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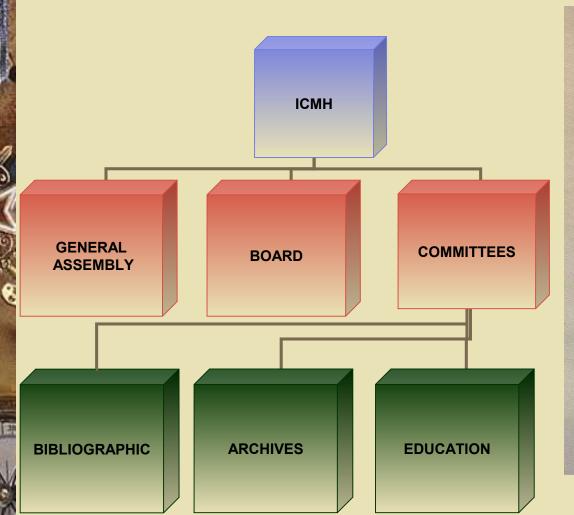
HISTORY OF THE HCMH

- The Hellenic Commission of Military History (HCMH) was established in 1980, following a decree which was issued by the Minister of National Defence. Its purpose is to provide scientific historical services for the promotion of military history in the framework of the <u>International Commission of Military History</u> (ICMH).
- On July 27th, 1998, after a mutual resolution between the Minister of National Defence and the Deputy Minister of Finance, a Scientific Commission was formed, in its current form, under the name "Hellenic Commission on Military History (HCMH)".
- The HCMH directly subordinated to the Deputy Chief of the Hellenic National Defence General Staff.
- It is located at the Field Marshal Papagos Military Camp (227-231 Mesogeion Ave, 155 61 Cholargos, Athens).



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(1)INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF MILITARY HISTORY (ICMH)







(2)INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF MILITARY HISTORY (ICMH)

HISTORY

 The ICMH was established in 1938 to promote military history worldwide and is a member of the International Commission of Historical Sciences (which is part of UNESCO). It comprises 41 National Commissions of Military History from every continent of the world as its members.

ORGANISATION

• The main activities of the ICMH are the organization of the International Congresses on Military History and the publication of the International Journal of Military History and Historiography. It includes three more committees: the "Bibliographic Committee", the "Military Archives Committee" and the "Education Committee". The work of these three International Committees makes a powerful contribution to promoting research and study of military history, both at a national and international level.



(3) ELECTIONS OF THE ICMH

- The current Executive Board of the ICMH was elected in 2015 and consists of
- President: Prof. Dr. Massimo de Leonardis (Italy)
- Vice-President: Dr. Efpraxia Paschalidou (Greece)
- Vice-President: Dr. Harold Raugh (USA)
- Secretary General: LtCol (GS) Dr. Kris Quanten (Belgium)
- Treasurer: Prof. Dr. Jan Hoffenaar (Netherlands)

