



The Military Welfare History Network digital conference

Thursday 24th – Friday 25th June 2021

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The Conference

Overview

To best understand where contemporary military welfare systems are working, failing and going in the future we must first understand where they came from and how they got to where they are today. This can be done through a chronologically and geographically diverse analysis of various historical state-directed and voluntary or charitable processes. Such a comparative undertaking serves to develop our knowledge and understanding of the intersectional, multifaceted and long-term evolution of such specific welfare provisions. Thus, the Military Welfare History Network, in partnership with University College Dublin, will host a two-day interdisciplinary conference at Dublin to facilitate this process.

Objectives

The objectives of this academic conference are three-fold.

1. To bring together the leading, established academics and early career researchers, but not necessarily historians, from around the world who are actively engaging the historical developments in the areas of welfare, care and medical provisions afforded to service personnel, their families (partners and children) and other dependants. The conference demonstrates that valuable research has been and is being undertaken by a burgeoning cohort within the academy and beyond who focus on varied regions, conflicts and periods. Research that provides an historical underpinning to contemporary welfare systems and provisions and can not only be used to critically evaluate the same but also has the potential to influence going forward.
2. To provide a forum where all of these scholars of a distinct area of women's/gender, social (welfare and policy), legal and military history can come together to present, discuss and debate their research findings relative to this still understudied yet hugely important aspect of the global and transnational social history of the military.
3. To develop a tangible output from these interactions, either through an edited collection through a special edition of *War & Society*.

This conference does not endeavour to bring together all scholars working in the diverse field of 'military welfare' but rather a nucleus of the foremost researchers, who have already been connected to one another through the Military Welfare History Network, with a view to stimulating greater interest and encouraging further research in this area and the organisation of similar events elsewhere in the world. It also seeks to develop this area as a new arena of collaborative and interdisciplinary research at UCD.

Day 1: Thursday 24th June

***Note – all timings are Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), as this event will be hosted from Ireland**

0830 **Zoom session opens**

0845-0900 **Welcome Address & Update on MWHN**

Dr Paul Huddie, Coordinator of Military Welfare History Network

0900-1030 **Opening keynote**

Professor Christine Hallett (University of Huddersfield, UK)

Between Ivory Tower and Marketplace: the Nurses of Passchendaele project and the perils of public history

1030-1040 Break

1040-1210 **Panel 1: Dependents, Charity and Third-Party Actors**

Chair: Dr Paul Huddie

Dr Karen Sonnelitter (Siena College, USA)

Every True Friend and Lover of his Country': philanthropy and soldiers' children in eighteenth-century Ireland

Dr Eliza Riedi (University of Leicester, UK)

'The Duty of the State': from philanthropy to state pensions in the support of British war widows during the South African War (1899-1902)

Mike Hally (University of Edinburgh, UK)

Separation Allowances, Unmarried Wives and the Church of England in 1914-15

1210-1230 **Lunch**

1230-1330 **Panel 2: Veterans' Care and Empire**

Chair: Dr Paul Huddie

Dr Brian Hughes (Mary Immaculate College, Limerick, Ireland)

The Southern Irish Loyalists Relief Association and Irish Ex-Servicemen of the Great War, 1922–1931

Dr Colin Moore (University of Hawai'i at Manoa, USA)

Second-Class Heroes: Filipino veterans and the legacies of empire

Dr Michael Robinson (University of Liverpool, UK)

Disabled Great War Veterans During the Great Depression, 1929-39: a trinationl case study

Day 2: Friday 25th June 2020

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0845 **Zoom session opens**

0900-1030 **Keynote**

Professor Laura McEnaney (Whittier College, USA)

'The Problem of Caring': researching and teaching World War II's end

1030-1040 Break

1040-1210 **Panel 3: Charity, Politics and Veterans Welfare**

Chair: Dr Paul Huddie

Dr Helena da Silva (Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Portugal)

War Trauma: Portuguese veterans and the Order of St. John of God (1914-1960)

Dr Silvia Correia (Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)

Framing Masculinity Through Political Disability: the disabled soldiers of the First World War in Portugal

Eilis Boyle (University of Leeds, UK)

Care in Dispute in Interwar Britain: politics and protest in veterans encounters with care

1210-1230 **Lunch**

1230-1330 **Panel 4: The Military, Medicine & Care**

Chair: Dr Paul Huddie

Dr Amy Carney (Penn State, Behrend, USA)

