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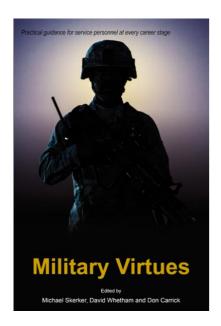
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## **Ethics and Law**



## **Military Virtues**

Edited by Michael Skerker, US Naval Academy, David Whetham, King's College London at the Joint Services Command and Staff College and Don Carrick

...Anyone who cares about the ethos of our unique Armed Services will read this pioneering book with interest and profit.

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...review carefully the corresponding case studies of each [virtue] and then strive to master not just one, not just two, but all 14.

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This book is unique in the just war/military ethics literature in that it brings together academics and service personnel to address the topic of military virtue in a format that is accessible and relevant to military professionals. Open personal experiences of ethical decisionmaking help to highlight the complexities of acting ethically within the military system. Authors are leading scholars in the field of just war theory and military personnel range from a special operations chief to a three star general.

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## **Forthcoming**

## **Cyber Warfare Ethics**

Edited by Michael Skerker, US Naval Academy and David Whetham, King's College London at the Joint Services Command and Staff College

Cyber technology gives states the ability to accomplish effects that once required kinetic action. These effects can now be achieved with cyber means in a manner that is covert, deniable, cheap, and technologically feasible for many governments. In some cases, cyber means are morally preferable to conventional military operations, but in other cases, cyber's unique qualities can lead to greater mischief than governments would have chanced using kinetic means. This volume addresses the applicability of traditional military ethics to cyber operations, jus ad vim (an emerging sub-field governing grey zone or soft war operations), the rights of the targets of cyber operations, cyber sabotage, cyber surveillance, phase zero operations, psychological operations, artificial intelligence, and algorithmic ethics. Uniquely, it includes a number of cyber incidents that do not currently exist as case studies and have not received much public attention. This volume has been designed to work as a handbook for cyber warriors, drone pilots and military professionals involved in cyber training and teaching.

Paperback 978 1912440 269 c. 230 pages c. £29.99 Publication date: c. September 2021

## **Forthcoming**

## **Military Space Ethics**

### Edited by Reverend Dr Nikki Coleman, Royal Australian Air Force

As space develops as the fifth warfighting domain, so does the need to have ethical scrutiny. Since the 1960s there have been core space treaties that together with national laws, provide a clear framework for both military and civilian space activities. Yet ethical questions still exist around space warfare such as whether responding kinetically to a threat in space would cause an escalation of tensions on earth? Does just war theory apply in space and does its remoteness lower or raise the threshold for armed conflicts? Will the creation of new space forces start a space arms race? New combat environments also create a number of new challenges which include: whether future war in space will be conducted by robots or space marines and how will the dual-use nature of satellites work in reality. As technologies become more widespread, space is threatened by the likes of non-state groups and rogue states and the need to inhibit their involvement in space becomes a necessity. In space, differences are magnified; resources are especially scarce, risks are multiplied, and specialized medical care is a world away. The physical and psychological distance between combatants in modern warfare applies also to space and the impacts of remote warfare need to be considered including the potential for moral injury and psychological trauma. With greater military power comes greater responsibility and this responsibility is carried out at the end of a chain of decisions and technologies. This book's relevancy will not be lost on students at service academies and staff colleges in preparing them for the task of emphasising the moral and ethical responsibility in space to those whom they will lead in the future.

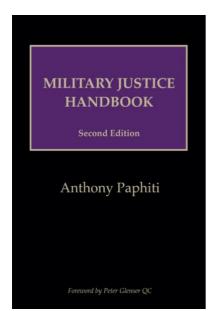
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Issues in Military Ethics Series

**Co-Edited By** 

Don Carrick, King's College London, Michael B. Skerker, United States Naval Academy and David Whetham, King's College London at the Joint Services Command and Staff College.

