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## History 958: American Military History

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Seminar Meetings: Mondays 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
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1. **OVERVIEW.** This course introduces graduate students to the methods, issues, and literature of American military history. The course meets weekly for two-hour seminar discussions on the assigned readings. To facilitate these discussions, students will prepare 500-800-word critical reviews of the core readings for each week. Additionally, students will write and present two longer reviews (4-5 pages) and a seminar paper of 10-12 pages.
2. **EXPECTATIONS / REQUIREMENTS.**
  - a. Students must attend all meetings of the seminar and participate actively in discussion. Participation will be evaluated for quality and consistency.
  - b. Students will submit reviews of common, core texts (indicated on the schedule by an asterisk) no later than noon the day before each seminar meeting. These reviews will not exceed eight hundred words and will conform to the guidelines provided below. No common reviews are required for weeks 1 and 12, but a joint review (not to exceed 1,200 words) of two books is due for week 3.
  - c. Students will submit two 4-5 page reviews of works listed as “additional readings” on the schedule. These reviews are due at noon the day prior to the respective class meeting, and students will present their review to their classmates at this session. No two students may review the same book; nor will students review books that they have already read. Students should prioritize their preferences prior to our first class meeting, at which I will reconcile your wishes with the needs of the course. Students seeking to fulfill U.S. field period requirements must select at least one book from the appropriate period. These reviews should also conform to the guidelines below but more substantially engage the relevant historiography.
  - d. Students will submit a 10-12 page seminar paper by the beginning of the week 12 class meeting. Students may elect to either write a historiographical essay on an issue of their choosing or an original piece of scholarship based on research in a primary document collection. In either case, students seeking to fulfill a U.S. field period requirement must select a topic in the appropriate period.
3. **BOOK REVIEW GUIDELINES.** All reviews should be critical, analytical, and thoughtful. Assess the book as a work of individual scholarship and locate it in the larger body of literature. Consider and address at least three published, scholarly reviews in your own. At a minimum, reviews should provide:
  - a. Information on the author and his or her qualifications.
  - b. A brief, *general* description of the organization and contents of the book.
  - c. A statement of the purpose of the book and its thesis.

- d. Your critical evaluation of how successful the author is in achieving his or her goals and in persuading you of the thesis. The emphasis in each review should be on **critical** reading and evaluation. No book is perfect and none is worthless. The objective is to discern the strengths and weaknesses in the books you read and to place them in the context of the kinds of literature being done in the field and approaches to the various topics.

#### 4. COURSE TEXTS.

- a. Required. See course schedule (below).
- b. General works. There are four general works that can be read along chronologically at the right time, in pieces. You are not required to read them, but I highly recommend each of these books—particularly if you lack the background familiarity necessary to contextualize our common readings.

Chambers, John Whiteclay, and G. Kurt Piehler, eds. *Major Problems in American Military History: Documents and Essays*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1999.

Lookingbill, Brad D. *American Military History: A Documentary Reader*. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2011.

Millett, Allan R., and Peter Maslowski. *For the Common Defense: A Military History of the United States of America*. Revised and expanded ed. New York: Free Press, 1994.

Millis, Walter. *Arms and Men: A Study in American Military History*. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1956.

Weigley, Russell F. *The American Way of War: A History of United States Military Strategy and Policy*. 1973. Reprint, Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1977.

- c. References / bibliographic sources.

Blewett, Daniel K. *American Military History: A Guide to Reference and Information Sources*. 2nd ed. Westport, Conn.: Libraries Unlimited, 2009.

Chambers, John Whiteclay. *The Oxford Companion to American Military History*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1999.

Higham, Robin D. S. *A Guide to the Sources of United States Military History*. Hamden, Conn.: Archon Books, 1975.

Higham, Robin D. S., and Donald J. Mrozek. *A Guide to the Sources of United States Military History, Supplement I*. Hamden, Conn.: Archon Books, 1981.

