

Themes and Suggested Topics for Future Editions



A U.S. Army soldier assigned to 1st Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, provides security during Decisive Action Rotation 16-06 at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, California, on 16 May 2016. (Photo by Sgt. Christopher Blanton, U.S. Army)

“Sacred Cows”: What Should Go Away But Won't

- **Barnacles:** Army institutions, processes, customs, or doctrine that are anachronistic and impede needed change and progress
- **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

- Has the philosophy of mission command taken hold inside the Army?
- Case studies on the use of the Army design methodology during specific operations
- Modularity ten years after: an evaluation
- Noncommissioned officers (NCO) 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 new NCO evaluation reports, schooling, and the Army University on the enlisted force?

Dealing with a Changing World

- Adjusting to changing societal norms: how they impact the Army
- Military role in dealing with revival of global slavery
- 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 the long-term 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?
- Analysis of the nation-state: is it the cause of war? Will open borders be the solution to ending global conflict?

War by Other Means

- Are there nations that consider themselves to be at war with the United States? If so, how are they conducting war and what are the probabilities of their success?
- Insurgent warfare: case studies of winning by outgoverning
- Clash of cultures: Is winning the struggle for cultural hegemony a prerequisite for final victory?
- Case studies: immigration as a strategic weapon of war
- What must the United States do to defend itself against economic, political, or informational warfare?
- Economic war with the West: China's presence in Latin America and Africa
- The relationship of Russia and Turkey as related to the Syrian conflict
- Syria and beyond: Russian intentions in the Middle East
- Nicaragua and the “New Panama Canal” through it: history and implications for the West
- Kleptocracies: Why they matter to the United States. The military's role in dealing with them