

Comparative Essay Assignment

Due: 28 April

*Please respond to the following question. Your essay should be 4-5 pages in length. It must be typed (word-processed), double-spaced, in 11-12 pt. font size. Your paper is due at the start of class on **28 April**.*

In a well-developed and properly supported essay discuss the type(s) and nature of personal adversity faced by TWO (2) of the following authors: Cyrus Boyd, Eugene Sledge, and Robert Tonsetic as recounted in their memoirs of wartime military service. To what extent were the challenges they faced as members of the US military similar or different? How did each respond in an effort to overcome these challenges? And, what do their individual responses suggest about the qualities desired in US servicemen?

Your essay should take into account the commonalities of experience that soldiers have faced across time and place in US Military History while acknowledging the different historical, cultural, and political contexts in which each man fought.