Glatthaar Spring, 2012

War and American Society, 1903 to Present HIST 369

This course is a survey of American military history in the twentieth century in a seminar format. Lectures, readings, and discussions cover domestic events only as they pertain to wartime and peacetime military affairs. Topics include: the Spanish-American and Philippine Wars; the Root Reforms and other reforms prior to 1917; the War in Europe, 1914-16; the preparedness movement; U.S. entry into WW I; American military experience in WW I; intervention into Russia; peace and demobilization; military reorganization; Washington Naval Conference; interwar military changes; peace movements; War in Asia and Europe; preparedness for WW II; U.S. entry into WW II; coalition warfare; U.S. in North Africa and Europe; U.S. in Asia; the atomic weapon; demobilization and postwar legacy; Cold War; Korea; Vietnam; post-Vietnam Reforms; the Gulf War; and Afghanistan and Iraq.

Required Readings

Morison, Men, Machines, and Modern Times

Moten, ed., Between War and Peace

Elton E. Mackin, Suddenly We Didn't Want to Die

D’Este, Patton

Sledge, With the Old Breed

Simmons, Dog Company Six

Kitfield, Prodigal Soldiers

Mullaney, The Unforgiving Minute

Grading (all mandatory)

30% One midterm on Feb. 29. Exams will have essay and objective questions.

10% Book Quizzes (given in recitation)

10% Paper, 4-7 typed pages. Paper is due 4 April.

10% Classroom discussion

40% Final examination. It will cover material since the midterm and will include essay and objective questions. The final exam will be on 30 April at 12 P.M. (noon)

Make-ups are given only in cases of dire emergency and will be given on 23 April at 5 P.M.

Recitation Assignments for Week of:

16 Jan. Morison, skip 123-205; Moten, 155-78

23 Jan. Mackin; Moten, 179-96

30 Jan. Patton, 1-282

6 Feb. Patton, 283-546

13 Feb. Patton, 547-820; Moten, 197-219

20 Feb. Sledge; Moten, 220-36

27 Feb. Midterm Exam 29 Feb. No Recitation

5 Mar. Spring Break

12 Mar. Simmons; Moten, 237-58

19 Mar. Kitfield, pp. 13-231; Moten, 259-80

26 Mar. Moten, 281-301; Millett Lecture Monday; No Recitation

2 Apr. No Recitation; Paper Due 4 April at Classtime

9 Apr. Kitfield, 235-435; Mullaney, 1-195

16 Apr. Mullaney, 196-373; Moten, 302-22

This means we will discuss the weekly material at recitation.

**Guidance for Paper**

The second paper is a feature article, from 4-7 typewritten pages, based on an interview you recorded with someone who has prior or current military experience. You cannot do it on yourself.

The student must line up an interview, undertake some background research, and interview a subject. The student must record the interview and be prepared to deliver it on a moment's notice to the professor. This is for your protection. The student will then prepare an essay, based on some aspect or aspects of the interview. The individual need not have combat experience.

In the first paragraph, the student should state some background information on the subject, including some basic information on that individual's military service. The rest of the paper should cover some aspect of the individual's military experience. This must be in the form of an essay, comparable to one you might read in a newspaper. It may not be in the form of question, answer.

I shall give more details on this paper in class.

THIS PAPER IS DUE ON 4 APRIL.