

# Themes and Suggested Topics for Future Editions

Sgt. Adam Weber looks out the door of a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter before refilling a bucket firefighting system in Cook Inlet while assisting in the response to the McHugh Creek Fire 20 July 2016 near Anchorage, Alaska. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Balinda O'Neal Dresel, U.S. Army National Guard)



## 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: Dealing with a reestablished Russian presence in the Middle East
- Kleptocracies: Why they matter to the United States, and the military's role in dealing with them

## 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
- Preparing for the collapse of Venezuela: coping with the adverse effects of a failed state in the Western Hemisphere
- 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
- 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? Are open borders the solution to ending global conflict?

## Operational Level of War

- How are campaigns planned in the age of global insurgency, international terrorism, highly mobile populations, and social media?
- Is the center of gravity concept still relevant in today's operational environments?
- Converging cavalry columns: Does this frontier American Indian war concept have any relevance today?

## "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 needs to be updated? Is military justice applied fairly and equitably across all ranks?
- Military policing: Is racism or excessive force an issue of concern for military police? How well trained are military police as compared to civilian counterparts?
- Straining tradition: What legal guidelines should be imposed on the participation of senior retired officers in partisan elections?

## Mission Command Revisited

- Has the philosophy of mission command taken hold inside the Army? After many years of trying to change, critics say mission command still looks a lot like command and control
- Case studies on the use of the Army design methodology during specific 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 new NCO evaluation reports, schooling, and the Army University on the enlisted force?