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THE ESSENTIAL CIVIL WAR CURRICULUM

The Essential Civil War Curriculum website, a Sesquicentennial Project of the Virginia Center for Civil War Studies and the History Department of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), was launched on 4 March 2011 at www.essentialcivilwarcurriculum.com/.

What do those interested in the Civil War need to know to increase their knowledge and understanding of this important event in American history? *The Essential Civil War Curriculum*, overseen by professional Civil War historians, guides the reader to the important topics and sources that every student of the war, amateur or professional, needs to understand.

The Essential Curriculum is owned by the Virginia Center for Civil War Studies, “a formal entity for studying and sharing knowledge” (as described by its mission statement) about the Civil War with “both academic and public audiences.” The site is sponsored by Professor William C. Davis and Dr. James I. Robertson, Jr.; Mr. Laurie Woodruff conceived, financed, and now manages and edits it. The site operates under a wiki model; a Board of Historians composed of the country’s most eminent Civil War scholars invites contributions and approves all postings and content. Eventually the website will offer information on over four hundred topics.

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WINNER OF FIRST HATTENDORF PRIZE

Professor N. A. M. Rodger has been named as the inaugural recipient of the Naval War College’s Hattendorf Prize. Rodger, a leading British naval historian and senior research fellow at Oxford University, is a fellow of both All Souls College and the British Academy.

The prize is meant to express appreciation for distinguished work in the field of maritime history, specifically on the roles, contributions, limitations, and uses of the sea services. It was established in recognition of the scholarship and service of the College’s Ernest J. King Professor of Maritime History, Dr. John Hattendorf. It is made possible with the support of the Naval War College Foundation, through the generosity of Pamela Ribbey, in honor of her late

grandfather, Capt. Charles H. Maddox (1886–1964), a pre–World War II Naval War College graduate and faculty member.

The award, which is to be given generally at two-year intervals, includes a bronze medal, a citation, a monetary gift of \$10,000, and the opportunity to deliver a lecture (to be published in this journal) at the Naval War College.