

Dear CMH Member –

The 2020 Annual Meeting of the Company of Military Historians **will be held** October 8-11, 2020 at the Crowne Plaza-Princeton, 900 Scudders Mill Road, Plainsboro, NJ.



Like all organizations, we are concerned about the impact the COVID pandemic may have on attendance. Our Board of Governors will make a final ‘GO’, ‘NO GO’ decision on the 2020 annual meeting on **Aug. 15**. If we have fifty “attend-in-person” registrants by mid Aug., the New Jersey conference will happen in October. If not, it may be pushed out to 2021, and the Iowa conference planned for 2021 will be pushed out to 2022. Therefore, if you plan to attend, please register by Aug. 15. You can still register – and cancel -- after that, but the ‘GO/ NO GO’ decision will be made on Aug. 15.

If you can't attend in person, you can still attend remotely via “ZOOM” (live teleconference) or “Company VIDEO” (recorded videotape).

The 2020 Annual Meeting will be **memorable** for those who can attend and **accessible** for those who cannot. Highlights of the 2020 Annual meeting will include the following:

CONFERENCE EVENTS: (Thurs evening through Sun morning)

- (Thurs.) Welcome Reception with recognition of the “Old Guard”; our 50-year members
- (Fri.) “Ten Crucial Days of the Revolution” field trip including Washington’s Crossing (PA and NJ), the Old Barracks Museum (Trenton) and Princeton Battlefield
- Nine lectures covering many periods of American military history and material culture
- 50-table exhibit / flea market room
- Silent Auction: **Turn your burden into CMH’s blessing by donating something for the Silent Auction.**

OPTIONAL EVENTS: (before and after the conference)

- (Wed.) Fellows event with workshop, dinner, presentation
- (Thurs.) Optional “Shopping and Shooting” field trip with weapons from flintlock to semi-automatic
- (Thurs.) Optional “Spouse-Scursion” to the Mercer Museum and Fonthill Castle
- (Sun.) Optional field trip to the Museum of the American Revolution (Philadelphia)
- ~~(Sun.) Optional field trip to the NJ National Guard Militia Museum (Sea Girt)~~ **closed for 2020**

Our meeting committee has worked very hard to provide the kind of experience you expect and still limit costs. In addition to 9 lectures, the Friday field trip and the traditional Saturday banquet, the registration fee includes Fri. & Sat. breakfasts, Sat. lunch and morning and afternoon coffee breaks. The hotel room rate at the Crown Plaza is **\$119**. This is the cheapest rate we’ve had in a **decade!** The hotel offers free parking and a free shuttle service to and from the Princeton Junction AMTRAK / NJTransit station. If you come by train, there’s no need to drive at all!

TAKE ACTION: Book Your Room Now:

- **Online:** Reserve online at: <https://tinyurl.com/rooms-in-Oct-4-CMH>.
- **Phone:** call 877-666-3243 and mention the Company of Military Historians.

TAKE ACTION: Register for the conference Now:

- **Online:** Register online at: <https://tinyurl.com/register-4-CMH2020> . After you register online you can pay online by credit card, or (to reduce your convenience fees) send a check made out to “CMH-2020” to: **CMH-2020, P. O. Box 535 Cuddebackville, NY 12729.**
Snailmail: Fill out the attached registration form and send it with a check made out to “CMH-2020” to **CMH-2020, P. O. Box 535 Cuddebackville, NY 12729.**

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact meeting chairman, Juanita Leisch, at the email and phone below. Your meeting committee thanks you in advance for your consideration of this invitation and looks forward to seeing you (either in person or remotely) in October !

Sincerely,

Juanita Leisch Jensen, 2020 Meeting Chairman, lesandjuanita1@hushmail.com, 845-754-8827

PS –**PLEASE NOTE Due to NJ laws, we cannot include firearms on sales tables at the Flea Market or in the Silent Auction.**