- . *A Guide to the Sources of United States Military History, Supplement II*. Hamden, Conn.: Archon Books, 1986.
- . *A Guide to the Sources of United States Military History, Supplement III*. Hamden, Conn.: Archon Books, 1993.
- . *A Guide to the Sources of United States Military History, Supplement IV*. North Haven, Conn.: Archon Books, 1998.

## 5. COURSE SCHEDULE.

Week 1, 24 January	Origins
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**Common Readings:**

Emerson, Thomas E. "Cahokia and the Evidence for Late Pre-Columbian War in the North American Midcontinent." In *North American Indigenous Warfare and Ritual Violence*, edited by Richard J. Chacon and Ruben G. Mendoza, 129-148. Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 2007 (available at Learn@UW).

Milner, George R. "Warfare, Population, and Food Production in Prehistoric Eastern North America." In *North American Indigenous Warfare and Ritual Violence*, edited by Richard J. Chacon and Ruben G. Mendoza, 182-201. Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 2007 (available at Learn@UW).

Malone, Patrick M. *The Skulking Way of War: Technology and Tactics among the New England Indians*. Lanham, MD: Madison Books, 1991.

**Additional Readings:**

Dawson, Doyne. *The Origins of Western Warfare: Militarism and Morality in the Ancient World*. Boulder, Colo.: Westview Press, 1996.

Potts, Malcomb, and Thomas Hayden. *Sex and War: How Biology Explains Warfare and Terrorism and Offers a Path to a Safer World*. Dallas: Benbella Books, 2008.

Smith, David Livingston. *The Most Dangerous Animal: Human Nature and the Origins of War*. New York: St. Martin's Press, 2007.

Week 2, 31 January	Contact and Conflict
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**Common Readings:**

Anderson, Fred. "The Colonial Background to the American Victory." In *The World Turned Upside Down: The American Victory in the War of Independence*, edited by John E. Ferling, 1-17. New York: Greenwood Press, 1988.

\* Lepore, Jill. *King Philip's War and the Origins of American Identity*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1998.

Hirsch, Adam J. "The Collision of Military Cultures in Seventeenth Century New England." *Journal of American History* 74, (1988): 1187-1212.

**Additional Readings:**

Drake, James D. *King Philip's War: Civil War in New England, 1675-1676*. Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press, 1999.

Gleach, Frederic W. *Powhatan's World and Colonial Virginia: A Conflict of Cultures*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1997.

Jennings, Francis. *The Invasion of America: Indians, Colonialism, and the Cant of Conquest*. New York: Norton, 1976.

Leach, Douglas Edward. *Arms for Empire: A Military History of the British Colonies in North America, 1607-1763*. New York: Macmillan, 1973.

Wilcox, Michael V. *The Pueblo Revolt and the Mythology of Conquest: An Indigenous Archaeology of Contact*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2009.

Zelner, Kyle F. *A Rabble in Arms: Massachusetts Towns and Militiamen during King Philip's War*. New York: New York University Press, 2009.

Week 3, 7 February
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Early American Warfare
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**Common Readings:**

Higginbotham, Don. "The Early American Way of War: Reconnaissance and Appraisal." *William and Mary Quarterly* 44, no. 2 (Apr. 1987): 230-273.

Lee, Wayne E. "Early American Ways of War: A New Reconnaissance, 1600-1815." *Historical Journal* 44, no. 1 (2001): 269-306.

\*Starkey, Armstrong. *European and Native American Warfare, 1675-1815*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1998.

\*Grenier, John. *The First Way of War: American War Making on the Frontier*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2005.

**Additional Readings:**

Anderson, Fred. *Crucible of War: The Seven Years' War and the Fate of Empire in British North America, 1754-1766*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2000.

Chet, Guy. *Conquering the American Wilderness: The Triumph of European Warfare in the Colonial Northeast*. Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press, 2003.

Dederer, John Morgan. *War in America to 1775: Before Yankee Doodle*. New York: New York University Press, 1990.