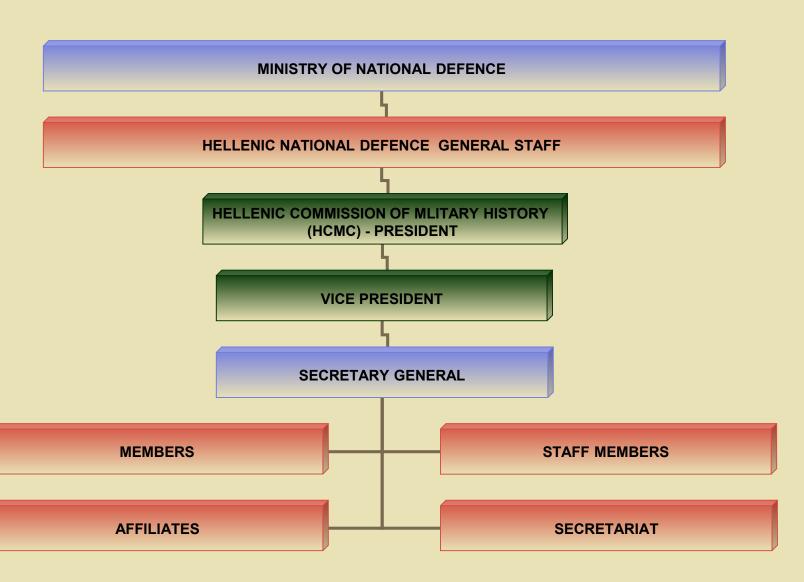




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(1) ORGANISATION





(2) ORGANISATION

- The President, the Vice-President and the Secretary-General are either active or re-enlisted retired General or Senior Officers who have a broad and acknowledged activity in the field of Military History, as evidenced by their publications. They are selected by the Hellenic National Defence General Staff following a proposal by the three Branches of the Armed Forces for a term of three years.
- The Members are three Academics or Historians from the History Directorates / Services and/or the Military Academies (Higher Military Education Institutions) of the Branches of the Armed Forces.
- HCMH also employs auxiliary personnel.
- Distinguished personalities, such as academics, university professors, diplomats and other intellectuals with special knowledge in its subjects of interest can become associates of the HMCH.
- The HCMH is responsible for setting up working groups consisting of HCMH Offices or Associates, to conduct research and study on specific issues and prepare presentations in the context of HCMH and ICMH.



(2)ORGANISATION

PRESENT COMPOSITION

- President: Major General Anastasios Polychronos
- Vice President: Lt. Colonel (HAF) Evangelia Tsoumaki
- Secretary General: Commander (HN) Dimitrios Ioannou
- Member: Dr Efpraxia Paschalidou, Historian
- Member: Prof. Dr Zisis Fotakis, Historian
- Member: Dr Dimitrios Christodoulou, Historian

STAFF OFFICERS

- Colonel Athanasios Tountas
- Colonel (HAF) Antonios Ampelakiotis

SECRETARIAL SUPPORT

Second Lieutenant Elisavet Gkourtzioumi



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MISSION

HCMH's mission is:

- To encourage, inform, assist and coordinate the research undertaken by both Greek and foreign public or private institutions in military history.
- To collect and process historical archives that concern the in-depth knowledge and analysis of Military History, especially of Greece, in order to present them in Congresses held by the International Commission of Military History (ICMH).
- To collect and process historical data related to all Branches of Greece's Armed Forces, and to place them under consideration of the ICMH, in order to be published in the issues of the *International* Journal of Military History and Historiography.
- To provide data to all parties interested in Military History in order to assist their work and **bring to their attention** the need to review or complement their corresponding publications.
- To participate in ICMH and subscribe to all ICMH's publications.
- To participate in international conferences on military history



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(1) ACTIVITIES

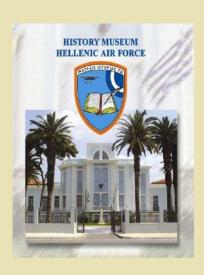
- The Hellenic Commission of Military History has developed bilateral relations, and has exchanged visits in the context of bilateral cooperation programmes of the National Defense General Staff, with the following countries: Egypt, Bulgaria, Jordan, Israel, China, Ukraine, Poland, Romania, Russia, and Tunisia.
- It has also signed protocols of bilateral cooperation in military history with Israel, Romania, Russia and Tunisia.
- It participates in congresses of the ICMH and the Conflict Studies Working Group (CSWG).

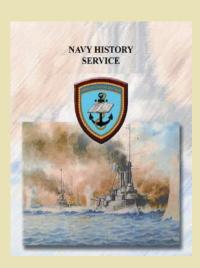


(2) ACTIVITIES

 The HCMH ensures the cooperation and coordination between the History Directorates of the Hellenic Armed Forces and that of the History Division of the Cypriot National Guard by organizing frequent meetings for this purpose.











