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Personal statement: I would be honored to serve as a member of the Society for Military History (SMH) Board of Trustees and give back to an important organization that has always been my intellectual foundation. My participation in the SMH has been a

formative, central, and consistent pillar of my academic career. When I was finishing my dissertation in 2010, SMH awarded me an ABC-CLIO research grant, enabling me to attend my first annual meeting in Lexington, Virginia, and to remain after the conference to conduct archival research at the George C. Marshall Research Library on the grounds of Virginia Military Institute. My first meeting impressed me with SMH's stellar professionalism, breadth of membership, and collegial atmosphere demonstrated by the many valuable interactions among participants from the academic, military, professional military education, and policy communities. From that moment, I knew that SMH was my home. Since then, I have been active in SMH annual meetings and SMH-sponsored panels at the Northern Great Plains History Conference and the Missouri Valley History Conference, including giving presentations, chairing panels, and providing comments at all three venues. I have also served SMH in multiple capacities as detailed above. SMH has many strengths to build upon. My sincere hope is that we can continue to leverage them moving forward, including supporting our vital regional activities, reinforcing our crucial mentorship endeavors, and expanding our diverse outreach efforts. As an organization, we must continually emphasize the indispensable importance of military history to civilian and military students, other historians, colleagues in related disciplines, members of the armed forces, the policy community, and the overall public. Doing so will ensure that SMH remains the professional, diverse, and welcoming organization that I have always known it to be.