	Item	Primary Registrant	Guest Name(s)				
Info on Registrant(s)	Name						
	Address						
	City, St, Zip						
	Phone						
	Email						
Nametag & Ribbon Info	First-time attendee?						
	M=Member; L=Life Member						
	Current G=Governor or O= Officer?						
	Past G=Governor or O=Officer?						
	F=Fellow? D=DSA?						
CMH 2020	ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION FORM	Enter Qty	October 7-11, 2020				
		Registrant	Guests	Qty	Unit Price	Ext Price	
Registration Options	Full Registration				\$275	\$	
	Recruit: Give Name of Recruiter (optional):				\$250	\$	
	Recruiter: Give Name of Recruit (required):				\$250	\$	
	No Banquet				\$225	\$	
	Cadet: (no meals)				\$175	\$	
	Banquet only				\$80	\$	
	new→→→	COmpany VIDEO (COVID): Internet-only access to videotaped meeting, lectures & tour of Exhibit Room. COVID Registration					\$100
new→→→	ZOOM: Live videoconference access to meeting, lectures, Exhibit Room and some social & interactive events. ZOOM Registration					\$75	\$
new→→→	New member 2021 dues special. Includes 2021 membership, four 2021 issues of <i>Company Journal</i> and "freebie" 2020 Winter issue. Membership discounted from \$60.					\$50	
Display & Sales Tables	CMH member- First two Display Tables				\$0	\$	
	CMH member- Additional Display Tables				\$40	\$	
	CMH member- Sales Tables DUE TO NJ LAWS, FIREARMS MAY NOT BE SOLD						
	.5' x 2' sales table				\$50	\$	
new→→→	Wed-Fellows Event				In person\$30	\$	
	COVID: Access to Video of Fellows Event workshop & lecture presentation.				videotape \$20	\$	
	Thurs -Shopping & Shooting-SHOOTER (incl. ammunition fee)				shooter \$95	\$	
	SPECTATOR (no ammunition)				spectator \$70	\$	
	Thurs - "Spouse-Scursion" to Mercer Museum (carpool)				\$25	\$	
Optional Events	Sun -NJ National Guard Militia Museum Cancelled – closed for the duration						
	Sun -Museum of American Revolution (Phila.) – by Bus or by carpool / private Vehicle				on Bus-\$55 private Veh-\$25	\$	
We set prices at break-even to attract attendees; a risk. Please add a donation to help the Annual Meeting end up in the black ... or ... Turn your Burdens into our Blessings by bringing along and donating items for the Silent Auction. Just think what you could do with the space you free up by donating castoffs to the Silent Auction!						\$	
Total Due: Please send check made out to "CMH-2020" to P.O. Box 535, Cuddebackville, NY 12729. You can also register online & pay with 'PayPal' at https://tinyurl.com/register-4-CMH2020						\$	

CMH Annual Meeting Itinerary – October 7-11, 2020

Wednesday

Noon-9pm – Registration Desk Open (Hotel Lobby)

1. Turn in your Silent Auction donations.
2. **Order Friday lunch:** If you don't want to walk to a local café for lunch during the Friday field trip, you can order a lunch to be delivered to you at the Old Barracks Museum when you arrive and check in at registration.
3. **Choose your banquet entree Banquet entrée choice:** You will choose your banquet entrée when you arrive and check in at registration.

3pm-8pm -- FELLOWS EVENT (Wilson Room)

Fellows Event includes

- **Workshop:** Balancing Energy and Enthusiasm: Responsible Care, Repair and Conservation by Hermes Knauer, Conservator Emeritus, MET, NYC
- **Dinner** with group or on own
- **Presentation:** Cost of Revolution: Rediscovering an Irish Veteran of Germantown by Matthew Skic, Associate Curator, Museum of the American Revolution.

NOTES: Fellows may sign up for this event whether or not they register for the Annual Meeting. Each Fellow may also register one guest. Event will be held in Crowne Plaza, so no transportation is needed.

Thursday

8am-9pm – Registration Desk Open (Hotel Lobby)

1. Turn in your Silent Auction donations.
2. **Order Friday lunch:** If you don't want to walk to a local café for lunch during the Friday field trip, you can order a lunch to be delivered to you at the Old Barracks Museum when you arrive and check in at registration.
3. **Choose your banquet entree Banquet entrée choice:** You will choose your banquet entrée when you arrive and check in at registration.

