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One of the greatest honors and important responsibilities I have as Executive Director of the Center of Military History (CMH) is serving as your advocate for Army history and the Army Historical Program (AHP). In that capacity, I am pleased to provide this look into the priorities and goals of the AHP through 2028.

Through building and maintaining the Army's operational record for future research, promoting and better utilizing our museums and archives, and strengthening our community through collaboration and innovation, we will continue to cultivate and foster historical mindedness across the force.

As we work together to reach these goals, I will continue to be a forceful advocate for Army history and all those who gather and keep it, study and engage with it, and enable others to learn from it.

Thank you for all that you do to preserve our past and present and to educate and inspire current and future Army soldiers and leaders.

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U.S. ARMY HISTORICAL PROGRAM 2028

Maintaining Our Institutional Memory

Although the nation was at war for two decades after 11 September 2001, its historical resources during that period did not keep pace with the complexity and frequency of the Army's operations. To improve the quality of the historical record, we must ensure that we are collecting the most significant material in the most efficient manner possible and organizing it effectively for future use. We must improve and then expand the development and submission of periodic historical reports—during wartime *and* in garrison operations—in order to provide future soldiers and scholars a rich and detailed account of Army strategies, engagements, tactics, and people.

Develop a complete historical record for today and tomorrow.



Shaping a Historically-Minded Army Culture

More than anything else, a culture of awareness and responsibility for capturing history as it happens is key to the success of the Army Historical Program (AHP). Increasing training and education through heritage instruction in the operational force, adding history to precommand and senior leader professional development courses, promoting virtual and in-person staff rides, and ensuring historians are viewed by commanders as force enablers are among the initiatives that will guarantee a strong, cultural foundation throughout the force.

Create opportunities for actionable history at all levels.

Maximizing the Use of Heritage Assets

The AHP is responsible for capturing and preserving the Army's operational history. With the creation of the Army Museum Enterprise and the opening of the National Museum of the United States Army, the Army's museums have become the AHP's most visible assets. We will capitalize on this platform and better position museums as dedicated training and education venues. Finally, we will integrate museums and archives, program-wide.

Integrate museum assets and archival holdings across the Army.

Putting People First

The strength of the AHP lies in the 420 professionals that make up Functional Community 61 (FC-61). Through shared communities of interest, we will leverage the collective knowledge of the FC-61 community to improve historical products and services across the Army. CMH will advocate for additional funding to support professional development and training opportunities throughout the community. We will strive to diversify the workforce so that it more closely represents the population we serve. With increased innovation, communication, and collaboration across commands and organizations, the AHP will affirm the indisputable value of its people—Army historians—to the Army and the nation.

Strengthen, support, utilize, and transform the workforce.

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