

# History 8807. STUDIES IN THE COMPARATIVE HISTORY OF MODERN WARFARE

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**Credit Hours:** 3

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**Course Description:** This course offers students the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the historical literature dealing with the evolution of warfare and military systems in the modern world. It begins in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, with the emergence of armies and navies whose officers were distinguished by a growing professionalism, and it extends to the latter half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Although much of the available literature deals with the military developments in the West (Europe and the United States), students will also have the opportunity to study the military systems of non-Western cultures in hopes of attaining a truly global perspective.

## **Goals and Objectives:**

**Knowledge Based Skills:** 1) Strategy, Tactics, and Logistics; 2) Impact of Evolving Military Technology; 3) Impact of Politics on Military Affairs; 4) War's Impact on Society; 5) Social Pressures and the Military; 6) Recruitment, Training, and Motivation; 7) Military Professionalism; 8) Military Doctrine.

**Skill-Based Goals:** 1) Spatial Awareness; 2) Writing Proficiency; 3) Appreciation for Historical Context; 4) Improved Reading Comprehension; 5) Sequential Logic; 6) Analytical Thinking; 7) Preparation for a Lifetime of Learning; 8) Research Skills

**Common Texts:** Russell F. Weigley, *The Age of Battles: The Quest for Decisive Warfare from Breitenfeld to Waterloo*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2004.

John Keegan, *The Price of Admiralty: The Evolution of Naval Warfare*. New York: Penguin Books, 1989.

John A. Lynn, *Battle: A History of Combat and Culture*. New York: Basic Books, 2004.

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

James O. Gump, *The Dust Rose Like Smoke: The Subjugation of the Zulu and the Sioux*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1994.

Russell A. Hart, *Clash of Arms: How the Allies Won in Normandy*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2004.

Martin Van Creveld, *The Age of Airpower*. New York: PublicAffairs, 2012.

**Semester Grade:** The student's final grade will be based on the total number of points (800 total) earned in an oral report or reports (100 points), a tentative bibliography (100 points) an annotated bibliography (200 points), and a historiographical paper (400 points). Class attendance and participation will also affect the grade. The professor reserves the right to fail any student who misses two or more classes without prior permission or valid excuses.

**Historiographical Paper:** The historiographical paper will provide each student with the chance to explore the existing scholarly literature on the military development of a specific nation or culture. Possible topics include:

The American Way of War (Colonial Times to 1783)  
The American Way of War (1783 to 1898)  
The American Way of War (1898 to 1945)  
The American Way of War (1945 to Present)  
The British Way of War, 1660-1914 (on land)  
The British Way of War, 1914 to Present (on land)  
The British Way of War (at sea)  
The French Way of War  
The Prussian Way of War (from Frederick I to 1871)  
The German Way of War (from 1871 through 1945)  
The Austrian Way of War  
The Dutch Way of War  
The Russian Way of War (from Peter the Great to 1917)  
The Soviet Way of War  
The Spanish Way of War  
The Swedish Way of War  
The Mexican Way of War  
The Israeli Way of War  
The Chinese Way of War  
The Vietnamese Way of War  
The Japanese Way of War  
War in Sub-Saharan Africa  
The Mesoamerican Way of War  
War and the Indians of North America (Eastern Woodlands)  
War and the Indians of North America (Great Plains)  
War in the Islamic World (particularly Turkey and other parts of the Middle East)

Instead of one of the preceding topics, a student may choose any of those listed below.

The Military Revolution  
Napoleon and His Legacy  
Ways of War in the Age of Napoleon  
International Impact of Carl von Clausewitz  
The Rise of Air Power  
Alfred Thayer Mahan and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Navalism  
Nuclear War and Cold War Strategy  
Unconventional Warfare in the Cold War Era  
Unconventional Warfare in the Post-Cold War Era (or Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism)

The paper should consist of 30 to 35 double-spaced pages, including reference notes. The aim is to cover the principal secondary works pertaining to each topic, especially the ground-breaking and controversial literature. To make sure that the paper remains manageable, it would be wise to focus on ten to twelve works. Nevertheless, the student is urged to read as widely as time permits. With those topics where there is a shortage of published monographs, a proper selection of scholarly articles will suffice.