Noon-9pm – Exhibit / Flea Market Open

9am-5pm – FIELD TRIP (transportation by BUS)
Shopping and Shooting
Trip includes

- Shopping expedition to International Military Antiquities (IMA) warehouse in Gillette, NJ with Coffee and donuts (compliments of IMA)
- Lunch (compliments of IMA)
- Transportation to shooting range where those who sign up as 'shooters' will have opportunity to fire variety of weapons. (IMA is providing ammunition and weapons from flintlock to semi-automatic)

NOTE: We are renting a bus to provide transportation for this trip. Thus, we have both a minimum requirement and maximum ceiling. Register early to ensure your slot!

900-500 – SPOUSE-SCURSION to Mercer Museum and Fonthill Castle (Doylestown, PA) transportation by carpool
Spouse Scursion includes:

- Guided tour of Mercer Museum,
- Lunch on own
- Guided tour of Fonthill Castle

NOTE: We are not renting a bus for this field trip, but Pat Behr, our field trip coordinator, will facilitate the formation of carpools to ensure all participants have a ride and all drivers have detailed driving directions.

NOTE 2 Arrangements can be made to limit our guided tour to areas on the first floor of the Museum and Castle. Please let us know if you have mobility issues or if stairs are a concern.

700-1000 – WELCOME RECEPTION (Wilson Room)
0730-800 – Program (Welcome, acknowledgement, group photos of Board of Governors, first time attendees, "Old Guard" – our fifty-year members)

Friday

7am-830am -- Breakfast

8am-9pm -- Exhibit / Flea Market Open

8am-10am – Registration Desk Open (Hotel Lobby)

1. Turn in your Silent Auction donations.
2. **Order Friday lunch:** If you don't want to walk to a local café for lunch during the Friday field trip, you can order a lunch to be delivered to you at the Old Barracks Museum when you arrive and check in at registration.
3. **Choose your banquet entree Banquet entrée choice:** You will choose your banquet entrée when you arrive and check in at registration.

10am-9pm – Self-Service Registration (Conf. Center)

830 – PRESENTATION

The Mud Rounds: The British Invasion and the Great Retreat Across the Jerseys
by Todd Braisted

The 1776 British Campaign to take New York was thought to be at a close. But was it? George Washington divided his troops primarily between Westchester County, New York and Fort Lee, New Jersey, with the fortress of Fort Washington between the two. In the space of four days that November, the British rapidly captured both fortifications, along with thousands of troops, dozens of cannon and numerous stores. Washington, faced with expiring enlistments, dwindling morale and numerous geographic obstacles was forced to flee across the state, with thousands of British troops under Lord Cornwallis close on his heels.

THIS IS THE STORY OF SOME OF THE DARKEST DAYS OF THE REVOLUTION, WHICH THOMAS PAINE REFERRED TO AS "THE TIMES THAT TRY MEN'S SOULS." WHILE THE BATTLES OF TRENTON AND PRINCETON REVERSED AMERICA'S FORTUNES, THE DAYS BEFORE THOSE VICTORIES WERE ANYTHING BUT OPTIMISTIC.



930-530 – FIELD TRIP (transportation by BUS)

"Ten Crucial Days of the Revolution"

Trip includes

- Washington's Crossing, PA & NJ
- Old Barracks Museum (with time to visit the nearby NJ State Museum and to get lunch at a local café)
- Narrated Visit to Princeton Battlefield

NOTE – During our four-hour stop at the Old Barracks Museum, you will have time to walk to the nearby NJ State Museum, and/or to a nearby café for lunch. Note that this is a transitional urban area. If you prefer, you can sign up when you arrive at the conference to have a box lunch delivered to you at the Old Barracks Museum. The bus will pick up attendees from both the Old Barracks Museum and the NJ State Museum, so no need to walk back from NJ State Museum.

630pm – Chapter Representatives Meeting

800pm – Board of Governors' Meeting

Saturday

7am-830am – Breakfast (Waterfront Rm)

8am - Annual Business Meeting

Conducted by CMH President Craig Bell.

new→→→9am – PRESENTATION

The Great War, What The Doughboys Told Me by Karen L. MacNutt, LTC Ret.

