



# *Company of Military Historians*

## *Press Release*

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April 20, 2013

At the Company of Military Historians Annual Meeting at Gettysburg, PA on April 20, 2013, the Company announced the Fellows Class of 2012. A member may be named a *Fellow of the Company of Military Historians* for outstanding accomplishments in a variety of areas. This honor is reserved for those who have demonstrated noteworthy scholarship and service, both within the Company and in the field of military history in general.

John Thillman of Oak Hill, Virginia, was honored with a Fellowship for:

- For his service to the Company in support of its conduct of annual meetings, having served on the committees which hosted 5 of these meetings and having Chaired the 2010 Annual Meeting in Reston, VA;
- For his financial support of the Company;
- For his work in preparing a special report related to the conduct of annual meetings;
- For his displays at the Company's Annual Meetings for which he has been a recipient of the Miller Award in 2007;
- For his service to the Company as one of the Co-Founders of the Chesapeake Chapter of the Company and for his active participation in this chapter both as a speaker and recruiter;
- For actively recruiting new members into the Company each year.
- For his contributions to the Journal of the Company;
- For his scholarship in regard to the swords of the United States Army for which he is clearly recognized as the expert;
- For furthering our knowledge through the publication of his books regarding the swords of the United States Army which have furthered our knowledge;
- For sharing his knowledge in public forums and lending his expertise to allied organizations for the furtherance of a better understanding of the material culture of our armed forces:

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His actions both within and outside of the Company of Military Historians and his willingness to share his knowledge and time with others reflects great credit upon John Thillmann and the Company of Military Historians. Accordingly the Board of Governors recognizes John Thillmann as a Fellow.

The Company also recognized Will Gorenfeld Novato, California and Craig Bell of Richmond, Virginia as part of the Fellows Class of 2013.

The Company of Military Historians started in 1949 to study the history and material culture of military forces which served in the Americas. The Company publishes the journal Military Collector and Historian and a series of detailed Military Uniforms in America plates.

Membership is open to adults of eighteen years and over who have demonstrated a keen interest in some phase of military history. The main qualification is a strong desire to share one's knowledge and expertise. The Company is controlled and managed by a Board of Governors of nine members, elected by the entire membership. The Company is recognized as a not-for-profit organization.

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