The paper should evaluate the quality of the historiography in the field it addresses. The student should compare and contrast the works he has read, highlighting where they disagree and other matters of controversy. In addition to surveying what work has been done, the paper should also state what work needs to be done. In other words, the student should presume to present an agenda for future scholarship.

**Oral Reports:** Each student will present one or more oral report dealing with the subject covered by his/her historiographical paper. These reports will be presented throughout the course of the semester. The length of each report will be determined by the size of the class (the fewer students, the more time each presenter will receive). The scheduling of each paper will depend on its topic. Those students who have present their reports early in the semester will not be expected to attain the same standard as those who present toward the end.

**Tentative Bibliography:** On the day he/she presents his/her oral report, the student will be expected to distribute a copy of his/her tentative bibliography (a simple typed list of the works he plans to discuss) to everyone in the class.

**Annotated Bibliography:** Toward the end of the semester, the student will present the professor with an annotated bibliography, containing a one-paragraph summary of every book or other important work consulted for his/her historiographical paper. The professor will run off copies of these annotated bibliographies for everyone in the class, thus providing the students with a convenient reference to the study of comparative military history.

**Class Discussions:** In addition to their own individual readings, students will be expected

to read several works on comparative military history in common. They should come to class prepared to discuss the readings assigned for the week. If the students do not give evidence of having performed this assignment, they will be compelled to spend the class period writing essays on the week's readings.

**Absence Policy:** Graduate study is a group process. You learn as much from your interaction with your professor and your classmates as you do from working on your own. Hence, it is essential that all students enrolled in this course attend and participate in class. Any student missing more than the equivalent of three weeks worth of class (i.e., three classes) except under the most dire of extenuating circumstances can expect to receive a failing grade.

**Academic Honesty Statement:** Students are expected to do their own work on all exams, quizzes, and other exercises. Anyone caught cheating in class and/or plagiarizing will receive a failing grade in the course. *The American Heritage Dictionary* defines plagiarism as: "1. To steal and use the ideas and writings of another as one's own. 2. To appropriate passages or ideas from another and use them as one's own."

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<http://www.temple.edu/disability/Handbook/Noframes/noframes.html>.

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# CLASS SCHEDULE

Week 1: 12-16 January

## **Introduction**

Week 2: 19-23 January

## **The Beginnings of Modern War, 1450-1600**

Weigley, *Age of Battles*, 1-72  
Tentative Bibliography Due

Week 3: 26-30 January

## **War in the Age of Reason, 1600-1775**

Weigley, *Age of Battles*, 73-255

Week 4: 2-6 February

## **The American Revolution, French Revolutionary, and Napoleonic Wars, 1775-1815**

Weigley, *Age of Battles*, 256-398

Week 5: 9-13 February

## **Napoleon and the Elements of Modern Warfare**

Weigley, *Age of Battles*, 399-543

Week 6: 16-20 February

## **War at Sea**

Keegan, *Price of Admiralty*, xv-xxiii, 1-181

Week 7: 23-28 February

## **War at Sea**

Keegan, *Price of Admiralty*, 183-328

**Spring Break:** 2-6 March

Week 8: 9-13 March

## **War and Culture**

Lynn, *Battle*, xiii-xxvi, 1-178

Week 9: 16-21 March

## **War and Culture**

Lynn, *Battle*, xiii-xxvi, 179-370

Week 10: 23-27 March

**Europeans and Indians: Colonial Warfare in North America**

Chet, *Conquering the American Wilderness*

Week 11: 30 March-4 April

**Colonial Warfare in America and Africa**

Gump, *The Dust Rose Like Smoke*

Week 12: 6-10 April

**The Normandy Campaign, June-July 1944: A Comparative Approach**

Hart, *Clash of Arms*

Week 13: 13-17 April

**Airpower and Modern Warfare**

Van Creveld, *The Age of Airpower*, 3-170

Annotated Bibliography Due

Week 14: 20-24 April

**Airpower and Modern Warfare**

Van Creveld, *The Age of Airpower*

Final Exam Week: 27 April-1 May

4-8 May

Historiographical Paper Due, 5 May (Tuesday)

