ES 6026 Military and Law Enforcement Integration, Tuesday Mornings, Fall AY2021
Can cops and grunts work together?

Of course! They have been doing it for over two hundred years. In fact the US military provided the primary law enforcement capability as the nation expanded westward in the 19th Century. The US military continues to work with federal, state and local law enforcement to keep American citizens safe and maintain the rule of law under disruptive situations. Yet we have a unique system that places restrictions on the military to enforce the law in the United States, so as to protect the civil liberties of US persons. This same philosophy promotes civilian leadership over the military to stifle any tendency for military leaders to ‘take over’ under periods of national crisis. In this course you will examine the legal authorities under which the military and the law enforcement bodies operate to enforce the law domestically and abroad. You will assess the impacts of the Posse Comitatus Act, the Insurrection Act and related US laws in maintaining the rule of law. And you find out in surprising ways, just how these two different entities work together every day!

Bill Soderberg, FBI Chair and Visiting Professor
Main Course Topics
1. History of US military working with law enforcement
2. US Constitution, Posse Comitatus and relevant laws
3. Defense Support to Civil Authorities
4. Domestic and international terrorism
5. Cyber Threats
6. Domestic Intelligence
7. LE support to joint operations overseas
8. 1992 Los Angeles Riots Case Study

Guest speakers from the National Guard, Coast Guard, FBI, DEA, Terrorist Screening Center and National Cyber Joint Task Force

Course Deliverables
Class Participation  40%

Foreign Country Military &
LE Partnering Presentation  20%

5-6 page paper analyzing
Historical or contemporary
Cases of LE/MIL integration
That conformed to or violated
US laws  40%
ES 6026 Ties to Core Curriculum

ILO 1: Create globally integrated all-domain strategies
ILO 3: Work in complex IR settings w/partners to achieve objectives
ILO 5: Create informed options to win in war and IW
ILO 8: Foster collaborative attitudes across boundaries

PLO 3: Employ ethical principles regarding profession of arms and civil-military relationships
PLO 4: Apply theory, principles and concepts to employ instruments of national power
PLO 7: Develop strategy to employ a whole of government approach to issues