Infertility, Artificial Insemination, and the Nazi State

Dr Sandra Hirsch (Babeş-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, Romania)

Military Medical Care in Habsburg Banat and in the Banat Military Border (late 18c – early 19c)

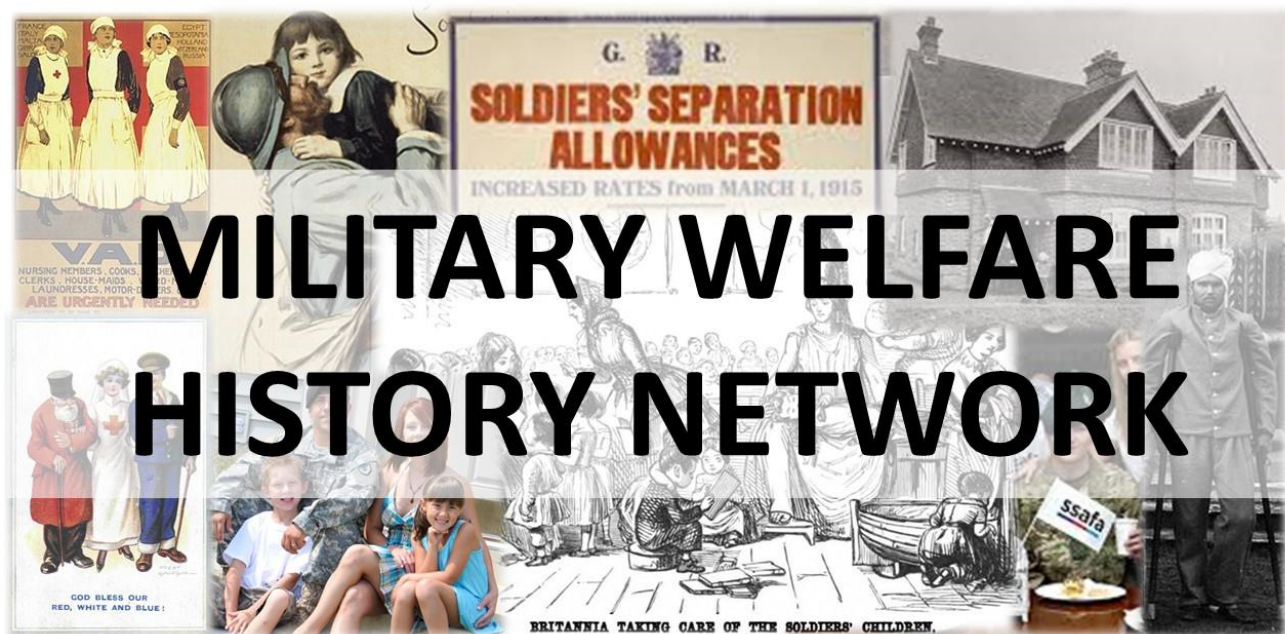
Dr Grazyna Liczbinska (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poland)

Dr Miroslav Králík (Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic)

Greater Body Size at Birth in Babies Born During WWII: the results of studies of the Poznań population, Poland

1330-1340 **Conference closes**

The Military Welfare History Network



The network has brought together historians, social scientists and others who research welfare, care and medical provisions relating to armed forces personnel and their families in and across all geographical and cultural spaces, chronologies and thematic areas, with a view to promoting their research, expanding their networks and developing new and exciting collaborations.

It comprises nearly 100 academic researchers active in the broad and diverse area of MWH, who are based at or affiliated with nearly 100 higher education institutions and other organisations in 16 countries across the globe. To these are added nearly a dozen affiliated projects, centres and organisations. Together they are sharing their immense expertise; developing research consortia, publications and projects; and endeavouring to develop this immensely diverse and important interdisciplinary field of research, education and public policy.

The network provides an interaction and dissemination platform for scholars who are research active in military welfare history. Something that has heretofore been lacking, despite the existence of several societies and network that focus on the research of war or more specifically veterans and their families.

Research can relate to any chronological period, ranging from antiquity to the contemporary, and can be conducted by scholars from the arts, humanities and social science research, globally. This comprises work on state and non-state welfare provisions, perceptions, organisations and policies relating to service personnel, both serving and discharged, and their families and other dependants, and even representations of military welfare.