# READINGS IN MODERN WARFARE

## SOME SUGGESTIONS TO GET YOU STARTED

### The American Way of War

- Abrahamson, James L. *American Arms for a New Century* (1981).
- Adams, Michael C. C. *Living Hell: The Dark Side of the Civil War* (2014).
- Adelberg, Michael S. *The American Revolution in Monmouth County: The Theatre of Spoil and Destruction* (2010).
- Allison, William Thomas. *Military Justice in Vietnam: The Rule of Law in an American War* (2006).
- Ambrose, Stephen E. *Upton and the Army* (1964).
- Anderson, Fred. *A People's Army: Massachusetts Soldiers and Society in the Seven Years' War* (1984).
- \_\_\_\_\_. *The Crucible of War: The Seven Years' War and the Fate of Empire in British North America, 1754-1766* (2000).
- Arnold, James R. *The Moro War: How America Battled a Muslim Insurgency in the Philippine Jungle, 1902-1913* (2011).
- Armstrong, David A. *Bullets and Bureaucrats: The Machine Gun and the United States Army, 1861-1916* (1982).
- Atkinson, Rick. *Crusade: The Untold Story of the Persian Gulf War* (1994).
- Bacevich, Andrew J. *The New American Militarism: How Americans Are Seduced by War* (2005).
- Bailey, Beth. *America's Army: Making the All-Volunteer Force* (2009).
- Ball, Durwood. *Army Regulars on the Western Frontier, 1848-1861* (2001).
- Barbuto, Richard V. *Niagara 1814: America Invades Canada* (2000).
- Beringer, Richard, Herman Hattaway, Archer Jones, and William N. Still, Jr. *Why the South Lost the Civil War* (1986).
- Bickel, Keith B. *Mars Learning: The Marine Corps' Development of Small Wars Doctrine, 1915-1940* (2001).
- Black, Jeremy. *America as a Military Power* (2002).
- Blechman, Barry M., and Stephen S. Kaplan. *Force without War: U.S. Armed Forces as a Political Instrument* (1978).
- Bodle, Wayne. *The Valley Forge Winter: Civilians and Soldiers in War* (2002).
- Bönker, Dirk. *Militarism in a Global Age: Naval Ambitions in Germany and the United States before World War I* (2012).
- Bonura, Micahel. *Under the Shadow of Napoleon: French Influence on the American Way of Warfare from Independence to the Outbreak of WWII* (2012).
- Boot, Max. *The Savage Wars of Peace: Small Wars and the Rise of American Power* (2002).
- Borer, Douglas A. *Superpowers Defeated: Vietnam and Afghanistan Compared* (1999).
- Brady, Lisa M. *War upon the Land: Military Strategy and the Transformation of Southern Landscapes during the American Civil War* (2012).
- Braim, Paul F. *The Test of Battle: The American Expeditionary Forces in the Meuse-Argonne Campaign* (1987).
- Brodie, Bernard. *Strategy in the Missile Age* (1965).
- Bruce, Robert B. *A Fraternity of Arms: America and France in the Great War* (2003).

