Villains & Scapegoats in Military History

All meetings will begin at 6 p.m. and will be held at the Hattiesburg Library, located at 329 Hardy Street. Several copies of each book will be available for loan at the library before the discussion. For more information, contact Sean Farrell at the Library at 601.584.3166 or Ken Swope at The University of Southern Mississippi at 601.266.6457 or Kenneth.Swope@usm.edu. We hope to see you at the next event!

Tuesday, September 9, 2014


Moderator: Allan Branstiter, Ph.D. Student in History, University of Southern Mississippi

Synopsis: Describing Civil War engagements that George Armstrong Custer and his troop survived, Custer Victorious looks beyond the legendary defeat of Custer’s Last Stand in order to reveal a detailed account of Custer’s Civil War career.

Tuesday, October 14, 2014


Moderator: Kyle Zelner, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, University of Southern Mississippi

Synopsis: Before Benedict Arnold was branded a traitor, he led eleven hundred soldiers on a secret mission to seize British Quebec. Despite various hardships, the troops almost took Canada and ultimately weakened the British hand against George Washington.

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Book: Amazons of the Huk Rebellion: Gender, Sex, and Revolution in the Philippines by Vina A. Lanzona (University of Wisconsin Press, 2009).

Moderator: Heather M. Stur, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, University of Southern Mississippi

Synopsis: Women played a central role in the Huk rebellion, serving in various important military roles alongside their male comrades-in-arms. Additionally, in the midst of the uncertainty and violence, these women pursued personal lives.

Tuesday, December 9, 2014 (Holiday Social)

Come prepared to munch, mingle, and mull over the questions: “What was the best War and Society book of the year?” and “What was the worst?”