

Themes for Future Editions

with Suggested Topics

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): a hundred years ago, today, and a hundred 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

A paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division's 1st Brigade Combat Team strides across an open expanse as the sun sets 4 June 2012, Ghazni Province, Afghanistan. The paratrooper is assigned to Company C, 2nd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

(Photo by Sgt. Michael J. MacLeod, 82nd Airborne Division PAO)

The Future of Innovation in the Army

July-August 2016

- ◆ How much innovation 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

Tides of History: How they Shape the Security Environment

November-December 2016

- ◆ Mao's three stages of revolutionary warfare and the rise of ISIL and Boko Haram; winning by outgoverning
- ◆ Collisions of culture: The struggle for cultural hegemony in stability operations-Can a nation survive without a national narrative?
- ◆ Case studies: Histories of illegal immigration and how such have shaped national development in various countries
- ◆ Does the military have a role in saving democracy from itself? Compare and contrast the military's role in the life of the Weimar Republic and Mohamed Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood rule of Egypt

