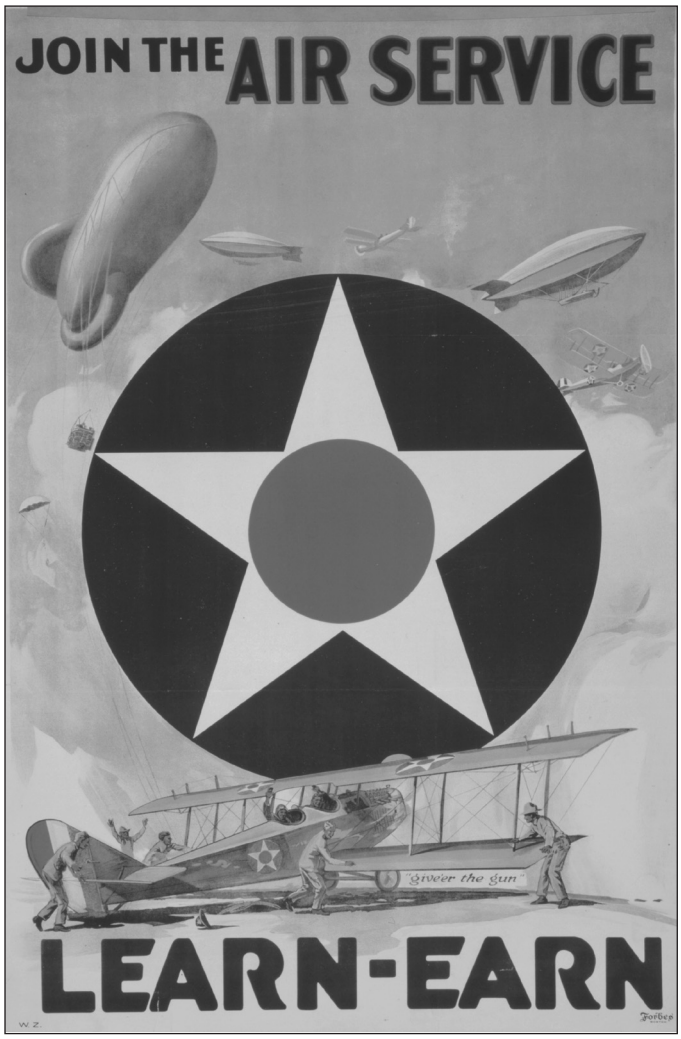
Are We Doing Our Civic Duty?—A Call for *PS* Symposium Submissions

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"In a democracy the citizen is responsible for the kind of military the state possesses and how it is used."—Michael Walzer

Many political science professors tell their students that the state is the institution with a monopoly on the legitimate use of force. Then we never mention force again. In particular, we do not mention the military again. Do our students absorb the basic facts about our military from other sources? Or, are they woefully ignorant on this issue? Try this quiz on them.

1. Our military is composed of how many services?
2. In round numbers, what is the Defense Department's budget request for 2007?
3. What percent of the military is enlisted personnel as compared to officers?
4. What percent of active duty military are women?
5. What is a Raptor?
6. Our military (apart from embassy personnel) are stationed in how many countries?
7. How many nuclear weapons do we have ready for launching?
8. How many active duty personnel are there?
9. What is a War College?
10. Which is the highest rank: captain, major, or commander?
11. What percent of world military expenditures are made by the United States?
12. How many times has Congress declared war?
13. What are the elements of "just war" theory?
14. What percent of personnel are African American? Hispanic?
15. What is the pay for newly enlisted personnel?
16. What is a joint force?
17. What are the duties of the Secretaries of Army, Navy, and Air Force?
18. How many U.S. nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarines do we have?
19. What is *posse comitatus*?
20. What percent of officers enter through ROTC?



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Readers are invited to participate in a *PS* symposium on what we should be teaching students about our military. The many possible topics include conscription, the demographics of our military, the military budget, weaponry, and the role of Congress. If you are interested in submitting a paper or have a topic to propose, please contact Judith Stiehm at stiehmj@fiu.edu.