The histories of various state National Guard units in the North East have common strains. They are rooted in the colonial minutemen; but came of age during World War I. As part of the command staff of the 26th Inf. Div., then Maj. MacNutt was asked to produce a documentary of the division's history in light of its being decommissioned in 1995. In the course of that project she became friends with some of the nation's last surviving doughboys. "I can read about battles in books," she told the men, "but what I want to know is, what was it like to be there?" **JOIN MACNUTT AS SHE TALKS ABOUT THE BEGINNING OF THE NATIONAL GUARD AND LIFE IN THE AEF FROM A DOUGHBOY'S POINT OF VIEW.**



10am – Break

1030am – PRESENTATION
"Pennsylvania's Defenses, 1775-1781" by Joseph Seymour

Pennsylvania's contribution to the import and manufacture of weapons and materiel [during the American Revolution] is well-documented. Most notable among collectors and historians is the long rifle. Over the past two and half centuries, it has attained almost mythical legendary status as a quintessential American combat arm vis à vis the much-maligned smoothbore musket. Because of its fame, the rifle's effectiveness bears closer scrutiny in terms of its ballistic performance and design.

Throughout eight years of conflict, Pennsylvania's inhabitants made a significant contribution to independence. **THE PRESENTATION WILL EXPLORE ... THE DEGREE TO WHICH PENNSYLVANIA LEVERAGED INNOVATION IN ITS CONTRIBUTION TO VICTORY.**



1130am – PRESENTATION
Colonial Medicine 1775
by Robert Jaffee, MD

THIS PRESENTATION WILL ADDRESS THE THEORY AND PRACTICE OF MEDICINE AT THE TIME OF THE REVOLUTION. We will

explain the theories behind medicine in that era. He will also review some of the more common diseases in that period afflicting the soldiers and the treatment they received.



Noon Lunch (Waterfront)

1pm – PRESENTATION
Guadalcanal: A 75th Anniversary
Visit to the Battlefields
by Mike Gill

The landing of United States forces at Guadalcanal in the British Solomon Islands occurred on August the 7th, 1942. The speaker's father, Marshall Gill, was born and raised in New Jersey. He served in the 1st Marine Division and arrived in Guadalcanal on September 18th, 1942. The 75th anniversary visit was the speaker's personal journey to visit the areas of Guadalcanal where his father was located and saw action. **THE TALK WILL DESCRIBE ... BATTLEFIELDS AND ARTIFACTS ... INCLUDING WW 2 MARINE CORPS AND JAPANESE ITEMS THAT BELONGED TO MARSHALL GILL.**



2pm – PRESENTATION
Ten Days of the Revolution: A
"Southron" View
by Lawrence E. Babits

THIS PRESENTATION EXPLORES THE STRATEGIC, TACTICAL, AND POLITICAL SITUATION IN THE SOUTH

FOLLOWING THE 25 APRIL 1781 BATTLE OF HOBKIRK'S HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA. Cornwallis was moving to join a British Army in Virginia while Nathanael Greene was trying to win back the Carolinas and Georgia. Greene was determined to use his skills in more decisive fighting in Virginia. Greene opted to stay the course in the South. This presentation examines why and what caused his change of heart, something every bit as important and decisive to the South as the northern winter campaign in 1776.



3pm – Break

330pm – PRESENTATION
Willie, Johnny, and the Vacant Chair:
Depictions of the Common Soldier in
the Parlor Music of Civil War
America by Emily Lapisardi

As the young men of the north and south marched to war, composers, lyricists, and music publishers were quick to capitalize on public sentiments through the publication of a plethora of songs depicting the common soldier. Stephen Foster, George Root, and a host of lesser-known composers allowed those left at home, and the soldiers themselves, to give voice to patriotic fervor, romantic longing, and the pain of injury and death through the vehicle of popular music published for performance by amateur musicians. **THIS PRESENTATION WILL TRACE THE EVOLUTION OF THE PARLOR SONG'S DEPICTION OF THE LIVES, DEATHS, AND WARTIME EXPERIENCES OF COMMON SOLDIERS** through a summary of the repertoire and analysis of the songs' roles both on the home front and in the military camp.



430pm – PRESENTATION
Uniquely American: The Practice of
Engraving Captured Cannon
by Leslie D. Jensen

Les' familiarity with surviving artillery from the American Revolution and later periods led him to research and create

THIS PRESENTATION ON THE PREVALENCE AND PROCESS BY WHICH CAPTURED CANNON WERE ENGRAVED. He has not published and has never before presented the results of his research on this uniquely American practice, which began in the 18th century and extended through the Mexican War.



