

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?

Previous page: Sgt. Allan G. Torres and Pfc. Roman O'Doherty of the California Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 184th Infantry Regiment, look for survivors during Vigilant Guard 17 on 17 November 2016. Vigilant Guard 17 is an exercise simulating a massive disaster response to a powerful earthquake in Los Angeles, California. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Eddie Siguenza, U.S. Army National Guard)

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?
- Have associated units helped or hindered readiness?
- How is gender integration changing the Army and how it operates?
- How does Army doctrine need to change to incorporate the cyberspace domain?
- Is there a role for the Army in homeland security operations? What must the Army be prepared for?

Sgt. John Arriaga recovers his parachute after participating in an airborne proficiency operation during Exercise Arctic Aurora on 9 June 2016 at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. (Photo by Justin Connahey, U.S. Air Force)