Dowd, Gregory Evans. *War under Heaven: Pontiac, the Indian Nations, & the British Empire*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2002.

Steele, Ian K. *Betrayals: Fort William Henry & the "Massacre"*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1990.

Ward, Matthew C. *Breaking the Backcountry: The Seven Years' War in Virginia and Pennsylvania, 1754-1765*. Pittsburgh, Pa.: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2003.

White, Richard. *The Middle Ground: Indians, Empires, and Republics in the Great Lakes Region, 1650-1815*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1991.

**Week 4, 14 February**

**War for American Independence**

**Common Readings:**

\*Royster, Charles. *A Revolutionary People at War: The Continental Army and American Character, 1775-1783*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1979.

Carp, E. Wayne. "The Problem of National Defense in the Early Republic." In *The American Revolution: Its Character and Limits*, edited by Jack P. Greene, 14-50. New York: New York University Press, 1987 (available at Learn@UW).

**Additional Readings:**

Calloway, Colin G. *The American Revolution in Indian Country: Crisis and Diversity in Native American Communities*, Cambridge Studies in North American Indian History. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995.

Carp, E. Wayne. *To Starve the Army at Pleasure: Continental Army Administration and American Political Culture, 1775-1783*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1984.

Griffin, Patrick. *American Leviathan: Empire, Nation, and Revolutionary Frontier*. New York: Hill and Wang, 2007.

Higginbotham, Don. *The War of American Independence: Military Attitudes, Policies, and Practice, 1763-1789*. Boston: Northeastern University Press, 1983.

Mackesy, Piers. *The War for America, 1775-1783*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1964.

Mayer, Holly A. *Belonging to the Army: Camp Followers and Community during the American Revolution*. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 1996.

Shy, John W. *A People Numerous and Armed: Reflections on the Military Struggle for American Independence*. Rev. ed. Ann Arbor, Mich.: University of Michigan Press, 1990.

Week 5, 21 February	Young Republic
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**Common Readings:**

\*Kohn, Richard H. *Eagle and Sword: The Federalists and the Creation of the Military Establishment in America, 1783-1802*. New York: Free Press, 1975.

Crackel, Theodore J. "Jefferson, Politics, and the Army: An Examination of the Military Peace Establishment Act of 1802." *Journal of the Early Republic* 2, no. 1 (1982): 21-38.

**Additional Readings:**

Crackel, Theodore J. *Mr. Jefferson's Army: Political and Social Reform of the Military Establishment, 1801-1809*. New York: New York University Press, 1987.

Daughan, George C. *If by Sea: The Forging of the American Navy—from the American Revolution to the War of 1812*. New York: Basic Books, 2008.

Gaff, Alan D. *Bayonets in the Wilderness: Anthony Wayne's Legion in the Old Northwest*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2004.

Stagg, J. C. A. *Mr. Madison's War: Politics, Diplomacy, and Warfare in the Early American Republic, 1783-1830*. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 1983.

Sword, Wiley. *President Washington's Indian War: The Struggle for the Old Northwest, 1790-1795*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1985.

Taylor, Alan. *The Civil War of 1812: American Citizens, British Subjects, Irish Rebels, & Indian Allies*. 1st ed. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2010.

<b>Week 6, 28 February</b>	<b>Proto-Professionals</b>
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**Common Readings:**

\*Peskin, Allan. *Winfield Scott and the Profession of Arms*. Kent, Ohio: The Kent State University Press, 2003.

Skelton, William B. "Professionalization in the U.S. Army Officer Corps During the Age of Jackson." *Armed Forces & Society* 1, no. 4 (1975): 443-471.

**Additional Readings:**

Cunliffe, Marcus. *Soldiers and Civilians: The Martial Spirit in America, 1775-1865*. Boston: Little, Brown, 1968.

Hall, John W. *Uncommon Defense: Indian Allies in the Black Hawk War*. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2009.