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(1) CONFERENCES

ICMH CONFERENCES (1/3)

- 24th International Congress of Military History of the ICMH, Lisbon, Portugal, 24-29 Aug 1998.
- 25th International Congress of Military History of the ICMH, Brussels, Belgium, 29 Aug - 4 Sep 1999.
- 26th International Congress of Military History of the ICMH, Stockholm, Sweden, 31 Jul - 4 Aug 2000.
- 27th International Congress of Military History of the ICMH, Athens, Greece, 19-25 Aug 2001.
- 28th International Congress of Military History of the ICMH, Norfolk, VA, USA, 11-16 Aug 2002.
- 29th International Congress of Military History of the ICMH, Bucharest, Romania, 10-16 Aug 2003.
- 30th International Congress of Military History of the ICMH, Rabat, Morocco, 31 Jul - 7 Aug 2004.
- 31st International Congress of Military History of ICMH, Madrid, Spain, 21-27 Aug 2005.
- 32nd International Congress of Military History of ICMH, Potsdam, Germany, 20-26 Aug 2006.



(2) CONFERENCES

ICMH CONFERENCES (2/3)

- 33rd International Congress of Military History of ICMH, Cape Town, S. Africa, 12-17 Aug 2007.
- 34th International Congress of Military History of ICMH, Trieste, Italy, 31 Aug - 5 Sep 2008.
- 35th International Congress of Military History of ICMH, Porto, Portugal, 30 Aug - 4 Sep 2009.
- 38th International Congress of Military History of ICMH, Sofia, Bulgaria, 25 Aug - 1 Sep 2012.
- 39th International Congress of Military History of ICMH, Torino, Italy, 1-6 Sep 2013.
- 40th International Congress of Military History of ICMH, Varna, Italy, 30 Aug - 6 Sep 2014.
- 41th International Congress of Military History of ICMH, Beijing, China, 31 Aug - 5 Sep 2015.
- 42th International Congress of Military History of ICMH, Plovdiv, Bulgaria, 3-9 Sep 2016.
- 43th International Congress of Military History of ICMH, Douala, Cameroon, 2-8 Sep 2017.



(3) CONFERENCES

ICMH CONFERENCES (3/3)

- 44th International Congress of Military History of ICMH, Jerusalem, Israel, 2-7 Sep 2018.
- 45th International Congress of Military History of ICMH, Sofia, Bulgaria, 18-23 Aug 2019.
- 46th International Congress of Military History of ICMH, Athens, Greece, 29 Aug - 3 Sep 2021.
- 47th International Congress of Military History of ICMH, Wroclaw, Poland, 28 Aug - 2 Sep 2022.
- 48th International Congress of Military History of ICMH, Istanbul, Turkey, 3-8 Sep 2023 (Without presentation of the country).
- 49th International Congress of Military History of ICMH, Lisbon, Portugal, 1-6 Sep 2024.



(4) CONFERENCES

PfP Consortium Conferences – CSWG (1/3)

- 4th Annual Congress PfP Consortium of Defence Colleges, Sofia, 4-8
 Mar 2002 and Paris, 17-19 Jun 2002.
- 5th Annual Congress of Military History, PfP, Vienna, 4-5 Apr 2005.
- 6th Annual PfP Congress on Military History, Bratislava, Slovakia (Slovakia-France), 3-9 Apr 2006.
- 7th Annual PfP Congress on Military History MHWG, Kingston, Canada, 18-21 Mar 2007.
- 8th Annual PfP Congress on Military History MHWG, Ljubljana, Slovenia, 21-23 Apr 2008.



