

The General William E. DePuy Writing Contest

The U.S. Army's Premier Writing Competition

2025 Winners and Honorable Mentions

This year's theme is "the challenges of planning for security in a world that is increasingly borderless, multicultural, and economically interdependent."

First Place

"Fighting for the Day After: Preserving Chinese Maritime Infrastructure in a Conventional War"
Capt. Micah Neidorfler, Wisconsin Army National Guard

Second Place

"The Escalating Stakes of Proxy Wars"
Maj. Juan J. Quiroz Jr., U.S. Army

Third Place

"Steppes of Resistance: Mongolian Nationalism as a Strategic
Resistance to Chinese Revanchism in the Indo-Pacific"
Sgt. 1st Class Travis Lee Mann, U.S. Army

Honorable Mentions

"Causing Dysfunction: Dilemma Engineering as a Strategic Deterrence Framework for China"
Maj. Thomas Haydock, Washington Army National Guard

"The U.S. Army in an Increasingly Borderless World: Challenge of
Planning for Security in a Competition with China in Africa"
Lt. Col. Felipe Galvão Franco Honorato, Brazilian Army

Military Review thanks our esteemed panel of judges for their careful, insightful, and timely evaluation of the manuscript submissions.

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