With most officer training schools including military ethics as part of their programme, more than ever there is a need for clarity on ethical decision making. Contemporary military conflict is ever changing and with it military practitioners are confronted by new ethical challenges which often put additional weight on the professional activity of personnel. At a minimum, military professionals need to have a clear knowledge of the laws that underpin their profession in order to evaluate situations quickly. The series explores the complexities of acting ethically within the military system. It is not a philosophical debate on military ethics, nor is it a general introduction. Instead, this series aims to provide real world guidance for military commanders and leaders.



## Military Justice Handbook Second Edition

**Anthony Paphiti** 

The Military Justice Handbook is THE essential text for anyone involved in the Service Justice System. I obtained my copy of the First Edition before my first ever military case and it has been my constant companion ever since. The Handbook serves as a primer for those new to the field and a reference point for seasoned practitioners. The Second Edition's expanded content means no other book on the subject can match it for breadth and depth. It is simply the leader in the field and should be on the desk of every military law practitioner and commanding officer.

Matthew Bolt,

**Barrister, Middle Temple** 

The first edition of the Military Justice Handbook has deservedly become the practitioner's de facto guide to UK Service law. The second edition stands on the shoulders of that giant. To many - if not most - practitioners, a veil of mystery shrouds much of military life. It need not be so. The Military Justice Handbook pierces the veil and provides a comprehensive summary of the law, complemented by the views of one of the most highly respected military lawyers of his generation. Of as much value to the seasoned military

lawyer as it is to the aspirant, it would be foolhardy indeed for any lawyer or officer involved in the UK Service Justice System to be unfamiliar with the second edition.

Wing Commander (Retd) Allan R M Steele WS RAF,
Principal Solicitor, ARMS Legal Services WS

As someone now merely an occasional practitioner within the Service Justice system I find this volume indispensable even though I spent thirty plus years as a practitioner within it. Excellent as a refresh or indeed first principal source for anyone embarking on trial by court martial as an advocate on whichever side. I have kept the first volume at my elbow and the same will apply to this one. Lucid, useful, and illuminating by turns it will be of particular use to the junior practitioner initially unaccustomed to the peculiarities of this trial arena.

Brigadier (Retd) Neil Jones LLB MA, Barrister, New Park Court Chambers

### **About the Book**

The second edition of the Military Justice Handbook represents a significant expansion on the first. Covering every aspect of the Service Justice System (SJS) in the United Kingdom, this book is designed as a 'road map' sufficiently detailed to qualify as a 'go to' guide, as the law and relevant policy of the SJS is complex and often difficult to find. Practitioners can now turn to the Handbook for guidance on any Service Justice topic. The book includes Summary Hearing, Administrative Action, as well as the Summary Appeal Court, and of course, the Court Martial, and an explanation of the appeal avenues open. The civilian and military legal practitioner (or indeed Service person) must understand this dynamic in order to fully appreciate how the system works holistically. Drafted with a non-legal audience in mind, no single publication brings together law, policy and (importantly) the nuances of the Service Justice System like this book. Readers are informed of the subsequent consequences on them or their client where they are subject to service discipline. Designed especially for military lawyers of all armed Services, civil servants working within the Service Justice System, commanding officers, unit discipline staffs and civilian legal practitioners advising Service personnel involved with Court Martial advocacy, Service Complaints, inquiries or administrative action.

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### Why should I read it?

The MJH is focused on the practitioner with practical examples and case law. Court Martial practitioners, Commanding Officers and Discipline Staff, Officers and senior NCOs, comparative law scholars, civilian judges sitting in appellate jurisdiction and those interested in understanding UK Service law and its breadth will be helped by this book to navigate the complexities of Service law and procedure to better advise and represent clients.

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## Innovation and Adaptation

### **MISSION IMPROBABLE**

The Transformation of the British Army Reserve **Patrick Bury, University of Bath, UK** 

Future attempts to transform the reserve have plenty to take from Bury's study. General Sir Peter Wall, GCB CBE DL

The book's findings are both fascinating and also potentially incendiary.

Professor Anthony King

...this should be the 'go to' book for the latest thinking into one of the most marginalised, but highly politicised, populations – Reservists.