(5) CONFERENCES

PfP Consortium Conferences – CSWG (2/3)

- 9th Annual PfP Congress "Euro Atlantic Conflict Studies WG", Bucharest, Romania, 25-29 May 2009.
- 10th Annual Congress "Euro Atlantic Conflict Studies WG" of the PfP Consortium – CSWG, Warsaw, Poland, 25-27 May 2010.
- 11th Annual Congress "Euro Atlantic Conflict Studies WG" of the PfP Consortium – CSWG, Belgrade, Serbia, 23-27 May 2011.
- 12th Annual Congress "Euro Atlantic Conflict Studies WG" of the PfP Consortium – CSWG, Vienna, Austria, 21-25 May 2012.
- 13° Annual Congress "Euro Atlantic Conflict Studies WG" of the PfP Consortium – CSWG, Sofia, Bulgaria, 27-31 May 2013.
- 14° Annual Congress "Euro Atlantic Conflict Studies WG" of the PfP Consortium – CSWG, Bratislava, Slovakia, 7-11 April 2014.
- 15° Annual Congress "Euro Atlantic Conflict Studies WG" of the PfP Consortium – CSWG, Athens, Greece, 27-30 April 2015.
- ◆ 16° Annual Congress "Euro Atlantic Conflict Studies WG" of the PfP Consortium – CSWG, Ljubljana, Slovenia, 4-7 Jul 2016.



(6) CONFERENCES

PfP Consortium Conferences – CSWG (3/3)

- 17th Annual Congress "Euro Atlantic Conflict Studies WG" of the PfP Consortium – CSWG, Bucharest, Romania, 27 May-2 Jun 2017.
- 18th Annual Congress "Euro Atlantic Conflict Studies WG" of the PfP Consortium – CSWG, Belgrade, Serbia, 16-20 Apr 2018.



(7) CONFERENCES

International Conferences – Symposia (1/5)

- XII International Congress of Military History, 17-21 Aug 1987.
- International Congress of Naval History, 24-31 Aug 1987.
- International Symposium "Lefkos Pyrgos '91" (dedicated to the battle of the Metaxas forts-line, Apr 1941).
- International Symposium "Lato '91" (dedicated to the Battle of Crete, May 1941).
- International Symposium "Moudros '92" (dedicated to the naval operations of the Balkan Wars, 1912-1913).
- International Symposium "Pavlos Melas '92" (dedicated to the land operations of 1912-13).
- International Congress in the context of the 80 years from the First Balkan War, 1992.
- After 1998, the HCMH participated with attendees in the following international congresses - symposiums:
- International Congress of Madrid, 23-27 Mar 1998.
- 4th International Congress of Bucharest, 4-8 May 1999.



(8) CONFERENCES

International Conferences – Symposia (2/5)

- International Congress of Tel-Aviv, 28 Jun 2 Jul 1999.
- 14th Symposium of Naval History, Annapolis, Maryland, 23-25 Sep 1999.
- International Congress of Bucharest, 9-13 May 2000.
- International Congress of Military History, Sofia, Bulgaria, 18-21 May 2000.
- International Congress of Rome, 5-9 Mar 2001.
- International Congress of Sofia, 20-22 Jun 2001.



(9) CONFERENCES

International Conferences – Symposia (3/5)

- Hellenic-Israeli seminar, Tel-Aviv, 8-12 Jul 2002.
- International Congress of Sofia, 26-27 Sep 2003.
- Hellenic-Israeli seminar, Tel-Aviv, May 2004.
- 1st International Congress of Naval History, Constanta, Romania, Oct 2004.
- International Congress of Sofia, 26-27 Oct 2004.
- 3rd Hellenic-Israeli seminar, Athens, Apr 2005.
- International Congress of Sofia, 9-12 Dec 2005.
- International Congress of Sofia, 3-5 May 2006.
- International Congress of Tunis, 20-23 June 2006.



(10) CONFERENCES

International Conferences – Symposia (4/5)

- Hellenic Israeli seminar (Tel-Aviv, 9-12 April 2006 and Athens, 5-7 March 2007) on "Greece, Israel and Eastern Question before, during and after the Cold War era".
- International Congress, Sofia, Bulgaria, 2-5 Oct 2007.
- International Congress, Washington DC, U.S.A, 7-9 AUG 2007.
- Conference, Ljubljana, Slovenia, 21-24 Nov 2007.
- 2nd Congress Hellenic Russian Forum, Saint Petersburg, Russia, 14-18 Jun 2009.



