

The Military History Society of New South Wales Incorporated presents

The Great Siege of Malta 1565 – “the clash of sword and scimitar”

The speaker is Robert Muscat, recent Council member of the Society and secondary school principal with over thirty years in the education field. Robert joined the Australian Army Reserves in 1997 and served five years as a Rifleman in the RNSWR.



In 1565 Malta, which was the one of the easternmost bastions of Christendom, was attacked by the forces of Sulieman the Magnificent comprising of two hundred ships and approximately 40 000 men. In defence of the little island were 700 Knights of St John Hospitallers, with some 9000 men-of-arms, enduring five months of a gruelling campaign resulting in one of the most crucial sieges in history. Moreover, it was a contest of wills between the indomitable Grand Master Jean La Valette, supreme commander of the Knights of Malta, and the Ottoman commanders, Admiral Piali and Pasha Mustapha.

Saturday, 11 March 2017, 2.00pm – 3.00pm

Anzac Room, 99 York St Conference and Function Centre, Sydney

Entry is free. RSVP is essential by Wednesday 8 March 2017 as numbers are restricted (02) 9660 7225 / 0418 400 825 or email

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