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Who is CMH?

• Our mission is to record the official history of the Army in both peace and war, while advising the Army Staff on historical matters.

• Historians under the Secretary of War, compiled the Official Records of the Rebellion, a monumental history of the Civil War begun in 1874.

• July 1943 General Staff historical branch – The Green Books

• Maintain organizational history of Army units, providing lineage and honors to Army, ANG, and USAR; as well as determining designations.

• Manages 59 Army museums and 176 other holdings, encompassing some 500,000 artifacts and over 15,000 works of military art.
Archival and Library Collections Open to Researchers

• Historical Manuscripts Collection (HMC) 1 and 2
• Historical Reference Collection (HRC) 1 and 2
• Annual History Collection (AHR)
• Oral History Collections:
  • Gulf War Collection
  • Vietnam Papers Collections
• Special Collections:
  • General Officer Biographies
  • GEOG Files
• Army Field Manual (FMs) Collection
• Army Technical Manual (TMs) Collection (stored off-site, requires pre-notification for retrieval)
• Army Regulations (ARs)
• General Orders (Secretary of War – Secretary of the Army)
• DA Circulars
• Army Station Lists 1941-1988
• CONOPS: Hurricane Andrew, Katrina, Rita, Gander Crash, etc.
## CMH What we DON’T Have

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**Notes:**

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- Provides primary & secondary source materials in fields of military law & international humanitarian law
- Serves as a mirror site for all issues of The Army Lawyer and Military Law Review
- Includes, for example:
  - a comprehensive legislative history of the UCMJ
  - a legislative history of the Military Commissions Act of 2006
  - all Manuals for Courts-Martial from 1890 thru 2012
  - numerous historical monographs, e.g. Winthrop’s Military Law and Precedents
  - official proceedings, documentary evidence & guide materials from the Nuremberg Trials
  - Geneva Conventions materials, including more than 30 publications of the International Committee of the Red Cross
Enactments and Approved Papers of the Control Council and Coordinating Committee, Allied Control Authority, Germany (1945-1948)

The Control Council and Coordinating Committee of the Allied Control Authority in post-World War II-occupied Germany issued a series of enactments and approved papers. This nine-volume series, compiled and printed by the Legal Division of the Office of the U.S. Military Government for Germany, represents the effort to rule an occupied country by unanimous agreement of representatives of the four occupying powers: The United Kingdom, the U.S.S.R., France, and the United States. The collection is not only of historical value, but is an important resource for current military legal scholarship. Original volumes may be found in the collections of the Library of Congress and The Judge Advocate General’s Legal Center & School Library, U.S. Army, Charlottesville, Virginia. (Library of Congress Call Number KF92 G47; OCLC Number 454818646)

As reported by COL (RET) Frederic L. Borch, “These papers, which concern the post-World War II military government of Germany, were particularly useful to deployed judge advocates in Iraq.”
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Most of the rare and historical volumes from the Lieber Collection, which is the personal library of Francis Lieber—author of the Lieber Code—and his son, Brigadier General G. Norman Lieber, will be digitized and made available on the site.

More than 15% are already accessible on the site and new items are added each month.
Manuscript Collections

Links on this page are to individual finding aids. To search across all manuscript finding aids, please go to
Manuscript Collection Finding Aids in the Nimitz Library Digital Collections.

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Noble Acker Papers, 1942-1945, MS 271
The Noble Acker Papers consist of a typescript memoir of Acker's service as a radar operator and gunner aboard the U.S.S. Navy Destroyer (DD-401) in the Pacific Theater during World War II. The collection also includes supporting documentation, such as official U.S. Navy records, correspondence, newsletters, and news clippings.

Henry Hitch Adams Papers, 1933-1946, MS 210
The Henry Hitch Adams Papers consist of manuscript copies and supporting research files for five books authored by Adams, including Henry Hopkins: A Biography (1937), 1942: The Year That Drowned the Axis (1937), Years of Deadly Peril (1939) Years of Expectation, Guadalcanal to Normandy (1943), and Years of Victory (1973).

Carroll Stortz Alden Papers, 1860-1941, MS 279
The Carroll Stortz Alden Papers consist of materials relating to Alden's writings, such as published and unpublished articles, handwritten notes, and book reviews. Also included are letters, photographs, memorabilia, and a diary. Alden served as an instructor, professor, and department head in the United States Naval Academy's Department of English, History, and Government from 1904 to 1941.

Clifford L. Alderman Papers, 1900-1991, MS 376
The Clifford L. Alderman Papers, reflecting Alderman's career as a writer, consist of letters from Alderman to his friends and former schoolmates, Moritz A. Kuhn, a photocopy of the typescript of Alderman's book, "The Perfect One" with related correspondence, a bibliography of Alderman's books, and periodical clippings. Among the correspondence is a wrought iron nail from one of Benedict Arnold's ships that fought at Valour Island.

Remark Book of the H.M.S. Alert, 1847-1849, MS 59
Commander Hugh Dunlop, captain of the H.M.S. Alert, kept this remark book, or journal, while the vessel was on station in West Africa to suppress the slave trade.

Register of Officers & Men Attached & Received on board the U.S. Recieving Ship Alert, 1824-1835, MS 60
Following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the United States and a coalition of its allies embarked on a global campaign against terrorism. The U.S. Air Force plays a vital role in that ongoing battle, notably in the tasks carried out by the service in the three major military operations launched in the wake of the attacks: Operation Noble Eagle (ONE), Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF).

It was almost immediately clear that the hijackings of September 11 presented the country and its political and military leadership with a new, or at least altered, set of pressing security challenges that would, for the foreseeable future, change, if not expand, national defense priorities and affect decisions on programs and spending. Suddenly, on September 11, the first and most visible priority of the national defense apparatus was homeland defense.

Perhaps the most dramatic impact of the hijackings was the military response they provoked. The most immediate and highly visible manifestations of this response were the air defense operations conducted by the U.S. Air Force over New York City, Washington, D.C., and other locations. These operations, which began minutes after Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) air traffic controllers notified Northeast Air Defense Sector (NEADS) personnel that the first plane had been hijacked, have continued, under their official name, Operation Noble Eagle, until the present.

The name “Operation Noble Eagle” refers to a Department of Defense-wide enterprise and, for the U.S. Air Force, to the service’s operations related to homeland security, such as combat air patrols over U.S. cities; to its actions to ensure force protection; and to its support to federal, state, and local agencies after the 9/11 attacks, such as recovery operations undertaken and disaster assistance provided in New York City and at the Pentagon.

From the hours after the attacks of September 11, 2001, through April 12, 2002, Operation Noble Eagle evolved from an improvised response and temporary expedient to a permanent defense requirement and major force commitment involving thousands of Airmen from the Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, and regular Air Force; hundreds of fighters, tankers, and
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- **World War II Digital Resources:**

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