

# The NDU Foundation *Congratulates the* **Winners** of the **2009 Writing Competitions**



## Secretary of Defense National Security Essay Competition

The 2009 annual competition was intended to stimulate new approaches to coordinated civilian and military action from a broad spectrum of civilian and military students. Essays were to address U.S. Government structure, policies, capabilities, resources and/or practices and provide creative, feasible ideas on how best to orchestrate the core competencies of our national security institutions. The competition attracted the largest number of entries since it began in 2007. Four winners were selected, including a Second Place tie. The NDU Foundation awarded the First Place winner a generous gift certificate from Amazon.com.

### FIRST PLACE

**Col Om Prakash, USAF, National War College**

“The Efficacy of ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell’”

### SECOND PLACE (Tie)

**Lt Col Steven J. Bleymaier, USAF, National War College**

“Games Bureaucrats and Politicians Play: A Case Study on Congress’ Surprise Decision to Retire 18 B-52s”

### SECOND PLACE (Tie)

**Del C. Kostka, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, Air Command and Staff College**

“Birds of a Feather: Moving Toward a Joint Acquisition Process to Support the Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) Enterprise”

### THIRD PLACE

**LtCol Christopher J. Pankhurst, USMC, Naval War College**

“Transnational Crime: The Transformation of Al Capone to al Qaeda”

## Distinguished Judges

The NDU Foundation joins NDU Press in thanking the senior faculty judges and their respective institutions for their commitment at a busy time of the academic year. Their personal dedication and professional excellence ensured a strong and credible competition.



Front row, left to right: COL Robert H. Taylor, USA (Ret.), U.S. Army War College; Prof. Charles C. Chadbourn III, Naval War College; Dr. Stephen E. Wright, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies; Dr. Richard A. Melanson, National War College; Dr. Eric Shibuya, Marine Corps University; CAPT Joanne Fish, USN, Joint Forces Staff College.  
Middle row: Dr. Timothy Sanz, Army Command and General Staff College; Dr. James A. Mowbray, Air War College; Dr. Joseph J. Collins, National War College; Dr. Benjamin (Frank) Cooling, Industrial College of the Armed Forces; Dr. Larry D. Miller, U.S. Army War College; Prof. Paul Romanski, Naval War College; LTC Richard (Dick) S. Tracey, USA (Ret.), Army Command and General Staff College.  
Back row: Prof. James R. Holmes, Naval War College; Dr. Stan Norris, Air War College; Dr. Lewis Griffith, Air Command and Staff College; Dr. Keith D. Dickson, Joint Forces Staff College; Col Brett E. Morris, USAF, Air Command and Staff College; Dr. Wray Johnson, Marine Corps University; Dr. Robert Banks, Marine Corps University; Dr. Kenneth Moss, Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Not shown: Prof. Stephen A. Emerson, Naval War College.

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**The NDU Foundation** is proud to support the annual Secretary of Defense, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and *Joint Force Quarterly* writing competitions. NDU Press hosted the final round of judging on May 19–20, 2009, during which 22 faculty judges from participating Joint Professional Military Education (JPME) institutions selected the best entries in each category.



## Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Strategic Essay Competition

This annual competition, in its 28<sup>th</sup> year in 2009, challenged students at the Nation's JPME institutions to write research papers or articles about significant aspects of national security strategy to stimulate strategic thinking, promote well-written research, and contribute to a broader security debate among professionals. The First Place winners in each category received a generous Amazon.com gift certificate courtesy of the NDU Foundation.

## JFQ Joint Force Quarterly Kiley Awards

Each year, judges select the most influential article in each of four *JFQ* departments: Forum, Feature, Interagency Dialogue, and Recall.

### Best Forum Article

**COL Kevin M. Cieply, ARNG**  
Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy  
"Rendition: The Beast and the Man"

### Best Feature Article

**Jennifer Dabbs Sciubba**  
Consultant, Department of Defense  
"The Defense Implications of Demographic Trends"

### Best Interagency Dialogue Article

**Charles A. Stevenson**  
The Johns Hopkins University  
"Underlying Assumptions of the National Security Act of 1947"

### Best Recall Article

**Karl F. Walling** Naval War College  
"Why a Conversation with the Country? A Backward Look at Some Forward-thinking Maritime Strategists"



## Strategic Research Paper

**FIRST PLACE** Lt Col Daniel Canfield, USMC, Marine Corps School of Advanced Warfighting  
"The Past as Prologue: Winfield Scott's 1847 Mexico City Campaign as a Model for Future War"

**SECOND PLACE** Lincoln B. Krause, Central Intelligence Agency, National War College  
"Playing for the Breaks: Understanding Insurgent Strategic Mistakes"

**THIRD PLACE** Lt Col Stephen B. Waller, USAF, U.S. Army War College  
"Fostering Cooperative Relations with China: U.S. Economic and Military Strategy"



## Strategy Article

**FIRST PLACE** Lt Col Matt Isler, USAF, National War College  
"Graying Panda, Shrinking Dragon: The Impact of Chinese Demographic Changes on Northeast Asian Security"

**SECOND PLACE** Lt Col Martin K. Schlacter, USAF, Industrial College of the Armed Forces  
"Defining Today's 5<sup>th</sup>-Generation National Security Environment and Its Implications"

**THIRD PLACE** COL Andrew W. Backus, USA, U.S. Army War College  
"Growing Interagency Leaders from Grass Roots"



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