- Brumwell, Stephen B. *White Devil: A True Story of War, Savagery, and Vengeance in Colonial America* (2005).
- Cameron, Craig. *American Samurai: Myth, Imagination, and the Conduct of Battle in the First Marine Division, 1941-1945* (1994).
- Carp, E. Wayne. *To Starve the Army at Pleasure: Continental Army Administration and American Political Culture, 1775-1783* (1984).
- Clifford, J. Garry, and Samuel R. Spencer. *The First Peacetime Draft* (1986).
- Clodfelter, Mark. *Beneficial Bombing: The Progressive Foundations of American Air Power, 1917-1945* (2010).
- Coffman, Edward M. *The War to End All Wars: The American Military Experience in World War I* (1968).
- \_\_\_\_\_. *The Old Army: A Portrait of the American Army in Peacetime, 1784-1898* (1986).
- \_\_\_\_\_. *The Regulars: The American Army, 1898-1941* (2004).
- Conversino, Mark J. *Fighting with the Soviets: The Failure of Operation FRANTIC, 1944-1945* (1996).
- Cooper, Jerry. *The Rise of the National Guard: The Evolution of the American Militia, 1865-1920* (1999).
- Corum, James S. *Fighting the War on Terror: A Counterinsurgency Strategy* (2007).
- Cosmas, Graham A. *An Army for Empire: The United States Army in the Spanish-American War* (1971).
- Crackel, Theodore J. *Mr. Jefferson's Army: Political and Social Reform of the Military Establishment, 1801-1809* (1987).
- Crane, Conrad C. *Bombs, Cities, and Civilians: American Airpower Strategy in World War II* (1993).
- \_\_\_\_\_. *American Airpower Strategy in Korea, 1950-1953* (2000).
- Cress, Lawrence Delbert. *Citizens in Arms: The Army and the Militia in American Society to the War of 1812* (1982).
- Cunliffe, Marcus. *Soldiers and Civilians: The Martial Spirit in America, 1775-1865* (1968).
- Davidson, Janine. *Lifting the Fog of Peace: How American Learned to Fight Modern War* (2010).
- Dobak, William A., and Thomas D. Phillips, *The Black Regulars, 1866-1898* (2001).
- Doubler, Michael D. *Closing with the Enemy: How GIs Fought the War in Europe, 1944-1945* (1994).
- \_\_\_\_\_. *Civilian in Peace, Soldier in War: The Army National Guard, 1636-2000* (2003).
- Eames, Steven. *Rustic Warriors: Warfare and the Provincial Soldier of the New England Frontier, 1689-1748* (2011).
- Estes, Kenneth W. *Marines under Armor: The Marine Corps and the Armored Fighting Vehicle, 1916-2000* (2000).
- Evangelista, Matthew, and Henry Shue, eds. *The American War of Bombing: Changing Ethical and Legal Norms, from Flying Fortresses to Drones* (2014).
- Fischer, David Hackett. *Washington's Crossing* (2004).
- Faulkner, Richard S. *The School of Hard Knocks: Combat Leadership in the American Expeditionary Forces* (2012).
- Fitzgerald, David. *Learning to Forget: U.S. Army Counterinsurgency Doctrine and Practice from Vietnam to Iraq* (2013).
- Flynn, George Q. *The Draft, 1940-1973* (1993).