Leeman, William P. *The Long Road to Annapolis: The Founding of the Naval Academy and the Emerging American Republic*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2010.

McKee, Christopher. *A Gentlemanly and Honorable Profession: The Creation of the U.S. Naval Officer Corps, 1794-1815*. Annapolis: Naval Institute Press, 1991.

Mahon, John K. *History of the Second Seminole War, 1835-1842*. Rev. ed. Gainesville: University Presses of Florida, 1991.

Skelton, William B. *An American Profession of Arms: The Army Officer Corps, 1784-1861*. Lawrence, Kan.: University Press of Kansas, 1992.

Winders, Richard Bruce. *Mr. Polk's Army: The American Military Experience in the Mexican War*. College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 1997.

## Week 7, 7 March

## Civil War

**Common Readings:**

\*Neely, Mark E. *The Civil War and the Limits of Destruction*. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2007.

Glatthaar, Joseph T. "The "New" Civil War History: An Overview." *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* 115, no. 3 (1991): 339-369.

Sutherland, Daniel E. "Abraham Lincoln, John Pope, and the Origins of Total War." *The Journal of Military History* 56, no. 4 (1992): 567-586.

**Additional Readings:**

Glatthaar, Joseph T. *General Lee's Army: From Victory to Collapse*. New York: Free Press, 2008.

Grimsley, Mark. *The Hard Hand of War: Union Military Policy Toward Southern Civilians, 1861-1865*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995.

Hsieh, Wayne Wei-siang. *West Pointers and the Civil War: The Old Army in War and Peace*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2009.

McPherson, James M. *Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era*, The Oxford History of the United States. New York: Oxford University Press, 1988.

McPherson, James M. *For Cause and Comrades: Why Men Fought in the Civil War*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1997.

McPherson, James M., and William J. Cooper. *Writing the Civil War: The Quest to Understand*. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 1998.

Mountcastle, Clay. *Punitive War: Confederate Guerrillas and Union Reprisals*. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2009.

Stoker, Donald J. *The Grand Design: Strategy and the U.S. Civil War*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2010.

Williams, T. Harry. *Lincoln and His Generals*. New York: Knopf, 1958.

## Week 8, 21 March

## Closing the Continental Frontier

**Common Readings:**

\*Ostler, Jeffrey. *The Plains Sioux and U.S. Colonialism from Lewis and Clark to Wounded Knee*, Studies in North American Indian History. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004.

Grimsley, Mark. "'Rebels' and 'Redskins': U.S. Military Conduct toward White Southerners and Native Americans in Comparative Perspective." In *Civilians in the Path of War*, edited by Mark Grimsley and Clifford J. Rogers, 137-161. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2002 (available at Learn@UW).

Janda, Lance. "Shutting the Gates of Mercy: The American Origins of Total War, 1860-1880." *The Journal of Military History* 59, no. 1 (1995): 7-26.

**Additional Readings:**

Coffman, Edward M. *The Old Army: A Portrait of the American Army in Peacetime, 1784-1898*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1986.

Ball, Durwood. *Army Regulars on the Western Frontier, 1848-1861*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2001.

Cooper, Jerry M. *The Rise of the National Guard: The Evolution of the American Militia, 1865-1920*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1997.

Dunlay, Thomas W. *Wolves for the Blue Soldiers: Indian Scouts and Auxiliaries with the United States Army, 1860-90*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1982.

Huntington, Samuel P. *The Soldier and the State: The Theory and Politics of Civil-Military Relations*. Cambridge: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 1957.

Smith, Sherry L. *The View from Officers' Row: Army Perceptions of Western Indians*. Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 1990.

Utley, Robert M. *Frontier Regulars: The United States Army and the Indian, 1866-1891*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1973.

Week 9, 28 March	Young Empire
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**Common Readings:**

Gates, John M. "Indians and Insurrectos: The US Army's Experience with Insurgency." *Parameters: US Army War College* 13, no. 1 (1983): 59-68 (available at Learn@UW).

