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In this 13th lecture in the series Kalic and Brown's presentation will begin when Tsar Nicholas II took personal command of the Imperial Russian Army in 1915, hoping to salvage the military situation on the Eastern Front. His troops were suffering from a lack of supplies and leadership, but the issues at the front paled in comparison to the troubles at home. The twin collapses of Russian arms and Russian internal stability in 1916 and early 1917 destroyed both the tsarist state and the relatively moderate Provisional Government, as the Bolsheviks used conditions and events at the front to justify their seizure of power. Seeing the impacts of the Russian revolutions on the Russian army makes clear the vital connection between the home front and the front line.

Dr. Sean N. Kalic is a Cold War historian who lectures and publishes widely on topics such as the 1919-1939 interwar period, the Cold War, the post-Cold War security environment, and transnational terrorism. Significant publications include *Combating a Modern Hydra: Al Qaeda and the Global War on Terrorism* (2005), *Thinking about War: Past, Present and Future* (2011), and *U.S. Presidents and the Militarization of Space, 1946-1967* (2012). This presentation is based on his next publication, *The Russian Revolution and Russian Civil War: An Essential Reference* (2017). He has presented lectures for the U.S. Naval War College, the Slovenian General Staff, and numerous international conferences. He is a professor in the Department of Military History at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College where he has taught since 2004.

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