- Friedman, Norman. *Terrorism, Afghanistan, and America's New Way of War* (2003).
- Gaff, Alan D. *Bayonets in the Wilderness: Anthony Wayne's Legion in the Old Northwest* (2004).
- Gates, John Morgan. *Schoolbooks and Krags: The United States Army in the Philippines, 1898-1902* (1973).
- Gentile, Gian P. *How Effective Is Strategic Bombing?: Lessons Learned from World War II to Kosovo* (2000).
- Glatthaar, Joseph T. *Soldiering in the Army of Northern Virginia: A Statistical Portrait of the Troops Who Served under Robert E. Lee* (2011).
- Gole, Henry G. *General William E. DePuy: Preparing the Army for Modern War* (2008).
- Gordon, Michael R., and Bernard E. Trainor. *The Generals' War: The Inside Story of the Conflict in the Gulf* (1996).
- Gordon, Michael R., and Bernard E. Trainor. *Cobra II: The Inside Story of the Invasion and Occupation of Iraq* (2006).
- Goss, Thomas J. *The War within the Union High Command: Politics and Generalship during the Civil War* (2003).
- Greene, Jerome A. *Washita: The U.S. Army and the Southern Cheyennes, 1867-1869* (2004).
- Grenier, John. *The First Way of War: American War Making on the Frontier, 1607-1814* (2005).
- Griffith, Paddy. *Battle Tactics of the Civil War* (1989).
- Grimsley, Mark. *The Hard Hand of War: Union Military Policy toward Southern Civilians 1861-1865* (1995).
- Grotelueschen, Mark Ethan. *The AEF Way of War: The American Army and Combat in World War I* (2006).
- Hagan, Kenneth J. *American Gunboat Diplomacy and the Old Navy, 1877-1889* (1973).  
 \_\_\_\_\_. *This People's Navy: The Making of American Sea Power* (1991).
- Hagerman, Edward. *The American Civil War and the Origins of Modern Warfare* (1988).
- Hall, John W. *Uncommon Defense: Indian Allies in the Black Hawk War* (2009).
- Hammes, T. X. *Forgotten Warriors: The 1<sup>st</sup> Provisional Marine Brigade, the Corps, Ethos, and the Korean War* (2010).
- Hargreaves, Andrew L. *Special Operations in World War II: British and American Irregular Warfare* (2013).
- Hattaway, Herman, and Archer Jones. *How the North Won: A Military History of the Civil War* (1983).
- Haughton, Andrew R. B. *Training, Tactics and Leadership in the Confederate Army of Tennessee* (2000).
- Hedges, Chris, and Laila Al-Arian. *Collateral Damage: America's War against Iraqi Civilians* (2009).
- Herspring, Dale R. *The Pentagon and the Presidency: Civil-Military Relations from FDR to George W. Bush* (2005).
- Hess, Earl J. *The Union Soldier in Battle: Enduring the Ordeal of Combat* (1997).  
 \_\_\_\_\_. *The Rifle Musket in Civil War Combat: Myth and Reality* (2008).  
 \_\_\_\_\_. *In the Trenches at Petersburg: Field Fortifications and Confederate Defeat* (2009).  
 \_\_\_\_\_. *Civil War in the West: Victory and Defeat from the Appalachians to the Mississippi* (2012).
- Hofmann, George F. *Through Mobility We Conquer: The Mechanization of U.S. Cavalry*

- (2006).
- Huelfer, Evan Andrew. *The "Casualty Issue" in American Military Practice: The Impact of World War I* (2003).
- Hunt, Michael H., and Steven Levine. *Arc of Empire: America's Wars in Asia from the Philippines to Vietnam* (2012).
- Hutton, Paul A. *Phil Sheridan and His Army* (1985).
- Isley, Jeter A., and Philip A. Crowl. *The U.S. Marines and Amphibious Warfare* (1951).
- Jablonsky, David. *War by Land, Sea, and Air: Dwight Eisenhower and the Concept of Unified Command* (2011).
- Jackson, Ashley. *Distant Drums: The Role of Colonies in British Imperial Warfare* (2010).
- Joes, Anthony James. *America and Guerrilla Warfare* (2001).
- Johnson, David E. *Fast Tanks and Heavy Bombers: Innovation in the U.S. Army, 1917-1945* (1998).
- Johnson, Timothy D. *A Gallant Little Army: The Mexico City Campaign* (2007).
- Jones, Archer. *Civil War Command and Strategy: The Process of Victory and Defeat* (1992).
- Jung, Patrick J. *The Black Hawk War of 1832* (2007).
- Karsten, Peter. *The Naval Aristocracy: The Golden Age of Annapolis and the Emergence of Modern American Navalism* (1972).
- Kimball, Jeffrey. *Nixon's Vietnam War* (2002).
- Kitfield, James. *Prodigal Soldiers: How the Generation of Officers Born of Vietnam Revolutionized the American Style of War* (1997).
- Kohn, Richard H. *Eagle and Sword: The Federalists and the Creation of the Military Establishment* (1975).
- Kindsvatter, Peter S. *American Soldiers: Ground Combat in the World Wars, Korea, and Vietnam* (2003).
- Koistinen, Paul A. C. *Beating Plowshares into Swords: The Political Economy of American Warfare, 1606-1865* (1997).
- \_\_\_\_\_. *Mobilizing for Modern War: The Political Economy of American Warfare, 1865-1919* (1997).
- \_\_\_\_\_. *Planning War, Pursuing Peace: The Political Economy of American Warfare, 1920-1939* (1998).
- \_\_\_\_\_. *Arsenal of World War II: The Political Economy of American Warfare, 1940-1945* (2004).
- \_\_\_\_\_. *State of War: The Political Economy of American Warfare, 1945-2011* (2012).
- Krepinevich, Andrew. *The Army and Vietnam* (1986).
- Kretchik, Walter E. *U.S. Army Doctrine from the American Revolution to the War on Terror* (2011).
- Kwasny, Mark V. *Washington's Partisan War* (1998).
- Lambeth, Benjamin S. *The Transformation of American Air Power* (2001).
- Lepre, George. *Fragging: Why U.S. Soldiers Assaulted Their Officers in Vietnam* (2011).
- Levin, Kevin M. *Remembering the Battle of the Crater: War as Murder* (2012).
- Lewis, Adrian. *The American Culture of War: The History of U.S. Military Force from World War II to Operation Iraqi Freedom* (2007).
- Libby, James K. *Alexander P. de Seversky and the Quest for Air Power* (2013).
- Linn, Brian McAllister. *The United States Army and Counterinsurgency in the Philippine War, 1899-1902* (1989).