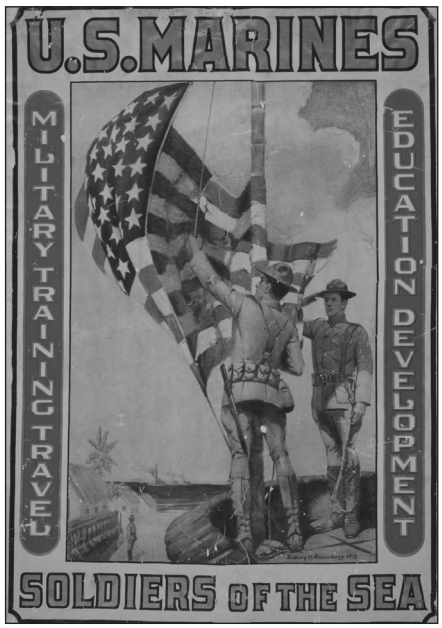
For answers to this quiz, turn the page.

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Answers to the Military Quiz

1. Three? Four? Five? There is the Army, Navy, and Air Force. The Marines fall under the Secretary of the Navy but have their own representative on the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The Coast Guard becomes a military service in time of war.
2. The DOD web site says $440 billion. This represents a 7% increase and does NOT include a supplemental appropriation for the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. This year $67 billion has been requested for those conflicts.
3. About 85% of military personnel are enlisted. Generally, they have a high school education although standards change when recruiting becomes difficult.
4. About 15% of personnel are women. The Air Force has 19%, the Marines 6%.
5. The F-22, the newest jet fighter whose top speed is 1,300 miles per hour and whose cost is estimated by outside auditors at more than $339 million per plane, although the Air Force estimate is $133 million per plane.
6. Using the Pentagon's "Base Structure Report" for 2003, Chalmers Johnson concludes that the U.S. owns or rents 702 bases in 130 countries. Also, we are building new bases to improve our "forward presence."
7. *The Bulletin of Atomic Scientists* for January/February 2006 says we have more than 5,700 operational warheads and more than 5,000 more stockpiled.
8. There are only 1.4 million active duty personnel, but the National Guard and Reserve encompass at least another 1.2 million, many of whom are now serving. The Department of Defense may have as many as 800,000 civilian employees.
9. The third tier of professional officer education. There are Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine War Colleges in addition to the National War College and the Industrial War College. Some civilians and foreign nationality officers attend these schools.
10. A little tricky. The Navy has its own rank structure. The naval captain is higher than a commander. In the Air Force, Army, and Marines, major is higher than captain.
11. For a number of years the U.S. has spent almost as much as all other countries combined. With the recent Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts we may have exceeded the 50% mark.
12. The Congress has only made formal declarations of war in 1812 (against the United Kingdom), 1846 (against Mexico), in 1898 (against Spain), in 1917 (against Germany and Austria-Hungry), and in 1941 and 1942 (against the Axis powers).
13. Just war theory not only requires a just cause but right intention. It also addresses proportionality between ends and means, discrimination between combatants and noncombatants, and necessity.
14. Enlisted women are 20% African American, enlisted men are 34% African American, and officers of both sexes are 9% African American. Enlisted women are 10% Hispanic, enlisted men are 10% Hispanic, and officers are 4% Hispanic.
15. Base pay for a newly recruited junior enlisted person is $1,178 a month. This does not include a variety of benefits nor does it include an enlistment bonus. The most senior enlisted person who has served for 26 years can make $5,394 a month plus benefits.
16. A unit composed of personnel from more than one service.
17. The service secretaries have responsibility for recruiting, training, and equipping their personnel. They have no function in "war fighting." That responsibility resides with their superior, the Secretary of Defense and his "combatant commanders."
18. *The Defense Almanac* says there are 18 Trident submarines, each of which carries 24 nuclear missiles.
19. The Posse Comitatus Act, passed in 1878, prohibits the use of federal troops from enforcing law in the United States except when expressly authorized by the Constitution. There are significant exceptions.
20. A majority of officers enter through ROTC rather than through the military academies.







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