In response to ongoing events related to the publication and dissemination of military history, The Society for Military History Council unanimously resolves as follows, dated April 25, 2025:

The Society for Military History is, first and foremost, a wide-ranging group of individuals united by their interest in military history. Our membership encompasses serving and retired military officers, civilian academics, federal and state government historians, museum curators, and many others with a passion for military history. Despite the varied backgrounds and viewpoints of our members, we are united by the belief that the study of military history is indispensable for an informed public and a thriving democratic society. We affirm that military history is a broad field that includes the study of conflict, including the study of tactics, operations, and equipment as well as military institutions and their relationship to the society of which they are a part. Military history also encompasses the lived experiences of both servicemembers and civilians, whose lives are shaped by militaries and the work they do in the world. We believe that a deep understanding of the past, particularly military history, is crucial for navigating the present and shaping a better future.

The Society for Military History, founded in 1933, is devoted to stimulating and advancing the study of military history. We believe that this field of study is not only crucial for understanding past conflicts but also provides valuable insights into contemporary issues and challenges. Many of our members work as experts and practitioners in the field of national security, making our collective understanding of military history particularly relevant to current affairs. Professional Military Education schools and colleges are essential to the development of armed forces that can innovate and respond to emerging threats. To best serve our nation's warfighters, these institutions should be staffed by quality civilian and military professionals, to provide a blend of historical and practical knowledge to curricula. Staffing decisions should reflect an assessment of the critical role they play in developing our military's future leaders, rather than any partisan or ideological position. It is also crucial to have trained military historians in the federal government. These experts provide evidence-based historical insights that help policymakers make informed decisions. This knowledge ensures that military and civilian leaders understand past conflicts and strategies—vital context for shaping effective defense policies.

The Society for Military History is committed to supporting the dissemination of well-researched military history to the widest possible audience. The censorship of museum exhibits and the removal of public-facing online historical publications undermines the ability of American citizens to learn about the nation's military history, from the opening shots of the American Revolution at Lexington and Concord to the Navajo Code Talkers during the Second World War. These publications and displays and the historians who produce them are crucial for understanding the past and its impact on the present. To preserve materials and publications removed from federal and state entities since January 2015, the Society has launched an archive effort to preserve those resources critical to the study of military history. The Society also invites members with knowledge of other actions, to include archive deletions, exhibit alterations, program closures, and personnel firings, to report them to SMH leadership using this linked form.

The Society for Military History is committed to supporting efforts that promote the study, teaching, and preservation of military history at all levels. Rather than merely opposing actions that threaten the field, we advocate for proactive solutions, such as sustained investment in historical scholarship, the continued integration of military historians in federal and state governments, and the preservation of historical materials. By studying military history, we ensure that future leaders, policymakers, and the American public have access to the historical knowledge necessary to navigate today's complex global challenges with wisdom and perspective.