



Strategic Architectures of Victory and Defeat - WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq

Presented by: John D. Caldwell

Four Wednesdays
 January 20, 27, February 3, & 10, 2016

9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Goleta Library

500 N. Fairview

The Strategic Architectures course answers the question how and why the United States and the Allies won World War II, fought to a stalemate in Korea, lost in Vietnam, and failed in Iraq. The World War II victory is the historical benchmark against which to evaluate the conflicts after 1945. The Korean, Vietnam, and Iraqi wars were limited, but they required enormous national commitments. They resulted in American casualties approaching a third of World War II levels – nearly 300,000 combat deaths in World War II versus 100,000 deaths for Korea, Vietnam, and Iraq. These post-war conflicts produced no lasting victories for Americans to celebrate. They required massive expenditures measured in trillions of dollars and produced bitter political controversies. That is the central problem this work addresses.

The first segment of the course, in four three-hour sessions in January-February 2016, focuses on how and why the Allies won World War II and why it can be judged to be the "benchmark" for winning. The course will examine ten battles or campaigns that the Allies had to win -- certainly could not afford to lose: the Battle of Britain, Battle of Atlantic, Invasion of Russia, Battle of El Alamein, Battles of Midway and Guadalcanal, Strategic Bombing Offensive, Italian Campaign, D-Day and Battle for Normandy, Battle for the Rhine, and Invasion of Okinawa and Bombing of Japan. Each of these battles will be examined against the framework of a strategic architecture including policy, strategy, and operations undertaken by all the major combatants. The different combatant outcomes will be discussed against this framework. The first segment of the course will end with an exposition of the rationales supporting four geopolitical imperatives that emerged after World War II that determine the success or failure of the postwar outcomes.

Enrollment Form: Victory & Defeat – Jan 20, 27, Feb 3, & 10 2016

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Note: At-The-Door Registration is an additional \$5.00

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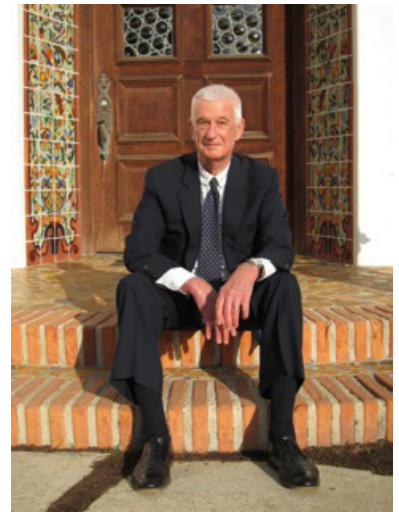
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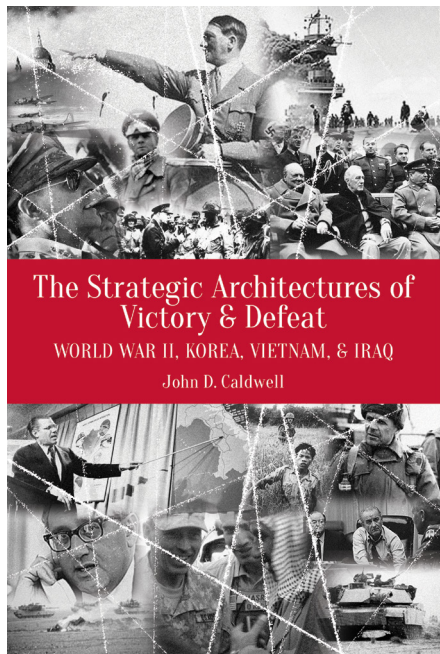
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BIOGRAPHY: *John Caldwell* retired in 2007 from a quarter-century career at TRW Space & Defense and later Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems (NGAS acquired TRW in 2002). He trained as a political scientist (Amherst, BA; UCSB, Ph.D., 1973). His first real job was in Saigon in 1968 working for a think tank on a classified research project for DoD's Advanced Research Projects Agency. His boss was a Marine Corps Colonel with a Silver Star from Chosin Reservoir. He says that his career has been a series of fortuitous accidents where he found himself in the right place, at the right time, with enough qualifications to get hired for jobs normally performed by scientists and engineers, many of them military veterans. He quickly discovered that he thrived in an intellectual environment where technical discipline and rigor, not



to mention clear writing skills, were highly prized. Eventually, he found himself at TRW in 1982 working on nationally important programs for the Department of Defense, Department of Energy, NASA, and the intelligence community. He is currently an active consultant at Northrop Grumman. His job experience is what prepared and motivated him to write the Strategic Architectures manuscript.



VISTAS Calendar

Seminar/Event	Inclusive Dates	Time	Venue
Documentary Film Club	3rd Thurs Monthly	2:00 pm	Maravilla Theater
Transcontinental Railroad	Mon Jan 4, 11, 18, 25	9:30 am	Valle Verde - Social Rm
Damming Colorado River	Wed, Jan 13	9:30 am	Goleta Library
Victory & Defeat WWII	Wed, Jan 20,27, Feb 3 & 10	9:30 am	Goleta Library
Presenting for Vistas	Thur, Jan 28	1:30 pm	Maravilla, Valencia Rm
Race to the Poles	8 Tuesdays 2/2-3/22	9:00 am	SB County Admin Bldg
Victory & Defeat Part 2	Wed, Feb 3 & 10	9:30 am	Goleta Library
Bible - Tremper Longman	Mon, Feb 8	1:30 pm	Maravilla Club Room
Eleanor Roosevelt	Mon, Feb 15	1:30 pm	Maravilla, Club Room
Political Polarization	Thurs, Feb 18, 25 & Mar 3	9:30 am	Goleta Library