MILITARY HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES
COURSE OUTLINE

Required Reading

George Herring, America’s Longest War
Walter Millis, Arms and Men
Michael Shaara, Killer Angels
Robert M. Utley, The Last Days of the Sioux Nation
Russell F. Weigley, The American Way of War
and select chapters from Francis P. Prucha, Broadax and Bayonet,
and J. Glenn Gray, The Warriors. Photocopies of these chapters
are on reserve at the State Historical Society library.

Weekly Lecture Topics and Reading Assignments

Jan. 20-23 The Colonial Military Experience

26-30 The American Revolution
Millis, 13-37; Weigley Chs. 1-2

Feb. 2-6 The Creation of the “Military Establishment”
Millis, 38-71; Weigley Ch. 3

9-13 War and Reorganization
Millis, 72-118; Weigley, Chs. 4-5

16-20 Social History and the Antebellum Army
Prucha, Broadax and Bayonet, Chs. 4, 5, and 6

23-27 Jeff Davis at the White House: Reform and Civil War
Millis, 118-130; Weigley, Chs. 6-7

Mar. 2-6 Fratricide: The Civil War
Shaara, Killer Angels (all)

9-13 Reconstruction and the “Invasion of Canada”
Mid-term Examination -- No Sections

16-20 --SPRING BREAK--

23-27 Redskins, Riots, and Regulars: The Postwar Army
Millis, 130-167; Weigley, Ch. 8

Apr. 30-3 Steam and Steel: The American Naval Renaissance
Utley, Last Days of the Sioux Nation (all)
6-10 Imperial America: The War with Spain
Millis, 167-238; Weigley, Ch. 9

13-17 The Great War and the United States
Gray, The Warriors, Chs. 2 and 5

** Papers due in class April 15 **

20-24 Discontent and Depression: The Interwar Years
Millis, 238-282; Weigley, Chs. 10-12

May 27-1 The Second World War
Millis, 282-303; Weigley, Chs. 13-16

4-8 Hot Peace: The American Military from 1950
Herring, America's Longest War (all)

NOTE: All of the required books are available at the University Bookstore. Additionally, they have been placed on 3 hour reserve at the State Historical Society library. The required chapters from Prucha and Gray are also on 3 hour reserve there.

A copy of For the Common Defense: A Military History of the United States of America, a military history textbook, has also been placed on reserve as a reference tool.
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