

Themes for Future Editions

with Suggested Topics

Inform and Influence Activities

September-October 2015

- ◆ Are there universal principles of human influence?
- ◆ The importance of formulating, promulgating, and sustaining a national narrative
- ◆ The influence of popular entertainment on public opinion with regard to support of war efforts
- ◆ Collisions of culture: The struggle for cultural hegemony in stability operations

The Human Dimension and Technology

November-December 2015

- ◆ Knowing your enemy
- ◆ Talent management, putting the right soldier in the right job
- ◆ The challenge of sustaining the quality of the all-volunteer force in an era of persistent conflict
- ◆ The role of technology in enhanced human dimension capabilities
- ◆ How will urbanization and social media affect the already complex operating environment?
- ◆ Optimizing human performance: quality vs. quantity? How ethics play a role
- ◆ Research in the Army, with contributions across the spectrum (medical, psychological, biological, scientific, and historical)

The Future of War

January-February 2016 (Deputy Topic)

- ◆ Megacities—What will the United States look like in the next century? What effect will the future status of the United States have on the military?
- ◆ Climate change and its threat to security (water rights)
- ◆ Impact of regionally aligned forces—present and future
- ◆ Future of nonstate entities and the military's role in it
- ◆ Evolving or eroding the Posse Comitatus Act?

Global Insurgencies

March-April 2016

- ◆ Quranic concept of war
- ◆ Updates on regional conflicts
- ◆ Regionally aligned forces reports from the field



Army Firsts

May-June 2016

- ◆ The importance of land power and its part in national security (including national defense and foreign relations): 100 years ago, today, and 100 years in the future
- ◆ Past wars—What worked/what didn't work; what is and is not working now
- ◆ Weapon systems, an operational approach, right/wrong implementation
- ◆ Females in combat military occupational specialties
- ◆ Status of openly gay and lesbian servicemember acceptance
- ◆ A comparison of male and female posttraumatic stress disorder

The Future of Innovation in the Army

July-August 2016

- ◆ How much is just right? Can you have too much?
- ◆ Historical examples of institutionally fostered innovation
- ◆ Institutional and cultural obstacles to innovation in the U.S. Army of the twenty-first century

Dealing with a Shrinking Army

September-October 2016

- ◆ Lessons from post-Civil War, post-World War I, post-World War II, post-Vietnam, and post-Cold War
- ◆ Training to standard with limited resources
- ◆ Quality retention during forced drawdowns
- ◆ The good, bad, and ugly of distance learning

