

**HISTORY 1686/SOCIOLOGY 1486:
WAR AND THE MILITARY IN AMERICAN LIFE**

Fall 2005
Tu, Th 1 PM, 216 C.L.

Professor Peter Karsten
Posvar 3907

Off. Hrs: Tu/Th 2:30-3:30, Wed 10:30-12 & by appt.

This course is concerned with two different phenomena: (1) the roles military (and, at times, anti-military) systems, play in national and international affairs and in the political, economic, social, and cultural life of the U.S. and (2) the effects of wars on Americans (ethnic or economic groups, the family, the individual combatant, the economy, politics, etc.) The first two weeks are designed to acquaint the student with pre-modern warfare, early military systems, civil-military relations, coups, and the laws of warfare as background to the American experience.

The course is *not primarily* concerned with battles, tactics, command, or strategy (except inasmuch as these facets of the military relate to the primary questions). It *is* concerned with questions of social-science nature regarding past human behavior: The social origins of military personnel, the process of value inculcation, inter-and intra-service tensions, the relations of the military to other national elites; the change, or absence of change, resulting from warfare, military occupation, the causes of mutinies and coups, etc.

The course is organized chronologically, but also topically, with the format varying from lecture, to pro-seminar, to discussion with the typical meeting being a mixture of all three. Students are expected to write two brief (1 page) answers (distributed at times notes in the syllabus) to questions regarding one or another reading in the Reserve Book Room (RBR). These questions are designed simply to help you focus on the implications of the assigned reading and to relate the readings to the ongoing class discussion and issues. I also ask you to prepare (from a short set of options) a take-home essay at mid-term (about 35% of grade) and again for the final (about 45% of the grade). You will also be given about 10 or 12 shorter questions (from a longer list of choices) in-class in the middle of the term and at the "final exam." These, together, count for 10% of your grade.

You are *not* expected to read all of the articles and chapters listed by the date of each meeting, but I do recommend that you read at least one such article or chapter before each class.

At the Book Center, you will find:

Peter Karsten, ed.
Millett and Maslowski
Peter Karsten, ed.

The Military In America ("Karsten")
For The Common Defense ("M & M")
History 1686 essays (the "white packet")

The Millett & Maslowski (M & M) book is *not* "the text" for this course. By all means, read it, as a basic source of information. But treat the other readings as being *more* important to you in developing your grasp of what we will be doing.

DATE TITLE OF MEETING

RECOMMENDED READING

Aug 30	Introduction: Understanding War, Violence, and the Relation of Military Organizations to Society	Peter Karsten, "Demilitarizing Military History;" <u>Military Affairs</u> (Fall 1972); Kurt Lang, <u>Military Institutions and the Sociology of War</u> ; Divale essay (RBR); Robt. O'Connell, <u>The Ride of the Second Horseman</u> ; Karsten, "Military and Society," essay in the "white packet" (This <i>last</i> item is the only one I'm really <i>expecting</i> you to have read; the others are simply recommended. I'll be referring to them on the 30th.)
Sept. 1	Comparing Primitive, Ancient, Medieval, and Modern Military/ Society Relationships	
Sept. 6	Issues of Civilian Control, and Military Coups	Karsten, "The Coup d'Etat" essay in the "White packet (It's the last one in the Packet; it's not listed in the Table of Contents.)
Sept. 8	The Laws of Warfare	Karsten, "The Laws" in "white packet"; Schmandt essay (RBR)
Sept. 13	The Colonial Experience: Militia Systems and volunteers in different settings	Shy and Anderson essays and documents (Karsten, pp. 27-54); Bronner, Breen, & Hirsch essays (RBR); M & M, chs. 1 & 2.
Sept. 15	Independence: Recruitment, Combat and the Effects of Service and War (1-page assignment given out)	Gruber, "British Officers in the American Revolution" and Burrows "Military Experience" essays (RBR); M&M, ch. 3; Lender, Kohn, Benton essays and documents, 55-105, in Karsten, <u>Mil. in Am.</u>
Sept. 20	The Military of the Early Republic 1783-1860; Recruitment and Roles	Karsten, ch. 2 of <u>The Naval Aristocracy</u> & Crackel essay in "white packet"; Skelton essay, and documents, Karsten, <u>Military in America</u> , pp. 107-130; M & M, chs. 4 & 5

