

From the Editorial Team:

Welcome to the sixth issue of the American Public University System (APUS)'s *Saber and Scroll Journal*. This issue resulted from an "open" call for papers and therefore contains an eclectic mix of outstanding feature articles which range from an in-depth analysis of Mithridates I's rise to power in Parthia, a mighty kingdom of the ancient near east to a feature devoted to the history of military war dogs – man's best friends in the service to our country. Regardless of your historical interests, we believe that you will find an article in this mix to intrigue and challenge you in your own pursuit of history. The journal team extends a special thanks to the authors of these articles. We would also like to thank our book reviewers for their fine contributions.

We are also pleased to welcome a number of new *Saber and Scroll* volunteers to the journal team. Our content editor team continues to include Anne Midgley, Ben Sorensen, Kathleen Guler, Melanie Thornton and Kay O'Pry-Reynolds. We had a wonderful response to our recent plea for additional editors. Please join us in welcoming Mike Gottert, William Potter, Chris Schloemer, and Rebecca Simmons to the team! They are joined by our proofreaders, Frank Hoeflinger, Jacqueline Wilson, Chris Booth, and our esteemed President/proofreader Lew Taylor; our copy editor DeAnna Stevens and our webmaster, Danielle Crooks. These individuals have dedicated countless hours to the creation of a rigorously edited quality history journal.

The *Saber and Scroll Journal* has recently become available in a print-on-demand format. We wish to extend a special thanks to the APUS ePress Team for their advice, technical expertise and hard work; however, this new format would not be made available without the exceptional dedication of our copy editor, DeAnna Stevens, who not only reformatted the journal to print-on-demand specifications but also designed the beautiful artwork which graces its cover. We continue to seek additional volunteers to help create a superb student-led history journal; if interested, please contact any member of the current journal team.

Please enjoy this issue of the *Saber and Scroll Journal*!

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