\*Linn, Brian McAllister. *The Philippine War: 1899-1902*. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2000.

**Additional Readings:**

Cosmas, Graham A. *An Army for Empire: The United States Army in the Spanish-American War*. College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 1998.

Gates, John M. *Schoolbooks and Krags: The United States Army in the Philippines, 1898-1902*. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1973.

Karsten, Peter. *The Naval Aristocracy: The Golden Age of Annapolis and the Emergence of Modern American Navalism*. New York: Free Press, 1972.

McCoy, Alfred W., and Francisco A. Scarano, eds. *Colonial Crucible: Empire in the Making of the Modern American State*. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2009.

Schmidt, Hans. *Maverick Marine: General Smedley D. Butler and the Contradictions of American Military History*. Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 1987.

Shulman, Mark R. *Navalism and the Emergence of American Sea Power, 1882-1893*. Annapolis, Md.: Naval Institute Press, 1995.

Week 10, 4 April	The Great War
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**Common Readings:**

\*Kennedy, David M. *Over Here: The First World War and American Society*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1980.

Millett, Allan R. "Over Where? The AEF and American Strategy for Victory, 1917-1918." In *Against all Enemies: Interpretations of American Military History from Colonial Times to the*

*Present*, edited by Kenneth J. Hagan and William R. Roberts, xxii, 393 p. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1986 (available at Learn@UW).

Showalter, Dennis. "The Great War and Its Historiography." *The Historian* 68, no. 4 (2006): 713-721.

**Additional Readings:**

Coffman, Edward M. *The War to End All Wars: The American Military Experience in World War I*. Lexington, Ky.: University Press of Kentucky, 1998.

Coffman, Edward M. *The Regulars: The American Army, 1898-1941*. Cambridge, Mass.: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2004.

Jensen, Kimberly. *Mobilizing Minerva: American Women in the First World War*. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2008.

Ferguson, Niall. *The Pity of War*. New York: Basic Books, 1999.

Fussell, Paul. *The Great War and Modern Memory*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1975.

Morrow, John Howard. *The Great War: An Imperial History*. New York: Routledge, 2004.

Pogue, Forrest C. *George C. Marshall: Education of a General, 1880-1939*. New York: Viking Press, 1963.

Slotkin, Richard. *Lost Battalions: The Great War and the Crisis of American Nationality*. New York: Henry Holt and Company, 2005.

Week 11, 11 April
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World War II
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**Common Readings:**

\*Dower, John W. *War without Mercy: Race and Power in the Pacific War*. New York: Pantheon Books, 1993.

Sturma, Michael. "Atrocities, Conscience, and Unrestricted Warfare: US Submarines during the Second World War." *War in History* 16, no. 4 (2009): 447-468.

Walker, J. Samuel. "The Decision to Use the Bomb: A Historiographical Update." In *America in the World: The Historiography of American Foreign Relations Since 1941*, edited by Michael J. Hogan, 206-233. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995 (available at Learn@UW).

**Additional Readings:**

- Crane, Conrad C. *Bombs, Cities, and Civilians: American Airpower Strategy in World War II*. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 1993.
- Millett, Allan Reed, and Williamson Murray. *Military Innovation in the Interwar Period*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1996.
- Murray, Williamson, and Allan Reed Millett. *A War To Be Won: Fighting the Second World War*. Cambridge, Mass.: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2000.
- Overy, Richard. *Why the Allies Won*. New York: W.W. Norton & Company, 1995.
- Sherry, Michael S. *The Rise of American Air Power: The Creation of Armageddon*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1987.
- Spector, Ronald H. *Eagle against the Sun: The American War with Japan*. New York: Free Press, 1985.
- Weinberg, Gerhard L. *A World at Arms: A Global History of World War II*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1994.
- Wohlstetter, Roberta. *Pearl Harbor: Warning and Decision*. Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press, 1962.

