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Course Objectives:
1. The student will evaluate the role of the historian in society.
2. The student will assess the significance of historical events/phenomena and analyze their historical contexts.
3. The student will locate, identify and critically analyze primary and secondary sources appropriate for historical research.
4. The student will interpret evidence found within primary sources and place those sources within their appropriate historical context.
5. The student will effectively communicate historical arguments in support of a central thesis, including the proper citation of sources using the most recent edition of the Chicago Manual of Style.

Texts: Smith and Coffey’s In Harm’s Way

MakeUps: You have 24 hours to contact me if you miss a test. I will give all make-up exams on Friday, 22 November, at 6:30 AM.

Grading Rationale:
1st Exam 20%
2nd Exam 20%
Final Exam 20%
First Short Paper 20%
Second Short Paper 20%

Grading Scale: A: 90-100, B: 80-89, C: 70-79, D: 60-69, F: 59 or less. You must complete and pick up all assignments, except the final, to pass the class.

Attendance Policy: You can skip up to and including six classes for any reason, excused or unexcused, but I will deduct a letter grade off your final grade for each class missed after that, regardless of the reason.

Plagiarism and Cheating: If I catch you cheating on an exam or the paper, I will fail you for the exam or for the course. You can’t use the same paper for two separate courses.

Disability Services: If you have a proven disability, I am willing to make reasonable accommodations. I define what is and is not “reasonable.” You must visit me in my office before I grant any reasonable accommodation.

Pet Peeve: If I catch you with your cellphone out or using any electronic devices during class, I can and will throw you out, and you won’t be allowed back until you write a paper for me. You cannot use computers in class either unless you talk to me first.

Tentative Schedule:
Week 1: In Harm’s Way, chapters 1-3
Mon 26 Aug Introduction and Colonial Militia
Wed 28 Aug Army in the Revolutionary War
Fri 30 Aug Army in the Young Republic

Week 2: In Harm’s Way, chapters 4-6
Mon 2 Sep Discussion
Wed 4 Sep Army and National Expansion
Fri 6 Sep Origins of the American Navy

Week 3: In Harm’s Way, chapters 7-8
Mon 9 Sep    Navy and the Young Republic
Wed 11 Sep  Navy and National Expansion
Fri 13 Sep  Origins of the Marines
**Week 4:** In Harm’s Way, chapter 9
Wed 18 Sep  Discussion
Fri 20 Sep  Civil War Armies
**Week 5:** In Harm’s Way, chapter 10
Mon 23 Sep  Civil War Navies
Wed 25 Sep  Discussion
Fri 27 Sep  First Exam
**Week 6:** In Harm’s Way, chapter 11
Mon 30 Sep  Frontier Army
Wed 2 Oct  Army’s Overseas Adventures
Fri 4 Oct  Mahanian Navy
**Week 7:** In Harm’s Way, chapter 12
Mon 7 Oct  Progressive Army
Wed 9 Oct  Marines Question for Relevance
Fri 11 Oct  Discussion
**Week 8:** In Harm’s Way, chapters 13-14
Mon 14 Oct  Interwar Army
Wed 16 Oct  Development of Air Power
Fri 18 Oct  No Class
**Week 9:**
Mon 21 Oct  Second Exam
Wed 23 Oct  Interwar Navy
Fri 25 Oct  World War Two Grand Strategy
**Week 10:** In Harm’s Way, chapter 15
Mon 28 Oct  Army in World War Two
Wed 30 Oct  Navy in World War Two
Fri 1 Nov  Army Air Force in World War Two
**Week 11:** In Harm’s Way, chapter 16
Mon 4 Nov  Marine Corps in World War Two
Wed 6 Nov  Discussion
Fri 8 Nov  Military Reorganization
**Week 12:** In Harm’s Way, chapter 17
Mon 11 Nov  Korean War
Wed 13 Nov  Army in the Vietnam War
Fri 15 Nov  Limits of Air Power
**Week 13:**
Mon 18 Nov  Discussion
Wed 20 Nov  Cold War Navy
Fri 22 Nov  Rebuilding the Army
**Week 14:**
Mon 2 Dec  Air Power Vindicated?
Wed 4 Dec  Iraq War
Fri 6 Dec  Discussion

**Final:** Monday, 9 December, at 10:30 AM