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Cover photo: Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 124th Infantry Regiment, assigned to Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa, make their way across a portion of the mountain obstacle course 10 October 2016 as part of the final day of the French Marines Desert Survival Course at Arta Plage, Djibouti. As part of the course, the soldiers and French marines completed training in desert operations, combat lifesaving skills, weapons, survival cooking, and water decontamination, and they completed both the water and the mountain obstacle courses. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Tiffany DeNault, U.S. Air Force)

Next page: Soldiers set off on a foot patrol 4 September 2018 after disembarking from a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter in Afghanistan. (Photo by Senior Airman Christine Groening, U.S. Air Force)



## WINNERS!

2018 General William E. DePuy

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The 2018 theme was "World Hot Spots: Which of the world's hot spots is the Army least prepared for? Should resources be diverted to prepare for them? What is the most efficient way to become ready for conflict in this region?"





#### **1st Place**

Maj. Matthew Kuhlman, U.S. Army

"Strengthening Partnerships to Face the Complexities of Africa"



#### **2nd Place**

Col. Eugenia Guilmartin, PhD, U.S. Army

"No 'Ordinary Crimes': An Alternative Approach to Securing Hotspots and Dense Urban Areas"



#### **3rd Place**

Col. Erik Claessen, Belgian Army

"Waging Wars Where War Feeds Itself"

#### **Honorable Mentions**

#### Maj. Amos Fox, U.S. Army

"Time, Power, and Principal-Agent Problems: Why the U.S. Army is Ill-Suited for Proxy Warfare Hotspots"

#### Jose Delgado

"Venezuela-A 'Black Swan' Hot Spot: Is a Potential Operation in Venezuela Comparable to Operation Just Cause in Panama?"

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