SMH Candidate Worksheet

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Present position and affiliation: Assistant Professor, Department of Joint, Interagency, and Multinational Operations (DJIMO), US Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC)

Education:
- PhD, History, Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA, Student, 2023-Present. Coursework completed/ABD as of May 2025.
- Took classes in the Masters in World War II Studies Program – combined program between Arizona State University and the National World War II Museum, March 2024-May 2025.
- Master of Science, Strategic Studies, US Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA, 2008-2009.
- Master of Science, Strategic Intelligence, National Intelligence University, DC, 2002-2003.
- Master of Arts, History, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN, 1990-1995.
- Bachelor of Science, Communications-Journalism, University of Tennessee-Martin, 1981-1985.

Area(s) of historical specialization: Military history: 20th and 21st Centuries, World War II, Post-World War II, Europe, Middle East, airborne and special operations, joint and multi-national operations; Diplomatic history: 20th and 21st Centuries

Relevant special appointments: Selected to serve as the US Army Center of Military History community lead for World War II from 2019 to 2021.

SMH conference attendance, participation, and committee service:
My first SMH conference was in 1992, I believe. I presented a paper related to World War II airborne leaders. I have attended many times over the years. The last three and my roles included:

2024: Volunteered at the conference in multiple roles daily.

2023: Presented a paper – "Strategic Reserve as Second Priority - An Examination of the Command and Control Decisions of the First Allied Airborne Army in Support of Operation MARKET GARDEN."

2021: Panel Chair - "Policy by Other Means: Intelligence, Deception, and the Normandy Invasion."

Additionally, I served on the Coffman First Manuscript Awards Committee from 2021 to 2024, and as the chair from 2022 until 2024. I presented the award at the 2024 conference.

Significant publications:

Monographs:

• Operation MARKET GARDEN: Case Study for Analyzing Senior Leader Responsibilities (2009)
• US Army Intelligence Support to US Army Special Operations 1978-2002 (2003)
• Sacrifice or Success: James Maurice Gavin and US Nuclear Policy 1953-1958 (1995)
• Military versus the Media: Operation URGENT FURY as Case Study (1985)

Articles, Chapters, Electronic Media, and Other:

- As part of a historic filmmaking class in 2024, researched, filmed, wrote scripts, and edited six documentary films. They are available on my YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/@ElizabethCoble-fm8wy.
- World War I - In 2018, I researched, wrote, and produced two documentaries to commemorate the US Army in World War I. Both were used in a museum exhibit as well as for soldier training at Fort Bragg, NC.
- World War II – In 2004, filmed a documentary on World War II airborne operations. It included filming and interviews with combat veterans on their battlefields in northwestern Europe.
- Vietnam War – In 1991, filmed and produced a documentary on the Vietnam War while a graduate teaching assistant. It was shown to all H200 history students at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) from 1991 at least until 1994.

Personal statement: I am passionate about studying US military history. I was already so interested in World War II by the time I was 13 that I read *Mein Kampf* and *The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich*. I received my first military "challenge coin" also at age 13, given to me by a family friend who had just returned from the 35th anniversary reunion of survivors of the Bataan Death March. After I finished reading all of the World War II books in my junior high library, I had my older sister check out books for me from the high school library. My personal library now numbers in the thousands of books, with about 50 percent being related to World War II.

I grew up near Gettysburg, went to high school near Shiloh, and own a home on part of the Harper Ferry battlefield. I spend a lot of time at these and other battlefields of the US Civil War, considering the impact of the war which still has the most casualties on the past and present of my country.

I love movies, especially military movies. My personal collection of World War II movies alone numbers in the hundreds. I did my first documentary, on the Vietnam War, when I was a graduate teaching assistant pursuing my first master's degree. Since then, I have done about 10 more.

I love to travel. When I am allowed to guide my travels, the focus is on visiting sites of military history significance. Through this travel, I have gained significant context on military history and US military history, specifically. I have lived overseas for about 14

years, much of that time while serving as a military intelligence officer in the US Army. Between professional and personal excursions, I have visited over 125 countries, visiting hundreds of UNESCO World Heritage sites along the way. While I was stationed in the UK, I visited approximately 400 of the Royal Air Force stations and other UK bases used by UK and Allied forces during World War II, which “forced” me to visit every county in the UK (except for the Isle of Man). In the United States, I have visited all 50 states and four territories, hitting approximately 370 of the 433 official units of the National Park System (at some point, I will get to all of them!).