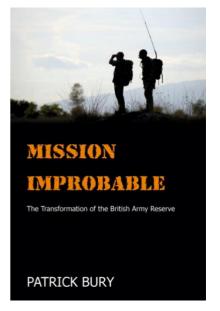
Professor Vincent Connelly

...thoroughly recommend this work especially to military scholars, military history 'buffs' and more especially politicians to understand the citizen soldier psyche.

The Australian Reservist

...an important contribution to the debate around wider Army Reserve and military logistics. This book should be read by anyone with more than a passing interest in the reformation of the Reserves

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#### **About the Book**

A central tenet of recent British defence policy, FR20 sought to radically transform the role and function of the British Army Reserve by making it more capable and more deployable, whilst simultaneously cutting costs by outsourcing logistics capability to reserve forces. In this book, Bury examines the origins, evolution and impact of the policy. He controversially shows how its intensely intra-party and intra-service political origins, the Army's resistance to them, and the Army Reserves' organisational nature, have undermined the policy's ability to deliver the key military capabilities it envisaged. In doing so, he provides evidence of incoherent defence policy making in the Cameron era.

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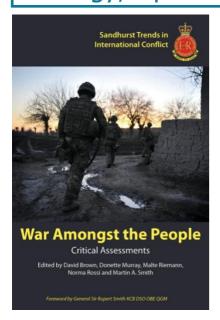
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### Why should I read it?

This is the most indepth analysis of the British Army reserves in over 25 years. Provides a key example of force transformation not seen since the abolition of conscription in 1960. Likely to become the standard 'go to' in a similar way that Walker's book on the TA became in the 1990s. With controversial findings backed by extensive research, it's a captivating read with some interesting and pertinent conclusions for the leadership of the British Army plus a number of lessons on how not to do transformation.

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## Strategy, Operations and Tactics



## War Amongst the People Critical Assessments

Edited by David Brown, Donette Murray, Malte Riemann, Norma Rossi and Martin A. Smith, Royal Military Academy Sandhurst

RMA Sandhurst has long played a key role in the intellectual development of British Army and international officers. In this book, members of our Academic Faculty bring together a distinguished team of scholars and military practitioners to tackle a key concept which challenges those, military and civilian, who seek to better understand the evolving nature of contemporary conflict and how - or indeed whether - external interventions can improve matters.

Major General PAE Nanson CBE General Officer Commanding and Commandant Sandhurst

...Our Institutions, such as those of government and the armed forces, all developed in the context of Industrial War, the form of war that preceded wars amongst the people. The new circumstances require these institutions to change. In a volume such as this discomfort is good, as it generates debate and leads to change.

General Sir Rupert Smith KCB DSO OBE QGM

#### **About the Book**

Recent conflicts have required the armed forces to engage in what has been termed 'war amongst the people'. Such conflicts increasingly require a type of soldier deployed to function as an 'armed social worker', as was seen most recently in operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. If this increased focus on societal relations has – and should – become the area of prime concern for contemporary armed forces, this poses a series of conceptual and practical questions regarding the 'people' concerned and the nature of the society amongst which war is conducted. Scholars and practitioners come together in this volume to explore how armed forces can make sense of such complexity in conceptual terms and how military actors have practically interacted with local power structures and relations, with both positive and negative effects. It examines armed forces' engagement at the local level in a contemporary context and contextualises this within the broader political, strategic, tactical and legal implications this engagement has had at home and overseas.

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### Why should I read it?

This book is unique in the literature in that it brings together academics and service personnel to address this paradigm shift in war in a format that is accessible and relevant to military professionals. Authors are leading scholars in this field and military personnel include British infantry and Army Legal as well as a senior Finnish staff officer. Recommended reading by General Sir Rupert Smith author of 'The Utility of Force' in 2005 which first introduced the idea of 'war amongst the people', and Major General Paul Nanson, former Commandant of the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.

