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Class Schedule & Required Readings

**Ongoing Block:** How do we conceptualize soldiers and war?

**LSN 8 (31 Jan)**
Defining War: Defining the Warrior, Part I. Righteous ‘Service’.
READ: Robert Heinlein, *Starship Troopers*

**LSN 20 (8 Mar)**
Defining War: Defining the Warrior, Part II. Cannon-Fodder.
READ: Dalton Trumbo, *Johnny Got His Gun*

**LSN 39 (10 May)**
Defining War: Defining the Warrior, Part III. The Failure of Sam Damon.
READ: Anton Myrer, *Once an Eagle*

**Standard Blocks**

1. What are we talking about and who cares? 1-2
2. The history of civil-military relations in America 3-10
3. Foundational Texts 11-19
4. Who are we, and why does it matter? 20-32
5. Politics 33-40
Block I: What are we talking about and who cares?

LSN 1 (10 Jan)
Who do we serve?
READ:
1. The Constitution of the United States (specifically those areas related to civil-military relations)

LSN 2 (12 Jan)
Implications of Civil-Military relations
WATCH: First half of Rumsfeld’s War, DOIM webpage under SS252
http://www-internal.usma.edu/DOIM/AcademicPB/

Block II: The history of civil-military relations in America

LSN 3 (17 Jan)
The Growth of Professional Armies

LSN 4 (**18 January Field Trip—19 January will be a drop)
The Beginning
READ:
1. Washington’s Speech at Newburgh – Instructor will provide via email.

LSN 5 (23 Jan)
From the Civil-War to the Progressive Era
READ:
1. Andrew Polsky, “Mr. Lincoln’s Army” Revisited: Partisanship, Institutional Position, and Union Army Command, 1861-1865,” in Studies in American Political Development, 16 (Fall 2002), 176-207. (Instructor Provided)

**First Thoughts Essay Due, 1600 24 January**
LSN 6 (25 Jan)

LSN 7 (27 Jan)
The Birth of a New Profession
READ: Bacevich, Chapter 6.

LSN 8 (31 Jan)
Defining War: Defining the Warrior, Part I. Righteous ‘Service’.
READ: Robert Heinlein, *Starship Troopers*

LSN 9 (2 Feb)
Drop for movie night *Why We Fight*: viewing with director Eugene Jarecki, date TBD.
Read: *Huntington*, Chapters 12-16 (Divided up in class), bring summary to LSN 10.

LSN 10 (8 Feb)
The Cold-War Era- Eisenhower’s Farewell
READ:
1. Outline of JCS Command Structure, 1947-Present (Instructor provided)
3. READ: Bacevich, Chapter 2.

Block III: Foundational Texts

LSN 11 (10 Feb)
Huntington I
READ: *Huntington*, Preface, Intro, Chapters 1 and 3.

**Research Topic Due, 1600 14 February**

LSN 12 (14 Feb)
Huntington II
READ: *Huntington*, Chapters 6 and 7.

LSN 13 (16 Feb)
Huntington III, Wrap-Up
READ:
(Instructor will provide both readings)
LSN 14 (22 Feb)
Janowitz I
READ: Morris Janowitz, The Professional Soldier: A Social and Political Portrait, Prologue, Preface, and Chapter 1

LSN 15 (24 Feb)
Janowitz II
READ: Janowitz, Chapters 5, 6, 7

LSN 16 (28 Feb)
Janowitz III & IV
READ: Janowitz, Chapters 11 and 12
SUMMARIZE BY GROUPS: Janowitz, Chapters 17-20

LSN 18 (2 Mar)
Introduction to Blocks IV and V
READ:
2. Dempsey, “Up Is Our Only Option: Suggestions for Improving Gender Relations in the Army.”
3. Dempsey, “A Divided Team: Understanding the Underlying Ideology and Content of the Partisan Affiliations of Members of the United States Army.”

Block IV: Who are we, and why does it matter?

LSN 19 (6 Mar)
Guest Lecture, Darrell Driver and the Military Mind
READ: Driver, Title TBD.

LSN 20 (8 Mar)
Defining War: Defining the Warrior, Part II. Cannon-Fodder.
READ: Dalton Trumbo, Johnny Got His Gun

1230, 8 Mar—Viewing of “Why We Fight” with writer/director Eugene Jarecki

LSN 21 (20 Mar)
Who Serves? Concerns of Class and Citizenship
READ:
1. Allan Silver, “The New Model Military and American Democracy”
2. Josiah Bunting III, “Class Warfare”
LSN 22 (22 Mar)
Drop for Mid-Term  (DUE 1600, 27 March)

LSN 23 (24 Mar)
Drop for Biblio and Research Topic

**Mid-Term Due, 1600 27 March**

LSN 24 (28 Mar)
Who Serves?  Sexuality—Lecture from Aaron Belkin on the gay ban, Dean’s Hour
READ:
1. Aaron Belkin, “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell:  Is the Gay Ban Based on Military Necessity?”
2. Charles Moskos, Op-Ed in defense of Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell.  TBD.

LSN 25 (30 Mar)
Who Serves?  Professionalism and Diversity
READ:
1. Mady Wechsler Segal & Chris Bourg “Professional Leadership and Diversity in the Army,” Chapter 32 in *Snider*.
2. One chapter per student from *Population Diversity and the U.S. Army*, Lloyd J. Matthews (.pdf file provided by instructor)

LSN 26 (3 Apr)
Drop for Biblio and Research Topic

LSN 27 (5 Apr)
**Biblio and Research Topic Due**
Class will be replaced with individual appointments to discuss paper.

LSN 28 (7 Apr)
Who Serves?  Race and Ethnicity, I
READ:
1. Truman’s 1948 Executive Order and desegregation timeline.
   [http://www.trumanlibrary.org/9981.htm](http://www.trumanlibrary.org/9981.htm)

LSN 29 (11 Apr)
Who Serves?  Race and Ethnicity, II
READ:  *Moskos and Butler*, Chapters 6, 7 and Appendix.
LSN 30 (13 Apr)
Who Serves? Race and Ethnicity, III
READ:
2. Suzanne Mettler, LA Times Op-Ed. (Instructor Provided)

LSN 31 (17 Apr)
Who Serves? Gender
READ: Margaret Harrell and Laura Miller, New Opportunities for Military Women: Effects Upon Readiness, Cohesion, and Morale.
Everyone read preface, summary, and Chapters 1 and 7.
Rest of chapters split among class.

Block V: Politics

LSN 32 (19 Apr)
What Are the Rules?
READ:
3. FVAP Briefing. Provided by instructor

LSN 33 (21 Apr)
Recent History & Criticisms
READ:

LSN 34 (25 Apr)
Counterpoints
READ:
3. James Webb editorial, NYT, Instructor Provided
**Lecture from COL (Ret.) Larry Wilkerson 26-28 April, exact DTG TBD**

LSN 35 (27 Apr)
Drop for lecture
READ:

**Women at West Point Conference, 27-29 April**

LSN 36 (1 May)
Feedback Effects II, Can War Drive Politics?
READ:
1. Bacevich, Chapter 8.

**Dr. Strangelove viewing, date TBD**

LSN 37 (3 May)
Ongoing Debates
READ:

LSN 38 (8 May)
Current Research

LSN 39 (10 May)
Defining War: Defining the Warrior, Part III. The Failure of Sam Damon.
READ: Anton Myrer, *Once an Eagle*

LSN 40 (12 May)
Rules to Live By, Or Possibly Get Fired

**Final Paper Due 1600 15 May**