630pm -- COCKTAIL PARTY and BANQUET
We anticipate that the Veteran Corps of Artillery of New York will serve as color guard for our traditional banquet ceremonies.

NOTE - You don't need to decide your dinner entrée when you complete your registration form. Instead, you'll make your selection at the conference registration desk when you arrive.

Sunday

830am – PRESENTATION

Regimental Flags of the German
“Mercenaries” in the War of the
American Revolution

By Steven W. Hill

Over forty thousand mis-named
“mercenaries” in regiments from
six German principalities served in

America during the American War of 1775-1783. Each of
these regiments carried flags of a pattern unique to their
own establishment. At least 33 of these flags were
captured during the war, 25 Hessian and 8 Anspach.

Several of these flags and portions of several more still
exist. **THIS PRESENTATION WILL BE A DISCUSSION OF WHAT THESE**

**FLAGS LOOKED LIKE, HOW THEY WERE MADE, THEIR USE IN THE
FIELD, AND THEIR ULTIMATE DISPOSITION.** While the Hessian
troops are the best known, especially for their role at
Trenton and Princeton, where the CMH conference is
being held, important roles were played by Brunswick
troops in the Saratoga campaign, and troops and flags of
Anspach were captured at Yorktown.



930am-6pm – FIELD TRIP (by bus or private vehicle)

NJ National Guard Militia Museum

CANCELLED – closed for the duration .

930am-6pm FIELD

TRIP (transportation
by bus or private vehicle)

Museum of American
Revolution: Group Visit
and Special “Making the
Museum” Presentation



Since it opened in 2017, the Museum of the American Revolution in
Philadelphia has become a ‘must see’ museum

Our group visit tickets include exhibits and films offered
with general admission PLUS a special thirty-minute
Virtual presentation on “Making the Museum” covering
the long history of events that led to the creation of this
museum.

This presentation also highlights key artifacts and reveals
how things work behind-the-scenes at the Museum.

NOTE: For both Sunday field trips, we are renting bus
transportation. Thus, we have both a minimum requirement
and maximum ceiling. You can ride the bus one or both ways,
and we will have baggage space for folks who want to go to
the airport or train station from the museum. We are also
offering a ‘no bus’ option for folks who want to use private
transportation.

ZOOM - Live Teleconference Itinerary – October 9-10, 2020

Friday

- 830 “The Mud Rounds: The British Invasion and the Great Retreat Across the Jerseys” by Todd Braisted
- 930 “Regimental Flags of the German “Mercenaries” in the War of the American Revolution” By Steven W. Hill
- 1030 Interactive Conversation: series of 15 minute slots for Zoom Attendees to introduce themselves and ‘Show & Tell’ items from their collections
- 730 30-minute Program portion of Welcome Reception (Welcome, acknowledgements and introductions of Board of Governors, first time attendees, “Old Guard” –fifty-year members)
- 800-1000 – Small Group Breakout sessions

Saturday

- 800 Annual Business Mtg-led by President Craig Bell
- 900 “The Great War, What The Doughboys Told Me” by Karen L. MacNutt, LTC Ret.
- 1030 “Pennsylvania's Defenses, 1775-1781” by Joseph Seymour
- 1130 “Colonial Medicine 1775” by Robert Jaffee, MD
- 100 “Guadalcanal: A 75th Anniversary Visit to the Battlefields” by Mike Gill
- 200 “Ten Days of the Revolution: A ‘Southron’ View “ by Lawrence E. Babits
- 330 “Willie, Johnny, and the Vacant Chair: Depictions of the Common Soldier in the Parlor Music of Civil War America” by Emily Lapisardi
- 430 “Uniquely American: The Practice of Engraving Captured Cannon” by Leslie D. Jensen
- 5-6:30- Tour Exhibit Room
- 630 Zoom Voting for Miller Award, small group breakouts
- 730 Awards and presentation portion of banquet

Venue – Crowne Plaza, Princeton, NJ

LOCATION

The site of our conference is the beautiful **CROWNE PLAZA-PRINCETON**, 900 Scudders Mill Road, Plainsboro, NJ.

- Conveniently located midway between the Newark and Philadelphia airports.
- Plenty of free parking
- FREE shuttle from the AMTRAK / NJTransit station at Princeton Junction
- if you come by train, there's **no need to drive!**



AMENITIES

- 27-acre wooded campus with lake, fountains, 4-mile hiking trail
- Indoor pool and pool deck large enough to meet social distancing guidelines.