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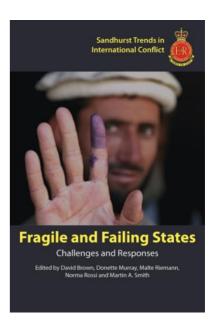
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## Fragile and Failing States Challenges and Responses

Edited by David Brown, Donette Murray, Malte Riemann, Norma Rossi and Martin A. Smith, Royal Military Academy Sandhurst

This, the second book in our Sandhurst Trends series, makes a timely contribution not only to the ongoing academic and practitioner debates on state fragility and its consequences for the world, but also to advancing our core objective of securing the Academic Faculty at RMAS as an internationally recognised centre of excellence. In this book an international team of scholars and practitioners offer a diverse and challenging range of analyses on one of the most fundamental security and development issues of our time. I am especially proud that this initiative was successfully launched during my time as Commander RMAS and am looking forward to following its continued progress in years to come.

Brigadier WSC Wright OBE Commander Sandhurst Group 2016-2019



### **About the Book**

Since the early 1990s, the challenges posed by fragile and failing states have been a contentious and enduring part of the debates on post-Cold War international security. Though extensive, these debates have so far yielded little agreement on either the essential nature of state fragility and failure and what, if anything, potential outside intervenors can and should do to prevent it from developing, restore state functionality, or at least mitigate its impact and consequences. In this book, an international team of authors examine both the conceptual and practical challenges posed by this phenomenon. They consider the essential nature of the problem and through a variety of case studies, examine the effectiveness or otherwise of various regional and wider international responses in Africa, the Middle East and South America. This book will be of interest to both academics and practitioners engaged in studying and responding to the ongoing challenges posed by the existence of fragile and failing states in the contemporary international system.

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### Why should I read it?

This book is unique in the literature in that it brings together academics and service personnel to address the topic of 'fragile', 'failing' and 'failed' states in a format that is accessible and relevant to military professionals. Authors are leading scholars in this field as well as a senior US Air Force staff officer. Recommended reading by Brigadier Bill Wright, Commander Sandhurst Group who also attended the event on which this book is based.

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## Violent Non-State Actors in Modern Conflict

Edited by David Brown, Donette Murray, Malte Riemann, Norma Rossi and Martin A. Smith, Royal Military Academy Sandhurst

If you want to understand VNSAs theoretically, conceptually and empirically, this book is the one to read. The clarity of understanding around the core concepts of VNSAs (sovereignty, statism, legitimacy and de-legitimacy for example) makes this volume ideal for undergraduate studies, in particular, in the area of New Wars. Personally, I see it as a core text on the topic.

Christopher Kinsey, King's College London at the Joint Services Command and Staff College

#### **About the Book**

Recent conflicts such as those in Syria, Libya, Iraq and Afghanistan are increasingly characterised by a pluralisation of irregular and privatised forms of violence. These actors include, among others, warlords, mercenaries, terrorists, transnational organised crime groups, foreign fighters and Private Military and Security Companies (PMSCs). While some pose a direct challenge to the state, others are in a complementary and symbiotic relationship with it. As such, violent non-state actors are both competing and cooperating with state actors in modern conflicts and their hybrid nature raises questions with regards to how best to understand these actors, as they often escape neatly defined categorisations. In modern conflicts the lines between terrorists and organised crime groups, irregular and regular forces, as well as economic and political motivations to fight, are increasingly blurred. As a result, 'new' and 'old' types of violent non-state actors are defining elements of modern conflict. The extreme complexity of twenty-first century conflicts requires a more integrated approach between military and civilian actors in order to respond more effectively to its challenges.

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### Why should I read it?

Uniquely bringing together academics and service personnel to answer your questions of how best to understand who are the violent non-state actors in today's conflict, what are their potential threats and what this means for military strategy, approach, doctrine, structures and tactics going forward.

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## Sandhurst Trends in International Conflict

### **Edited by**

David Brown
Donette Murray
Malte Riemann
Norma Rossi
and Martin A. Smith

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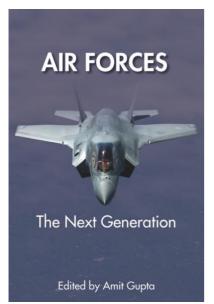
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