Week 12, 18 April	The Cold War
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PAPERS DUE (no weekly review)

**Common Readings:**

- Lewis, Adrian R. *The American Culture of War: The History of U.S. Military Force from World War II to Operation Iraqi Freedom*. New York: Routledge, 2007 (through p. 227).
- Flint, Roy K. "The Truman MacArthur Conflict." In *The United States Military under the Constitution of the United States, 1789-1989*, edited by Richard H. Kohn. New York: New York University Press, 1991 (available at Learn@UW).

**Additional Readings:**

- Gaddis, John Lewis. *We Now Know: Rethinking Cold War History*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1997.

Crane, Conrad C. *American Airpower Strategy in Korea, 1950-1953*. Lawrence, KS: University Press of Kansas, 2000.

James, D. Clayton, and Anne Sharp Wells. *Refighting the Last War: Command and Crisis in Korea, 1950-1953*. New York: Free Press, 1992.

Kaplan, Fred M. *The Wizards of Armageddon*. New York: Simon and Schuster, 1983.

Leffler, Melvyn P. *A Preponderance of Power: National Security, the Truman Administration, and the Cold War*. Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press, 1992.

Stueck, William Whitney. *Rethinking the Korean War: A New Diplomatic and Strategic History*. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 2002.

Trauschweizer, Ingo. *The Cold War U.S. Army: Building Deterrence for Limited War*. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2008.

Westad, Odd Arne. *The Global Cold War: Third World Interventions and the Making of Our Times*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2005.

Nagai, Yonosuke, and Akira Iriye, eds. *The Origins of the Cold War in Asia*. New York: Columbia University Press, 1977.

Week 13, 25 April
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Vietnam
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**Common Readings:**

\*Race, Jeffrey. *War Comes to Long An: Revolutionary Conflict in a Vietnamese Province*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1972.

Lewis, Adrian R. *The American Culture of War: The History of U.S. Military Force from World War II to Operation Iraqi Freedom*. New York: Routledge, 2007 (pp. 229-293).

**Additional Readings:**

Herring, George C. *America's Longest War: The United States and Vietnam, 1950-1975*. 3rd ed. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1996.

Karnow, Stanley. *Vietnam: A History*. 2nd rev. and updated ed. New York: Penguin Books, 1997.

Krepinevich, Andrew F. *The Army and Vietnam*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1988.

McMaster, H. R. *Dereliction of Duty: Lyndon Johnson, Robert McNamara, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Lies that Led to Vietnam*. New York: HarperCollins, 1997.

Moyar, Mark. *Triumph Forsaken: The Vietnam War, 1954-1965*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006.

Prados, John. *Vietnam: The History of an Unwinnable War, 1945-1975*. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2009.

Spector, Ronald H. *After Tet: The Bloodiest Year in Vietnam*. New York: Free Press, 1993.

Willbanks, James H. *Abandoning Vietnam: How America Left and South Vietnam Lost Its War*. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2004.

Week 14, 2 May

Perplexity

**Common Readings:**

\*Lewis, Adrian R. *The American Culture of War: The History of U.S. Military Force from World War II to Operation Iraqi Freedom*. New York: Routledge, 2007 (complete).

Lee, Wayne E. "Mind and Matter—Cultural Analysis in American Military History: A Look at the State of the Field." *Journal of American History* 93, no. 4 (March 2007): 1116-42.

Linn, Brian M., and Russell F. Weigley. "The American Way of War Revisited." *The Journal of Military History* 66, no. 2 (2002): 501-33.

**Additional Readings:**

Kitfield, James. *Prodigal Soldiers: How the Generation of Officers Born of Vietnam Revolutionized the American Style of War*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1995.

Linn, Brian M. *The Echo of Battle: The Army's Way of War*. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2007.

Spector, Ronald H. *At War, at Sea: Sailors and Naval Combat in the Twentieth Century*. New York: Viking, 2001.