

Communiqué

This issue of *Joint Force Quarterly* brings to the forefront two important new terms: *battlespace management* and *integrated operations*. General Richard B. Myers, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, discusses these terms and other new ideas in his introduction to this issue. The two terms recognize a dynamic international environment, new partners, and a need for flexible strategies to defeat the enemies we face today, while preparing for the threats of tomorrow.

General Myers explains in this issue that joint operations are the common baseline for America's forces in the post-Cold War world. We must there-



U.S. Navy (Suzanne M. Speight)

Navy engineer and Army Soldiers assessing battle damage photo of Fallujah

fore consider how better to integrate new partners, including partners from other agencies, allies, nongovernmental organizations, industry, and the private sector. Commanders must plan with these parties across the spectrum of warfare, conduct exercises with them, experiment with them, employ them, and keep the peace with them. Integrated operations certainly require innovative thinking because post-Cold War threats, international terrorists, weapons proliferators, and rogue states have expanded the modern battlefield into a truly worldwide battlespace.

In this challenging environment, *JFQ* is evolving too. Though we will retain diversity in each issue, we are becoming more thematic in our approach. Beginning with issue 36, the Forum section became the journal's central focus. Also, in this issue, the table of contents is color-coded. The color of the section in the contents matches the runner at the top of the page for easy identification. Another addition is a style guide for *JFQ* and other NDU Press submissions on our Web site. Although *JFQ* has always been known for visual appeal, we have added more action photos of our greatest asset: the men and women of the Total Force. You also will see the terms *Soldiers*, *Sailors*, *Airmen*, *Marines*, and *Coast Guardsmen*—the men and women of America's Armed Forces—capitalized, even though it bucks some academic style guides. *JFQ* is a professional military journal, and the staff wants to emphasize the crucial role our people play in executing our national security strategy.

In addition to presenting a forum on important issues, commentary, letters to the editor, and book reviews, *JFQ* will continue to offer historical and international viewpoints as well as research on the full spectrum of warfare—from conflict to war to the transition to peace. We will also occasionally offer unique features, sections that showcase important research and the words of senior military and civilian leaders. The special Industrial College of the Armed Forces anniversary section in this issue is the first of these features.

Our NDU Press Web site at www.ndu.edu is a useful resource, offering readers access to many other *JFQ* and NDU Press publications. We are interested in publishing provocative articles from the defense community, military of all ranks, civilians, interagency employees, and international partners. Please see our Web site or the last page of the journal for more information on submissions. We have rigorous standards and can select only the best pieces for publication. We are interested in your feedback to help us stay on target, on time. And I assure you, your *JFQ* staff will continue to do its best to provide a stimulating forum for today's most crucial security debates.

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