

Perspectives Lecture Series

Berlin 1945: The Halt on the Elbe and Redeployment to the Pacific

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In this lecture D. M. Giangreco will discuss the steep increase in U.S. losses during the "casualty surge" of 1944-45 and its relationship to "the Berlin decision" to halt the U.S. Army's drive into Germany instead of allowing them to push on to the German capital. Manpower needs for the planned invasion of Japan and the complex redeployment to the Pacific Theater principally drove this decision and had implications for the decision to use the atomic bomb. Mr. Giangreco will highlight the ethical discussions and reasoning behind these strategic decisions, their long-lasting impact, and historical significance. Additionally, this lecture will highlight historical elements of two Joint Professional Military Education curriculum Special Areas of Emphasis: The Return to Great Power Competition and Strategic Deterrence in the 21st Century.

D. M. Giangreco served over 20 years as an editor for Military Review at the US Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth. He later served as the Editor and Publications Director at the Foreign Military Studies Office. An award-winning author of fourteen books on military and sociopolitical subjects, he has also written extensively for numerous national and international publications as well as news agencies. Among his awards is the Society for Military History's Moncado Prize for "Casualty Projections for the US Invasions of Japan, 1945-1946: Planning and Policy Implications" in the Journal of Military History. Giangreco's work has been translated into French, German, Spanish, Russian, Japanese, and Chinese.

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