

Perspectives in Military History

47th Annual Lecture Series

“Reconsidering the American Way of War: U.S. Military Practice from the Revolution to Afghanistan”

Dr. Antulio J. Echevarria II

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At the forefront of military strategic studies in the United States Army, Dr. Antulio J. Echevarria has pushed the boundaries of understanding the American way of war by challenging the prevailing strategic and operational practices of the United States military from 1775 to 2014. In his book, *Reconsidering the American Way of War*, Dr. Echevarria studied the disconnect between popular ideas and real practices of the U.S. military by reviewing each major war and operation in which the U.S. Army has been involved, from the Revolutionary War to the campaigns in Iraq and Afghanistan. His review observes the American use of force, and finds the American way of war is based primarily on political concerns, rather than military ones, and the amount of force used has not always been overwhelming or decisive. Dr. Echevarria’s lecture will address his shift in understanding of U.S. policy and will use Clausewitzian theory to show the U.S. military as an extension of American politics, as well as American policy.

Dr. Antulio Echevarria is the Editor of the U.S. Army War College Quarterly, *Parameters*. The retired Lieutenant Colonel has also served as Director of Research for the U.S. Army War College and is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College. He served as a Visiting Research Fellow at Oxford University Changing Character of War Programme and holds a Masters and a Doctorate degree in History from Princeton University. Dr. Echevarria is the author of *Clausewitz and Contemporary War*, *Imagining Future War*, and *After Clausewitz*. He has also published a number of other scholarly works on the topic of military history, theory, and strategic thinking.

DATE: Wednesday, March 18, 2015

TIME: Doors open at 6:30 p.m., the talk begins at 7:15 p.m.

PLACE: USAHEC, Visitor and Education Center, Multi-Purpose Room

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