

MHSM Grants Committee Report 2019

2018

Massachusetts Historical Society: Last May, the MHSM established a pilot fellowship with the MHS to fund the inaugural Military Historical Society of Massachusetts Fellowship. The award of \$2000 was awarded on April 19 to Mr. Thomas Rider II. Mr. Rider is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and a 20 year veteran of the US Army. He earned his masters degree from UNC-Chapel Hill and currently working on his dissertation “War by Detachment: The Continental Army and Petit Guerre” at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Mr. Rider utilized our Fellowship in July and August. Next spring, we will be scheduling him to speak to the membership about his dissertation.

2019

Paris Peace Conference of 1919 and the End of the Great War: The MHSM gave a grant of \$4000, co-sponsored with the Pardee School of Global Studies and the International History Institute to fund the symposium which drew speakers from America and Europe analyzing the impact of the war and the peace treaty. The Symposium was held on May 8 and was open to all MHSM members.

The Green Box Film Project: Mr. Jim Kurtz wrote a book about discovering the father he never knew and his World War 2 experiences as a pilot and POW of the Nazis. Mr. Kurtz and his team have embarked on a PBS supported project to make a documentary film about his father, 2nd Lt. Robert Kurtz, titled: “The Green Box: At the Heart of a Purple Heart.” The MHSM gave \$1000 to support the film crew’s trip to Austria and Germany to begin production.

National Guard History Display: \$2300. Was awarded to the National Guard to complete their history display at Hanscom Air Force Base in Bedford.

General Frederic W. Lander Grand Army of the Republic Post 5 Education Grant: \$4000 to fund the G.A.R. Post and Civil War Round Table educational programming geared to educating Lynn Public Schools students and teachers on the American Civil War era military and cultural history.

A New Deal for the World: Global Reconstruction After the Catastrophe, 1945-1950: \$1500 to fund symposium regarding the global aftermath of World War II. Sponsored with the International History Institute, Boston University.

2020

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: The MHSM gave a \$2221 grant to complete the fundraising to erect a monument in Dorchester to Civil War nurse Susie Taylor and creation of teaching materials regarding her role in the war.

The Green Box Film Project: MHSM gave \$5000 to support research into World War Two veterans biographies and aerial combat footage.