(11) CONFERENCES

International Conferences – Symposia (5/5)

- International Congress "Army Historians", Washington DC, U.S.A., 27-30 Jul 2009.
- International Congress of Military History, Tunis, Tunisia, 2-5 Dec 2009.
- International Congress of Military History, Sofia, Bulgaria, 25-29 Oct 2010.
- International Congress of Military History, Rome, Italy, 22-26 Nov 2010.



(12) CONFERENCES

27th INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF MILITARY HISTORY ATHENS, 19-25 AUGUST 2001





(13)CONFERENCES

46th INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF MILITARY HISTORY ATHENS, 29 AUGUST – 3 SEPTEMBER 2021



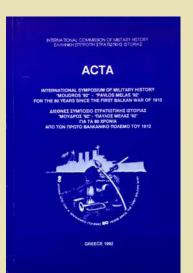


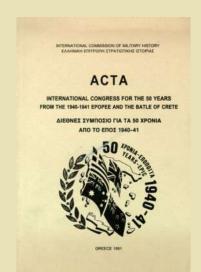
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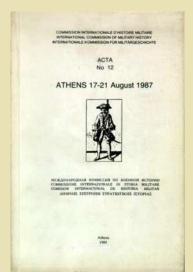


(1) PUBLICATIONS

- The HCMH has issued the following ACTA and publications:
- ACTA of the XXII International Congress of the ICMH (Athens 1987), in English.
- ACTA of the International Symposium on Military History, "Lefkos Pyrgos '91" and "Lato '91", in English.
- ACTA of the International Symposium on Military History, "Moudros '92" "Pavlos Melas '92", in English.
- "The First Balkan War through the pages of the review "L' Illustration", French publication, 1992.
- "The great national sally 1912-1913: The First Balkan War", 1992.







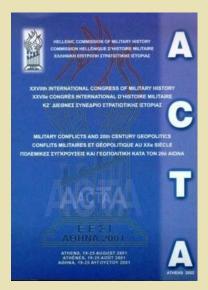


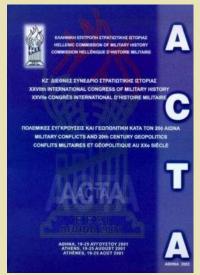


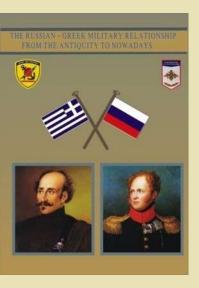
(2) PUBLICATIONS

- 79th Issue of the International Military Review, "Geostrategics of the Eastern Mediterranean and the West in the 20th Century", 2001.
- Common Hellenic-Romanian Publication, "The Eastern Question, the Greeks and the Romanians (1800 -1923)", 2001.
- ACTA of the XXVII congress of the ICMH (Athens 2002), in both Greek and English.
- Common Hellenic-Russian Publication, "The Russian Greek Military Relationship from the antiquity to the present day", 2004.





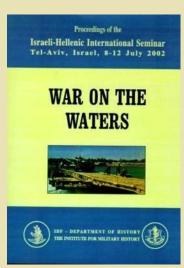


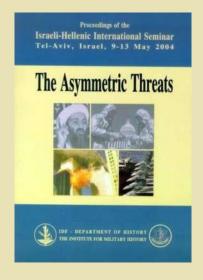




(3) PUBLICATIONS

- ACTA of the Hellenic-Israeli seminar 2002, "War on the Waters", in both Greek and English.
- ACTA of the Hellenic-Israeli seminar 2004, "Asymmetric Threats", in English.
- Brochure about the "Hellenic Armed Forces Entities on Military History" in Greek (2005) and English (2007).



