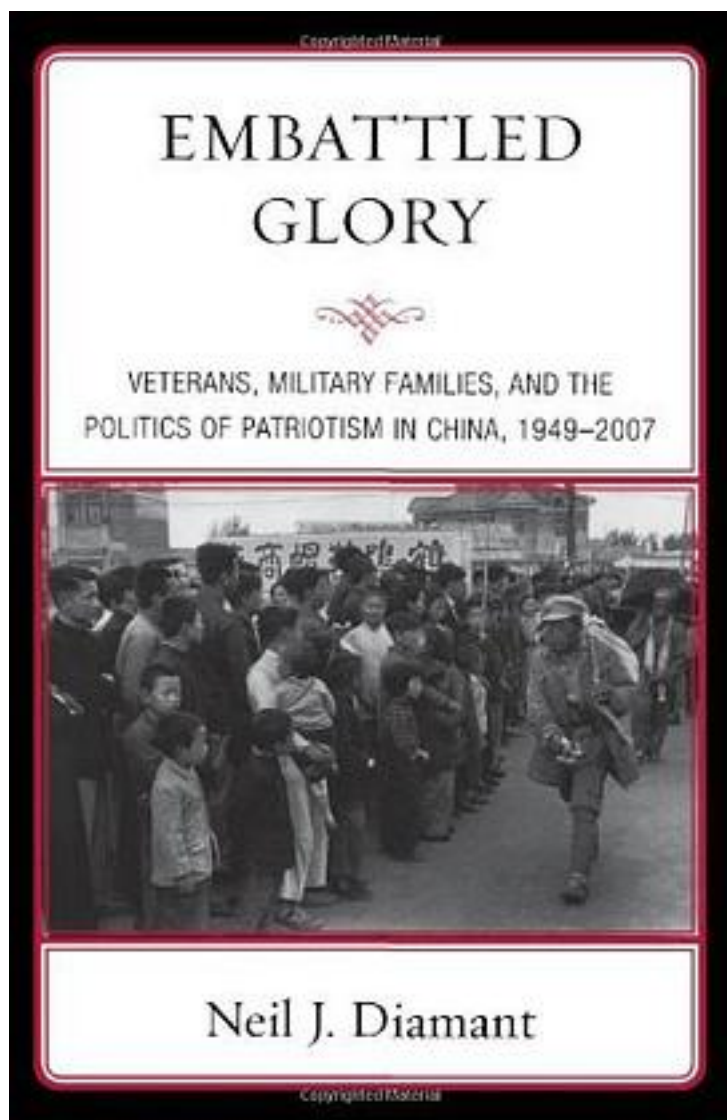


Embattled Glory



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This groundbreaking book examines the treatment of veterans of the People's Liberation Army and military families as an illuminating window into Chinese patriotism, citizenship, and legitimacy. Using a wealth of recently declassified archival documents and employing a wide comparative perspective, Neil J. Diamant presents the first large-scale study of these groups in comparison to similar populations in other parts of Asia and in the West. He offers an unprecedented look at the "everyday interactions" among veterans, military families, state officials, and ordinary citizens as they attempted to secure urban residence, jobs, spouses, medical care, and respect.

Often celebrated by the government for their glorious and patriotic service, veterans and military families were the beneficiaries of many policies, such as affirmative action in hiring and access to political power. But, the author asks, if veteran and military families were heroic, why did many of them compare their situation to "donkeys slaughtered after grinding the wheat" and "tossed-away dirty socks?" And what explains the thousands of suicides among veterans, rampant discrimination, and ongoing protests against the government? By comparing veterans in China to their counterparts in the United States, the Soviet Union, Israel, and elsewhere, this book provides important answers to the larger question of what circumstances lead to better or worse treatment of veterans, and what this treatment tells us about patriotism, legitimacy, and respect for military service.

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评论

很扎实的研究。一群被忽略的人：veteran。不过把对veteran的态度与nationalism/patriotism相连带有作者强烈的个人色彩。或可做期末research design律师群体的结构借鉴。archive的资料采集不错。

研究中国veteran的里程碑式著作，做的很扎实，只看了跟抚恤有关的部分。虽然一般对PRC边缘群体的研究会区分“最可怜的”和“最可爱的”，强调军人的特权，但看这本书会觉得他们不是一般的惨……

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2011年10月，中国全国人大正式通过新修订的《兵役法》。其中，第六十条中新增了如下：“义务兵退出现役，报考公务员、应聘事业单位职位的，在军队服现役经历视为基层工作经历，同等条件下应当优先录用或者聘用”。此项可被视为针对退伍军人专业安置设立的优待条款，也体现出军...

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