The Institute for the Critical Study of Society at the Niebyl-Proctor Marxist Library



## Sunday Morning at the Marxist Library

## **SOVIET WOMEN SOLDIERS**

While this would focus on WWII, I would also do a brief overview of Russian women combatants in WWI, the revolution and civil war. Not many people know that Russian women fought in relatively large numbers, compared with other countries, in WWI and that after the revolution Soviet Russia was the first country to officially endorse and recruit women into the Red Army in both combat and support roles. This was enthusiastically promoted by Lenin, as well as female Bolsheviks. A little known fact: women fought on BOTH sides during the storming of the Winter Palace!

Of course women always get the short end, but among Russian revolutionaries from 1860 on they played prominent, including leadership, roles in the various organizations--terrorist, anarchist and Marxist. This was in contrast with other European revolutionary movements during the same period where they were sometimes prominent, but never in the numbers and consistency as in Russia.

Our speaker will be **Al Sargis**, Coordinator, Friedrich Engels Institute of Marxist War and Military Analysis

## Sun, Sept 17, 2017 – 10:30am-12:30pm 6501 Telegraph Ave, Oakland (just North of Alcatraz Ave.)

FREE - but hat will be passed for donations to NPML

## About Sunday Morning at the Marxist Library

A weekly discussion series inspired by our respect for the work of Karl Marx and our belief that his work will remain as important for the class struggles of the future as they have been for the past.

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