- Sept. 22 NO CLASS
- Sept. 27 Pacifism, Militarism and the Crisis of Conscience (1 p. assignment due) Marcus Cunliffe's "Southern Military Trad." in "white packet;" items # 12 & 13 in Karsten, Mil. In Amer.
- Sept. 29 The Civil War: Recruitment, Morale, Combat and the Effects of Service and War M&M, chs. 6 & 7; Coulter, Clemens, Maslowski, & Lonn readings in Karsten, Military in America, (pp. 145-175); T.H. Williams, essay in "white packet"; Kerby, Levine, Cain, Bowen, Earnhart, Dean, & Bearman essays (RBR)
- Oct. 4 Reconstruction and The Army of the "New Empire" (1865-1915): Challenges from a Local Alternative, and Changing Missions essays M&M, chs. 8&9; Radabaugh, Schubert, Gates and Hacker essays (RBR); Hyman, Dearing, Cooper, Leonard and Karsten (pp. 177-200, 209-240, 258-273) in Military in Amer.
- Oct 6 The Navy and the "New Empire" Career Anxieties and New Missions pp. 240-58, Military in America; M&M, ch. 10
- Oct. 11 The Question of Civilian Militarism in the Fin de Siecle (1885-1915) Mallan, James, Lutzker and McClelland essays (RBR); Holmes reading and Linderman essay (Karsten, Military in America, pp. 201-207, 275-295); Karsten, "Militarization and Rationalization" chapter in white packet
- MID-TERM ESSAY QUESTIONS DISTRIBUTED!***
- Oct. 13 Music, War and the Two Militaries (This class meets in Posvar Hall 3P11; go to History Department main office.)
- Oct. 18 Localism, Cosmopolitanism, and Modern War: WWI M&M, ch. 11; Davis, (WWI) essay (RBR); Chambers and White essays and "Ozarks" document, Karsten, Military in America, pp. 297-330, William March, Company K; Stanley Cooperman,

WWI and the American Novel (both good,
but not in RBR)

(Sign up for office hour visit on Oct. 25 & 27)

Oct. 20 **MID-TERM EXAM** **(MID-TERM ESSAY QUESTION DUE)**

Oct. 25 Office Hours

Oct. 27 Office Hours

- | | | |
|---------|---|---|
| Nov. 1 | Between the Wars: Inter-Service Rivalries | Greene, Morton and Jensen essays (RBR); M&M, ch. 12; tables on pp. 330-331 in <u>Military in Amer.</u> |
| Nov. 3 | WWII: Morale, Combat, Ethics | M&M, chs. 13-14;
Shaffer and Marshall essays and documents (Karsten, <u>Military in America</u> , pp. 335-370) |
| Nov. 8 | “Let There Be Light” | |
| Nov. 10 | Integration and Race Relations, 1862-1990s | Fendrich-Pearson and Moskos essays (RBR); Art Barbeau, <u>The Unknown Soldiers</u> ; R. Dalfiume, <u>Deseg. of U.S. Army</u> ; pp. 375 and 474, in Karsten <u>Military in America</u> |
| Nov. 15 | “The Selling of the Pentagon” | Palmer essay in Karsten, <u>Mil. In Amer.</u> |
| Nov. 17 | Nuclear Weapons and the “New Military”: Selective Service, the “Whiz Kids,” & Inter-service Rivalries | M&M, chs. 15 & 16; Lewis and Bacevich essays in white packet; Wubben, Wamsley, Dexter, and Janowitz essays (RBR); Karsten, <u>Military in America</u> , p. 376 document |
| | (1-page Assignment Distributed) | |
| Nov. 22 | NO CLASS | |
| Nov. 24 | “Obedience”
(1-page Assignment Due) | Brady-Rappaport, Mantell, Phillips, and Toch essays (RBR);
Cockerham & Lizotte-Bordura |

essays in

white packet

- Nov. 29 Vietnam and Combat Behavior M&M, ch. 17; Karsten Military in America, pp. 397-475; Karsten, "The Reasons Why," Karsten, "ROTC...", Dean, & Mazur essays in white packet
- Dec. 1 The Modern Military M&M, ch. 18; pp. 458-75, Karsten, Military in America; Karsten, "The U.S. Citizen-Soldier..." and Miller-Moscoss essays in white packet; Laura Reed essay (RBR)
- Dec. 6 The Effects of Military Service: A Systematic Inquiry Soldiers and Society intro & docs. and Lawrence-Kane essay in white packet; Somit-Tannenhaus, and Browning, et al., essays (RBR)

Final Essay Question Choices Distributed!

