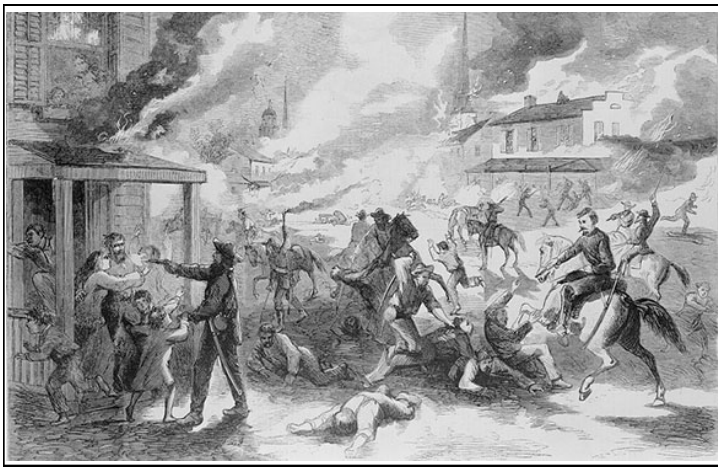


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Many Soldiers who have deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan have first-hand experience dealing with irregular warfare. On Tuesday, about 20 Army War College students learned that their counterparts from 150 years ago had to deal with the same types of situations in the American Civil War.



Confederate guerrillas destroy the city of Lawrence, Kan. and massacre its inhabitants August 21, 1863. This illustration appeared in Harper's Weekly September 5, 1863.

The Noon-Time Lecture, named Irregular Warfare in the American Civil War, was presented by **Dr. Christian B. Keller**, Army War College history professor. There are incredible parallels that we can draw from this period and apply to today, said Keller. "An educated commander, one familiar with the nuances of history as well as the implications of modern ethics

and political concerns, is therefore of paramount importance," he said.

"If Federal officers thought they had it tough trying to figure out who it was they were fighting and thus what they could—or should—do in response, modern American military leaders face even greater challenges in identifying and countering irregular threats, especially at the strategic and operational levels."

International Fellow **Col. Ioannis Tzanetakis**, of Greece, thought the insights in the lecture were good. It's proof that irregular warfare is not something new, said Tzanetakis. Irregular warfare creates hard feelings and pushes warfare to an extreme end, he said.

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Dr. Christian B. Keller, Army War College history professor, discusses *Irregular Warfare in the American Civil War* during a Noon-Time Lecture October 22. Noon-Time Lectures happen throughout the academic year and are complimentary programs designed to enhance the Army War



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Dr. Keller is one of several American Civil War experts on staff at the U.S. Army War College. For more from Dr. Keller, visit

<http://www.carlisle.army.mil/banner/article.cfm?id=2967>.

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