- \_\_\_\_\_. *Guardians of Empire: The United States Army and the Pacific, 1902-1940* (1997).
- \_\_\_\_\_. *The Philippine War, 1899-1902* (2002).
- \_\_\_\_\_. *The Echo of Battle: The Army's Way of War* (2007).
- Livezey, William E. *Mahan on Sea Power* (1981).
- McKee, Christopher. *A Gentlemanly and Honorable Profession: The Creation of the U.S. Naval Officer Corps, 1794-1815* (1991).
- McMaster, H. R. *Dereliction of Duty: Johnson, McNamara, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Lies That Led to Vietnam* (1997).
- McWhiney, Grady, and Perry D. Jamieson. *Attack and Die: Civil War Military Tactics and the Southern Heritage* (1982).
- Machoiian, Ronald G. *William Harding Carter and the American Army* (2006).
- Mackey, Robert R. *The Uncivil War: Irregular Warfare in the Upper South, 1861-1865* (2004).
- Mahnken, Thomas G. *Uncovering Ways of War: U.S. Intelligence and Foreign Military Innovation, 1918-1941* (2002).
- \_\_\_\_\_. *Technology and the American Way of War since 1945* (2008).
- Mahon, John K. *The American Militia: Decade of Decision, 1789-1800* (1960).
- Mansoor, Peter R. *The GI Offensive in Europe: The Triumph of American Infantry Divisions, 1941-1945* (1999).
- Martin, James Kirby, and Mark Edward Lender. *A Respectable Army: The Military Origins of the Republic, 1763-1789* (1982).
- Matheny, Michael R. *Carrying the War to the Enemy: American Operational Art to 1945* (2011).
- Milam, Ron. *Not a Gentleman's War: An Inside View of Junior Officers in the Vietnam War* (2009).
- Miller, Edward G. *Nothing Less Than Full Victory: Americans at War in Europe, 1944-1945* (2007).
- Miller, Edward S. *War Plan Orange: The U.S. Strategy to Defeat Japan, 1897-1945* (1991).
- Millett, Allan R., and Peter Maslowski. *For the Common Defense: A Military History of the United States of America* (1994).
- Moskin, J. Robert. *Mr. Truman's War: The Final Victories of World War II and the Birth of the Postwar World* (1996).
- Mountcastle, Clay. *Punitive War: Confederate Guerrillas and Union Reprisals* (2009).
- Moy, Timothy. *War Machines: Transforming Technologies in the U.S. Military, 1920-1940* (2001).
- Moyar, Mark. *Triumph Forsaken: The Vietnam War, 1954-1965* (2006).
- Muth, Jorg. *Command Culture: Officer Education in the U.S. Army and the German Armed Forces, 1901-1940, and the Consequences for World War II* (2011).
- Nagl, John. *Learning to Eat Soup with a Knife: Counterinsurgency Lessons from Malaya and Vietnam* (2005).
- Neer, Robert M. *Napalm: An American Biography* (2013).
- Nosworthy, Brent. *The Bloody Crucible of Courage: Fighting Methods and Combat Experience of the Civil War* (2005).
- O'Connell, Aaron. *Underdogs: The Making of the Modern Marine Corps* (2012).
- \_\_\_\_\_. *Roll Call to Destiny: The Soldier's Eye View of Civil War Battles* (2008).
- Paddock, Alfred H., Jr. *U.S. Army Special Warfare: Its Origins* (2002).
- Palmer, Bruce. *The Twenty-five Year War: America's Military Role in Vietnam* (1984).