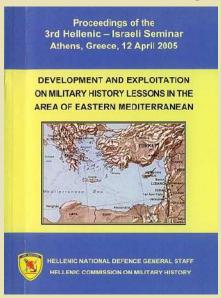




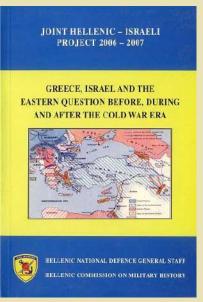


(4) PUBLICATIONS

- ACTA of the Hellenic-Israeli seminar 2005, entitled "Development and exploitation on military history lessons in the area of eastern Mediterranean", in both Greek and English.
- ACTA of the Joint Hellenic-Israeli Project, 2006 2007, entitled «Greece, Israel and Eastern Question before, during and after Cold War era», in English.







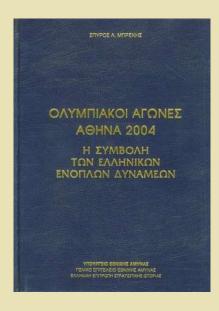


(5) PUBLICATIONS

- "Olympic Games, Athens 2004. The Contribution of the Hellenic Armed Forces" (Spiros Mprekis), in Greek 2008.
- Common Hellenic-Romanian Publication, "The Black Sea, Greece and Romania", in Greek (2008) and in English (2009).





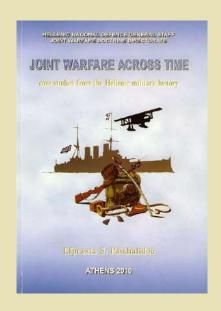


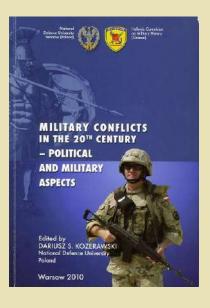


(6) PUBLICATIONS

- ✓ Publication of the Hellenic National Defence General Staff, "Joint warfare across time" case studies from Hellenic military history" (Efpraxia Paschalidou), in Greek (2008) and English (2011).
- ✓ Common Hellenic-Polish Publication, "Military Conflicts In the 20th Century Political And Military Aspects", in English, 2010.



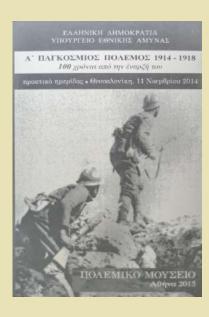






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- ✓ A Chronological Index of the Military History of Hellenism, in Greek, 2015.
- ✓ Acta of the conference on "World War I, 1914-1918, 100 years since its outbreak", in Greek 2015.



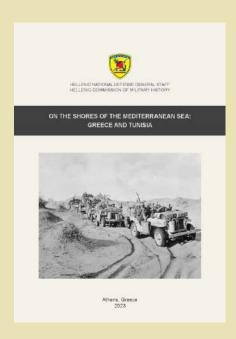




(8) PUBLICATIONS

- ✓ Acta of the conference on "World War I, 1914-1918, 100 Years Since It Ended", in Greek, 2019.
- ✓ On the Shores of the Mediterranean Sea: Greece and Tunisia, in English, 2023. A volume comprising nine contributions in English by Greek military historians. It is the Greek half of a projected joint Greek-Tunisian effort.

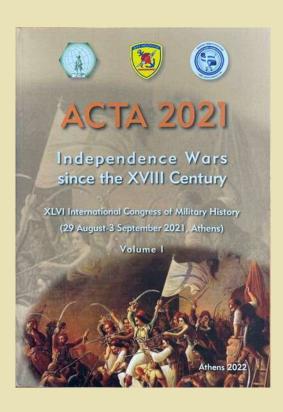


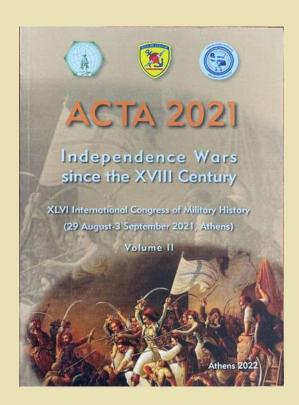




(9) PUBLICATIONS

 ACTA of the 46th Congress of the International Commission Military History, Athens 2022.

