

American Cinema II

War Movies / Vietnam



A bit of History

- Cold War
- Vietnam War (American Official Intervention 1965-1973)
- 2.7 m served, 60.000 died
- Vietnamese casualties: around 3 m

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- Low morale after the first years
 - Drugs
 - War crimes (e.g. Mai Lai, 1968)

Elements of training camp movies

- A tyrannical/tough leader
- Demanding exercises
- Bullying/pranks
- Weekend passes (fights and girls)
- Successful (or not...) graduation

Two things to take into consideration

- Homosocial bonding
- Feminization of the enemy