- Palmer, Dave Richard. *The Way of the Fox: American Strategy in the War for America* (1975).
- Palmer, Michael A. *Stoddert's War: Naval Operations during the Quasi-War with France, 1798-1801* (1987).
- Perrett, Geoffrey. *A Country Made by War: From the Revolution to Vietnam – The Story of America's Rise to Power* (1989).
- Reardon, Carol. *Soldiers and Scholars: The U.S. Army and the Uses of Military History, 1865-1920* (1990).
- \_\_\_\_\_. *With a Sword in One Hand and Jomini in the Other: The Problem of Military Thought in the Civil War North* (2012).
- Reardon, Mark J. *Victory at Mortain: Stopping Hitler's Panzer Counteroffensive* (2002).
- Record, Jeffrey. *Making War, Thinking History: Munich, Vietnam, and Presidential Uses of Force from Korea to Kosovo* (2002).
- Reid, Brian Holden. *America's Civil War: The Operational Battlefield, 1861-1863* (2008).
- Rickey, Don, Jr. *Forty Miles a Day on Beans and Hay: The Enlisted Soldier Fighting the Indian Wars* (1963).
- Ricks, Thomas E. *The Generals: American Military Command from World War II to Today* (2012).
- Robinson, Linda. *Tell Me How This Ends: General Petraeus and the Search for a Way Out of Iraq* (2008).
- Rosswurm, Steven. *Arms, Country, and Class: The Philadelphia Militia and the "Lower-Sort" during the American Revolution* (1987).
- Royster, Charles. *A Revolutionary People at War: The Continental Army and the American Character 1775-1783* (1979).
- \_\_\_\_\_. *The Destructive War: William Tecumseh Sherman, Stonewall Jackson, and the Americans* (1991).
- Rush, Robert Sterling. *Hell in Hurtgen Forest: The Ordeal of an American Infantry Regiment* (2001).
- Scahill, Jeremy. *Blackwater: The Rise of the World's Most Powerful Mercenary Army* (2008).
- Schaffer, Ronald. *Wings of Judgment: American Bombing in World War II* (1985).
- Schrijvers, Peter. *The Crash of Ruin American Combat Soldiers in Europe during World War II* (1998).
- \_\_\_\_\_. *Bloody Pacific: American Soldiers at War with Japan* (2010).
- Seager, Robert, III. *Alfred Thayer Mahan* (1977).
- Shea, William K. *The Virginia Militia in the Seventeenth Century* (1983).
- Sherry, Michael S. *The Rise of American Air Power: The Creation of Armageddon* (1987).
- Shulimson, Jack. *The Marine Corps' Search for a Mission, 1880-1898* (1993).
- Shy, John. *A People Numerous and Armed: Reflections on the Military Struggle for American Independence* (1976).
- Skeen, C. Edward. *Citizen Soldiers in the War of 1812* (2001).
- Skelton, William B. *An American Profession of Arms: The Army Officer Corps, 1784-1861* (1992).
- Smith, Gene Allen. *The Slaves' Gamble: Choosing Sides in the War of 1812* (2013).
- Smythe, Donald. *Pershing: General of the Armies* (1986).
- Sorely, Lewis. *Honorable Warrior: General Harold K. Johnson and the Ethics of Command* (1998).
- Stagg, J. C. A. *Mr. Madison's War: Politics, Diplomacy, and Warfare in the Early American*

- Republic, 1783-1830* (1983).
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