In This Issue

Charles Dickens once quipped that after writing *Pickwick Papers* it took six months before the muse stirred him enough to begin work on the next book, *Oliver*. Having received generous kudos for the first issue of *JFQ*, it was a challenge to muster the resources to publish another issue of equal impact. Nonetheless, I believe our editors have succeeded in assembling an issue with the scope, depth, and relevance that lives up to the standards set by the inaugural number of the journal.

In this issue you will find contributions on subjects of some moment. There is an article based on a recent congressional report on special operations that both assesses progress in that field and offers recommendations on enhancing its capabilities. Then in an article calling for joint doctrine to meet future challenges, the author contends that we must rethink the assumptions of traditional approaches to warfare and rewrite the military lexicon to accommodate the ideas that emerge. This is followed by a contribution drawn from the findings of a newly released survey of Gulf War airpower—commissioned by the Secretary of the Air Force—in which the effectiveness of coalition airpower is evaluated in both quantitative and qualitative terms.

JFQ Forum examines the conduct of U.N. peace-enforcement in Somalia over the past year in a series of four articles. For those interested in the background of the ongoing military activities in that country—or simply in the implications of such operations on what some see as the dawning of a new era of nontraditional roles for the Armed Forces—a group of distinguished practitioners and specialists offer insightful analyses on the mission to Somalia.

We are also pleased to publish the co-winning entry from the 1993 Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Essay Competition which makes a case for organizational reform that goes beyond the Goldwater-Nichols Act by creating both a national military advisory council and a general staff.

In our first issue we featured an article by the Commander in Chief, Atlantic Command; in this issue we look to the Pacific and present a contribution by the CINC responsible for tackling the realities of the post-Cold War in that vast region of the world. This is followed by a piece in which two authors, a defense analyst and a naval officer, argue that the military-technical revolution is so rife in its warfare applications that an independent information corps peopled by high-tech specialists should be formed. A historian then examines the first U.S. offensive of World War II at Guadalcanal through a case study that reveals the campaign as a serendipitous joint operation. There is also a brief tribute in memory of General Matthew Ridgway who died this summer. In *Out of Joint*, an essay designed to provoke debate over the concepts underlying jointness, the commentator instructs us that being joint may well have real benefits in peacetime, but jointness alone will not prepare us for the next war.

We were pleased to receive the first of what we trust will be a continual flow of letters to the editor, some of which appear in this issue. In addition, you will find professional notes on a range of areas (including joint doctrine, education, history, and documentation), plus book reviews and a survey of joint literature, all of which are regular departments of the journal.

As the Chairman indicated in the inaugural issue, read *JFQ* for controversy, debate, new ideas, and fresh insights, and then contribute your own views. We look forward to hearing from you—through letters and contributions on subjects of importance to the Armed Forces that can add to our common understanding of joint warfighting.

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