PRICE

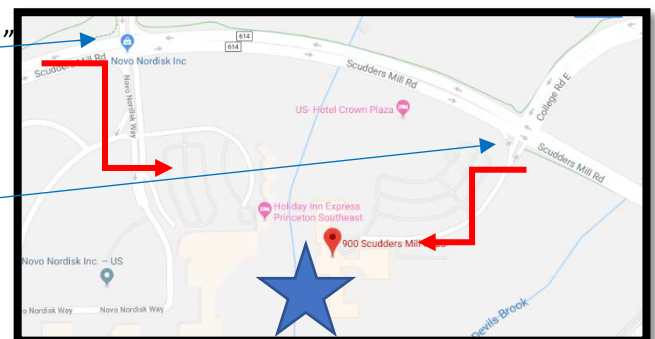
Our conference room rate for singles, doubles and a very limited number of suites is **\$119 / night**. The special rate is available Tuesday through Sunday nights of our conference weekend. Call 877-666-3243 and mention “Military Historians

Display & Flea Market Entrance at 870 Scudders Mill Road:

Look for signage for Novo Nordisk and Holiday Inn and follow drive around to left.

Hotel Entrance at 900 Scudders Mill Road:

Look for signage for Crowne Plaza Hotel and use drive for 900 Scudders Mill Road. Hotel entrance will be straight ahead.



Health and Safety Information

June 30, 2020

I want to keep you updated on our response and recovery efforts related to COVID-19, in particular, the issue of safety and quality.



Since the start of the crisis, the InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG) has implemented additional health and safety measures, including face coverings, social distancing signage, front desk plexiglass barriers, PPE for all associates, and temperature & symptom screenings of all hotel staff prior to beginning their shift. All IHG hotel operations have been enhanced with additional cleaning standards and service measures that reflect the advice of the World Health Organization and the CDC. The IHG “Clean Promise” that gives our guests confidence and peace of mind when staying with us. These science-led protocol enhancements include the following:

- ✓ **Arrival:** Reduced contact and physical interaction at check-in and check-out, touchless transactions, social distancing signage guidance, front desk barriers, sanitized key cards, sanitizer stations in high traffic areas, and complimentary PPE Kit that includes mask, anti-bacterial wipes, and gloves.
- ✓ **Public Spaces and Amenities:** More frequent deep cleaning of high touch surfaces, spacing or reduction of furniture for social distancing, sanitizer stations throughout common areas. We are also maximizing our beautiful wooded grounds for outdoor activities such as tennis, horseshoes, bean bag toss, shuffle board, and lake fishing with an abundance of social distancing.
- ✓ **Food & Beverage:** Operational changes to food & beverage requirements that meet state & local guidelines, including outdoor dining and “knock and drop” room service.
- ✓ **Guest Room:** Removal of in-room collateral and high touch items, upgraded laundry protocols, disinfecting of all surfaces and high touch areas and items,
- ✓ **Housekeeping Service:** To mitigate risk, all guestrooms are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected upon departure, and only serviced during your stay upon request. Hotel staff is required to wear PPE when servicing a room, all unused amenities such as coffee pods; bathroom toiletries, towels, etc. are discarded and replaced between guest stays. Our IHG Clean Promise assures you a room that meets IHG’s high standards of cleanliness, to learn more, you may visit www.ihg.com/clean.
- ✓ **Meet with Confidence:** With over 60,000 sf of meeting space that feature over 30 meetings rooms, we have conformed our conference center venue to meet the proper social distancing guidelines so that you can stay focused on your group and event with confidence. Learn more about how you can Meet with Confidence at ihg.com/meetwithconfidence.

Additionally, these new enhanced procedures are being led by IHG’s recently established Global Cleanliness Board that has partnered with medical experts at the world-renowned Cleveland Clinic to continue to develop guidance and resources for our hotels.

Thank you for your partnership and our team is ready and excited to welcome you back in a safe and hospitable way.

Stay well and we look forward to seeing you soon!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Richard Godfrey'.

Richard Godfrey
Complex Director of Sales and Marketing
Crowne Plaza Princeton Conference Center