CELEBRATING CAMPAIGNS & COMMANDERS: 66 TITLES IN 20 YEARS!

The Center for the Study of Force and Diplomacy would like to recognize and congratulate Dr. Gregory Urwin, professor of History at Temple University and the general editor of the Campaigns & Commanders Series (C&C) at the University of Oklahoma Press, as C&C marks its twentieth anniversary in 2019. Campaigns & Commanders is a series that seeks to frame historical battles across the globe within political, institutional, sociological, and cultural aspects of war. The words sought out by C&C blend the more traditional military biography and history of battles, campaigns, and military commanders with what in 1999 was termed “new military history,” a style of history that came to the fore in the late 1960s and 1970s. New military history moved beyond simply looking at generals, strategy, tactics, and logistics to look at what one historian called

“the rest of military history – that is, the fascination with the recruitment, training, and socialization of personnel, combat motivation, the effect of service and war on the individual soldier, the veteran, the internal dynamics of military institutions, inter- and intra-service tension, civil-military relations, and the relationship between military systems and the greater society.”

To date, the prestigious C&C series has released sixty-six titles, ranging from the Napoleonic Wars, the War of 1812, and the Civil War’s first African American combat unit to Philippine military experience in the first half of the twentieth century. Two more books are to be published in 2019 with numerous others forthcoming in the future. The books published under the auspices of Campaigns & Commanders have won numerous awards. Last year, David Fitzpatrick won the Distinguished Writing Award for Biography and Award for Excellence in U.S. Army History Writing from the Army Historical Foundation for his work Emory Upton: Misunderstood Reformer. In 2017, Mark Edward Lender and Garry Wheeler Stone won the Distinguished Book Award from The Society for Military History and the award for Excellence in U.S. Army History Writing for Operational/Battle History from the Army Historical Foundation for Fatal Sunday: George Washington, The Monmouth Campaign, and the Politics of Battle.

Congratulations and happy twentieth anniversary to Dr. Urwin and the rest of the Campaigns & Commanders Series.

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1 As quoted by Joanna Bourke in Hughes, Matthew, ed., Palgrave Advances in Modern Military History (New York: Palgrave MacMillan), 258.