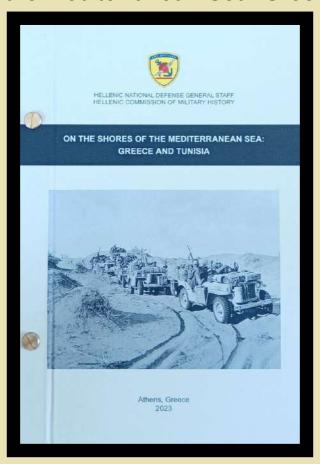






(9) PUBLICATIONS

- Military Cooperation Program Greece-Tunisia
- "On the Shores of the Mediterranean Sea: Greece and Tunisia"





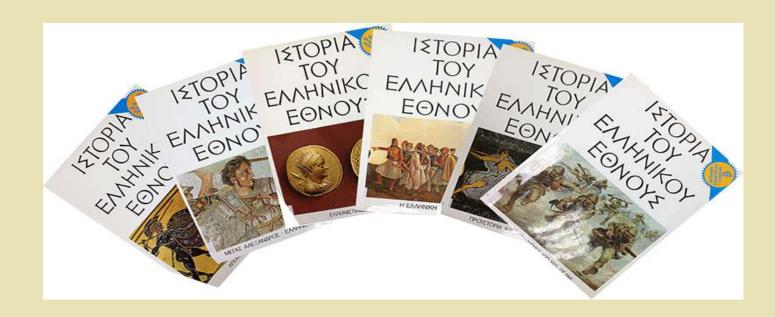
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LIBRARY - ARCHIVES

- ✓ HCMH operates a non-lending library, with over than 2000 book titles.
- Military personnel and individuals can access the library on working days from 09:00 am to 14:00 pm, after contacting the HCMH Secretariat.





Library is divided in sections as shown below:

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- BYZANTIUM & MEDIEVAL HISTORY
- EARLY MODERN ERA 1453 1821
- GREEK REVOLUTION 1821-1829
- SUCCESSIVE EXPANSIONS OF GREECE TILL 1897
- CRETAN REVOLUTIONS (19th Cent.)
- BALKAN WARS 1912-13
- MACEDONIAN THRACIAN -NORTH EPIRUS STRUGGLE
- WORLD WAR I
- ASIA MINOR CAMPAIGN 1919-1923
- PONTIC HELLENISM
- INTERWAR PERIOD
- WORLD WAR II
- NATIONAL RESISTANCE CIVIL WAR 1941-1949

- ARMED FORCES STRATEGIC -GEOPOLITICAL - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (EU-NATO-BALKANS-CYPRUS-AEGEAN-TURKEY-MIDDLE EAST-MEDITERRANEAN-N. AFRICA
- WORLD HISTORY
- DICTIONARIES
- ENCYCLOPAEDIAS
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APPOINTED PRESIDENTS

- 1. Lt. General loannis Kyrochristos: from 27-07-1998 to 10-11-1999
- 2. Lt. General loannis Kakoudakis: from 11-11-1999 to15-11-2004
- 3. Lt. General Nikolaos Mastrantonis: from 16-11-2004 to 31-08-2010
- 4. Lt. General Sotirios Mpasioukas: from 20-09-2010 to 04-07-2012
- 5. Major General Panagiotis Katsaros: from 05-07-2012 to 08-03-2013
- 6. Colonel Ioannis Gemenetzis: from 09-03-2013 to 12-06-2017
- 7. Major General Georgios Rachmanidis: from 13-06-2017 to 28-07-2024
- 8. Major General Anastasios Polychronos: from 29-07-2024



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Army History Directorate



Navy History Service



Air Force History Museum



General Staff of the National Guard / History Directorate



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