

Themes and Suggested Topics for Future Editions

Global Challenges

- What nations consider themselves to be at war or in conflict with the United States? How are they conducting war, and what does this mean for the Army?
- What are the ramifications of increased Russian military presence in the Middle East?
- What are the military implications of China's economic penetration into Latin America, Africa, and broader Asia?
- What must the U.S. military do to prepare for possible contingency operations in the South China Sea?
- What are the security implications of the growing Islamic presence in Europe? Elsewhere in the world?
- What must the Army do to prepare to fight in urban terrain or megacities? What are the ethical challenges to operating in this type of environment?
- What operational and logistical challenges arise from domestic and foreign infrastructure limitations and how can we mitigate them?
- How can we better prepare soldiers to operate against atypical combatants (i.e., nonuniformed or child warriors) and under conditions where noncombatants are difficult to distinguish?

The Changing U.S. Army

- Are U.S. Army rotational units as effective as permanently assigned, forward-deployed units?
- Does the Army need designated security force assistance brigades? How should they be organized?
- Is there a role for the Army in homeland security operations? What must the Army be prepared for?
- How is gender integration changing the Army and how it operates?
- How does Army doctrine need to change to incorporate the cyberspace domain?
- Have associated units helped or hindered readiness?

Previous pages: Iraqi security forces soldiers pause for a photo 25 February 2017 during react-to-enemy-contact training at Camp Taji, Iraq. The soldiers attended a Junior Leaders Course led by coalition forces designed to enhance basic combat skills in support of Combined Joint Task Force—Operation Inherent Resolve, the global coalition to defeat Islamic State in Iraq and Syria. (Photo by Spc. Christopher Brecht, U.S. Army)

Pvt. 1st Class Rafael Mendez uses a training Javelin 13 February 2016 to simulate hitting a target at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, California. (Photo by Spc. Josephine Carlson, U.S. Army)

Next page: Paratroopers from 4th Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, leave Malemute Drop Zone 22 November 2016 after conducting an airborne insertion and M119 howitzer live-fire training at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. (Photo by Alejandro Pena, U.S. Air Force)

