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From the Editor

This issue carries the month January on the cover. That was the birth month of the great Scots poet, Robert Burns. His famous observation, “The best-laid schemes o’ Mice an’ Men Gang aft a-gley” has certainly applied to this issue. The editorial team appreciates members’ understanding with our delays.

The lead article by John Hattendorf, recently retired from his chair at the US Naval War College, itself has been rescheduled. Originally I had asked John for this retrospective piece as part of our observations to mark twenty-five years of publishing. He outlines a fascinating evolution of work and ideas. I hope this journal will continue to be a part of the exciting new research that is waiting to be done by new generations of maritime historians.

Matt Cheser is part of the team of historians at the US Naval History and Heritage Command who presented papers at the Ottawa conference of the Society of Military History in 2016. He provides an interesting look at a facet of the organizational structure that supports all of our research, be it naval, ship building, commercial, or any of the other areas identified by Hattendorf. They all need archival resources, the people to lead them and the political will to support them.

Jan Drent, who retired as a commodore from the Canadian navy, is well known within CNRS circles. His study of the North Pacific shuttle pulls together a number of threads from his career, including Russian and an appointment as the attaché in Moscow. He offers an important look at a neglected part of the Lend-Lease program.

It is again a pleasure to be able to thank the authors, peer reviewers, and book reviewers for their contributions that have made this issue possible.

William Glover
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