

Themes and Suggested Topics for Future Editions

Tides of History: How they Shape the Security Environment

November-December 2016

- Mao's three stages of revolutionary warfare and the rise of Islamic State and Boko Haram; winning by outgoverning
- Collisions of culture: The struggle for cultural hegemony in stability operations. Can a nation survive without a common national narrative?
- Armies as a cultural leveler: How are armies key to developing a national narrative and identity?
- Open borders: Is North America evolving toward European Union-style governance? What are the implications for the U.S. military if North America becomes a borderless continent?
- 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
- How can the Department of Defense better leverage international military education and training to support U.S. Army activities in geographical regions?

"Sacred Cows": What Should Go Away But Won't

January-February 2017

- Army institutions, processes, customs, or doctrine that are anachronistic and impede needed change and progress
- How social change is having an impact on the Army
- Relevance of the Uniform Code of Military Justice: What is the state of military justice and military policing, including corrections? What crimes do soldiers commit, not just against detainees but also against other soldiers, their families, civilians, or unified action partners? How well do people accused of crimes receive due process? Is military justice applied fairly and equitably across all ranks? Is racism or excessive force an issue of concern for military police? How well trained are military police as compared to civilian counterparts?

Mission Command Revisited

March-April 2017

- Has the philosophy of mission command taken hold? In what ways has it succeeded or failed?
- Doctrine 2015: Is it working?
- Span of control: How do automated mission command systems impact it?
- Case studies: the use of the Army design methodology on operations
- Modularity ten years after: an evaluation
- Noncommissioned officers (NCOs) and mission command: Are we blurring too much the lines between officer/NCO duties and responsibilities? Are we training soldiers or quasi-commissioned officers? What is the impact of changing NCO evaluation reports, schooling, and the Army University on the enlisted force?



A U.S. Army soldier competes during the 2015 Best Ranger Competition at Fort Benning, Georgia on 12 April 2015. The competition started in 1982 as a way to honor Lt. Gen. David E. Grange Jr. and seeks to determine the best two-man team from the U.S. Armed Forces.

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Dealing with a Changing World

May-June 2017

- Security implications of the new Syrian, Iranian, and Russian triad in the Middle East.
- Security implications of growing Chinese hegemony over the South China Sea.
- Security implications of the new Islamic Europe.
- Filling the ranks: how to deal with challenge of finding people who want to serve in the military and who are qualified.
- Is the U.S. military still the world's most powerful?
- *Clash of Civilizations* as the new paradigm for global conflict: Was Samuel Huntington right?