festival Show

As you know, this year's Chalke Valley History Festival has been cancelled. However, in its place, we'll be able to enjoy the Chalke Valley History Show everyday next week. Watch the [promo video here](#).

Future dates for your diary (if circumstances permit):

Wed 23rd Sep: The Battle of Britain - [Col. Paul Beaver](#)

Wed 28th Oct: 'RNAS Armoured Car Expeditionary Force on the Eastern Front, 1915-17' - [Alan Wakefield](#)

Wed 25th Nov: 'The Falklands War – There and Back Again: The Story of Naval Party 8901' - [Dr Mike Jones](#)

Military History News

First database on the Imjin War launched

In the west, we know very little about the 1592-98 Imjin War in which Japan fought Korea and China. Over half a million troops fought, yet very little was written by European scholars. However, the European Research Council has awarded funding to the 'Aftermath of the East Asian War of 1592-1598' project and, thus far, its online database contains over 400 journal articles, books, book chapters, and dissertations written in nine languages: Chinese, Korean, Japanese, English, German, French, Italian and Portuguese. [Read more](#)

10 Most Stunning Allied Victories of World War II

Midway, Stalingrad, El Alamein... battles we all know. Victories we now consider turning points in the Second World War. With these three battles among them, World Atlas has collated the 10 most stunning allied victories that led ultimately to victory over Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan. [Read more](#)

Putin pushes war history and patriotism in schools as he continues his campaign to militarize Russian youth

In 2015 President Vladimir Putin established the 'Yunarmia' or youth army. To some, it is the Russian boy scouts. To others, it is more akin to the Hitler Youth. Regardless of the view taken, it is clear from Putin's plans to reform Russian education, that patriotism and the militarisation of youth is on the president's agenda as he seeks to extend his tenure to 2036. [Read more](#)

Professional Military Education Needs More Creativity, Not More History

"On an official visit to the People's Liberation Army's National University of Defense Technology in Changsha, China, a colleague from the Air Force Research Institute and I were talking with a group of senior Chinese officers. They began to tell us that they devoured the Chinese-language edition of Air and Space Power Journal that we sent them. They said the People's Liberation Army Air Force could overcome American technology in a conflict, but — where they fell short in their eyes — was in ingenuity, independence, and creativity." [Read more](#)

Current and forthcoming events in Salisbury (and around Wiltshire and across the SW)

This segment will return when restrictions on movement are lifted.

What's that you're reading/listening to/watching...?

Continuing our segment on your recommendations, George Brookes has emailed the Committee: "*Re suggested 'alternate history' reads, I have read 'Fatherland' (film as well!), 'Bring the Jubilee', and 'Man in the High Castle' (all excellent plots) and will investigate the Napoleon & Dragon Strike books. ... Len Deighton's 'SS GB' is a very good read as well. Am also reading the RA Regimental History of the Ack Ack 1914/55 and the 'Battle of Midway' by Richard C Smith.*"

9 podcasts about war and military history to listen to right now - [Explore them now](#)

The National Archives: Media player - [Videos, slide decks, audio](#)

Our thanks again for your commitment to and engagement with the Society in these precarious times and we look forward to welcoming you back soon. For now though, to recap, our "Seapower States" talk on 24th June has been postponed due to the current restrictions on public events and movements.

Keep well!

Kind regards,

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