

SS490A: Advanced Study in Defense Policy and Civil-Military Relations
Spring 2006
V: 6Apr06

MAJ Dempsey
phone: 938-3390
e-mail: jason.dempsey@usma.edu
office: LH 208

Assignments

<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
Preliminary Thoughts Essay	100	24 Jan
Research Topic	100	14 Feb
Mid-Term	200	27 Mar
Biblio and Research Plan	200	5 Apr
Final Paper	300	15 May
Class Instruction	100	TBD
Instructor Grade	100	

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

LSNs

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)
2. Suzanne Nielsen, "The Army Officer as Servant and Professional." pp. 161-169 in Don Snider and Lloyd Matthews, *The Future of the Army Profession* (Hereafter, *Snider*).

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/>

READ: Peter Feaver, "The Civil-Military Problematique: Huntington, Janowitz, and the Question of Civilian Control," in *Armed Forces and Society*, Vol. 23, No. 2, Winter 1996, pp. 149-178 (Available through USMA Library, either Academic Search Premier or Military & Government Collection).

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

LSN 3 (17 Jan)

The Growth of Professional Armies

READ: Samuel Huntington, *The Soldier and the State: The Theory and Politics of Civil-Military Relations*, Chapter 2.

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.
2. Leonard Wong and Douglas Johnson, "Serving the American People: A Historical View of the Army Profession." Chapter 4 in *Snider*.

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)
2. Matthew Moten, "Root, Miles, and Carter: Political-Cultural Expertise and an Earlier Army Transformation," Chapter 33 in *Snider*.

****First Thoughts Essay Due, 1600 24 January****

LSN 6 (25 Jan)

READ: Andrew Bacevich, *The New American Militarism: How Americans are Seduced by War*, Preface, Introduction, and Chapter 1.

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)
2. Tim Weiner, "Lockheed and the Future of Warfare," *New York Times*, 28 November 2004 (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:

1. *Huntington*, Chapter 17.
2. Drew Middleton, "The Enigma Called the 'Military Mind,'" *NYT* 18 April 1948.
3. Allen Guttman, "Conservatism and the Military Establishment."
(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:

1. Dempsey & Shapiro, "Citizenship and Service: The Attitudes and Experiences of Latino Soldiers in the United States Army."
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.

1. Ronald Krebs, "One Nation Under Arms? Military Participation Policy and the Politics of Identify," *Security Studies* 14, No. 3, July-September 2005.

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"
3. David Halbfinger and Steven Holmes, "A Nation at War: The Troops" NYT Magazine, 2003.

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?" *Armed Forces & Society*, Vol. 33, No. 2, Summer 2003.
2. Charles Moskos, Op-Ed in defense of Don't Ask, Don't Tell. TBD.
3. Nathaniel Frank, "Why We Need Gays in the Military", *NYT*, 28 November 2003.

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>
2. Charles Moskos and John Sibley Butler, *All That We Can Be: Black Leadership and Racial Integration the Army Way*, Preface, Intro and Chapters 1-3.

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:

1. Suzanne Mettler, "Bringing the State Back In to Civic Engagement: Policy Feedback Effects of the G.I. Bill for World War II Veterans," *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 96, No. 2, June 2002.
2. Suzanne Mettler, LA Times Op-Ed. (Instructor Provided)
2. David Leal, "It's Not Just a Job: Military Service and Latino Political Participation," *Political Behavior*, Vol. 21, No. 2, 1999.

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:

1. R.L. Brownlee, "Election Year Guidance, 2004"
2. DoD Directive 1344.10 -Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces on Active Duty. <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/html/134410.htm>
3. FVAP Briefing. Provided by instructor
4. Marybeth Ulrich, Chapter 30 in *Snider*.

LSN 33 (21 Apr)

Recent History & Criticisms

READ:

1. Jason Zengerle. 2004. "The Vet Wars." *New York Times Magazine*, May 23, 30-35.
2. "Officer Politics" *The New Republic*. (Instructor Provided).
3. *Bacevich*, Chapter 3.
4. Diane Mazur "The Bullying of America: A Cautionary Tale about Military Voting and Civil-Military Relations" *Election Law Journal*, Vol. 4, No. 2, 2005.

LSN 34 (25 Apr)

Counterpoints

READ:

1. Lance Betros 2001. "Political Partisanship and the Military Ethic in America." *Armed Forces & Society* 27 (4):501-523.
2. Richard Hooker "Soldiers of the State: Reconsidering American Civil-Military Relations," *Parameters*, Vol. 33, No. 4, Winter 2003-2004.
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:

1. Christopher Gelpi and Peter Feaver, "Speak Softly and Carry a Big Stick? Veterans in the Political Elite and the American Use of Force," *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 96, No. 4, Dec. 2002.
2. Charles Dunlap, "The Origins of the American Military Coup of 2012."

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

LSN 36 (1 May)

Feedback Effects II, Can War Drive Politics?

READ:

1. *Bacevich*, Chapter 8.
2. Ron Krebs, "The Effect of War on Democracy" Unpublished Paper.

****Dr. Strangelove viewing, date TBD****

LSN 37 (3 May)

Ongoing Debates

READ:

1. MaryBeth Ulrich and Martin Cook, "US Civil Military Relations Since 9/11: Issues in Ethics and Policy Development."
2. T.A. Frank, "Whether Service," *The New Republic*

LSN 38 (8 May)

Current Research

READ: "The Future of American Civil-Military Relations."

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****