Mon. Dec.12 **FINAL EXAM** (4 PM – essays due)

Reserve Book Room (RBR) ARTICLE CITATIONS

T. Breen, English Origins and New World Development: The Case of the Covenanted Militia, 17th Century Mass." Past and Present, (172), 74-96

Don Bowen, Guerilla War in Western Missouri, 1862-65: Historical Extensions of the Relative Deprivation Hypothesis," Compar Studies in Soc. and History, (1977), 30-51

Brady and Rappaport, "Violence and Vietnam," Human Relations, XXVI, No. 6, 735-52

E. Bronner, "Quakers and Non-Violence in PA." Pa. History, 1968, 1-22

H. Browning, et. al., "Income and Veteran Status," American Sociological Review, February 1973, 74-85

Dean, "Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder & the Civil War," 37 Civil War History 138 ('91)

L. Dexter, "Congressmen and the Making of Military Policy," in Perspectives on the House of Representatives, ed. Robert Peabody, pp. 175-194

Kenneth Dolbeare and James Davis, "A Social Profile of Local Draft Board Members: The Case of Wisconsin," and Gary Wamsley, "Decision making in Local Boards: (the case of Pittsburgh) both in Wamsley, ed., Selective Service and Amer. Society

H. Earnhart, "Commutation," Civil War History XXX, (June 1966), 132-142

Fendrich & Pearson, "Black Veterans Return," in The American Military, ed. M. Oppenheimer, 163ff

John Gates, "The Alleged Isolation of U.S. Army Officers in the Late 19th Century," Parameters, X (1982), 32-45

Fred Greene, "The Military's View of National Security, 1900-40," Amer. Hist. Rev.

Ira Gruber, "British Officers in the War for Independence," in The Limits of Loyalty, pp. 25-40

Adam Hirsch, "The Collision of Military Cultures in 17th Century New England," 74 J. of American History (1988)

William James, "The Moral Equivalent of War," in St. Lynd, ed., Non Violence in America, 135-150

Morris Janowitz, "Changing Patterns of Organizational Authority: The Military," Admin. Science Q (1959?), 237-57

R. Kerby, "Why the Confederacy Lost," Review of Politics, summer, 1973, 326-345

S. Kaplan, "Rank and Status Among Mass. Cont. Line Officers," American Historical Review, LVI (1950-51), 318-326

Douglas Kinnard, "The Vietnam War in Retrospect: The Army Generals' Views," Journal of Political and Military Sociology, (1976), 17-28

Peter Levine, "Draft Evasion in the North During the Civil War, 1863-65," Journal of American History, 46 (1981), 816-34

M. Lutzker, "The Pacifist as Militarist, "A Critique of the American Peace Movement, 1898-19141," Societas

James Mallan, "The Military Critique of the Business Civilization," American Quarterly

David M. Mantell, "Doves vs. Hawks," Psychology Today, (September 1974)

D. McClelland, "Love and Power:- The Psychological Signals of War," Psychology Today, (January 1974), 44ff

M. McDonnell, "Popular Mobilization & Political Culture in Revolutionary Virginia: The Failure of the Minutemen & the Revolution from Below," 85 Journal of American History 946 (1998)

Miller & Moskos, "Humanitarians or Warriors? Race, Gender and Combat Status in Operation Restore Hope," 21 Armed Forces & Society 615 (1995)

Louis Morton, "Army and Marines on the China Station," Pacific Historical Review, (1960), 51-74

C. Moskos, "Racial Integration in Armed Forces," American Journal of Sociology, Sept 1966, 132-148

N. Phillips, "Militarism and Grass-Roots Involvement in Mil-Ind. Complex," Journal of Conflict Res December 1973, 625-655

Laura Reed, "Rethinking Security from the Ground Up," Breakthroughs, Vol 9, (2000), 21ff

R. Schmandt, "The 4th Crusade and the Just-War Theory," Catholic Historical Review, LXI (191-221)

Frank Schubert, "Black Soldiers on the White Frontier," Phylon, 410-415

John Shy, "The American Revolution": The Military Conflict as a Revolutionary Conflict," in Essays on the

American Revolution, ed. St. Kurtz and James Huston, pp. 121-156

Nancy Stein, "U.S. Army School for Scoundrels," NACLA VIII (1974) 24-27

Hans. Toch, et. al. , "Readiness to Perceive Violence," British Journal of Psychology, 1961, Volume 52, 389-393

H. R. Wubben, "American POWs in Korea," American Quarterly, (1974), 3-19