

# The NDU Foundation Congratulates the **Winners** of the **2011 Writing Competitions**

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**Michèle Flournoy, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, presents first place certificate for 2011 Secretary of Defense Essay Competition to Colonel Justin C. Davey, USAF**



## Secretary of Defense National Security Essay Competition

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual competition in 2011 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 to provide creative, feasible ideas on how best to orchestrate the core competencies of our national security institutions. The NDU Foundation awarded the first place winner a generous gift certificate from Amazon.com.

### FIRST PLACE

Col Justin C. Davey, USAF  
Air War College “Enduring Attraction: America’s Dependence on and Need to Secure Its Supply of Permanent Magnets”

### SECOND PLACE

JoAnne Wagner, Department of State  
National War College “Going Out: Is China’s Skillful Use of Soft Power in Sub-Saharan Africa a Threat to U.S. Interests?”

### THIRD PLACE

COL David H. Carstens, USA  
U.S. Army War College “Building Resiliency into the National Military Strategy”



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

This annual competition, in its 30<sup>th</sup> year in 2011, challenges students at the Nation’s joint PME 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.

### Strategic Research Paper

**FIRST PLACE** Steve Coonen, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy  
National War College  
“The Empire’s Newest New Clothes: Overrating China”

**SECOND PLACE** COL Mark David Maxwell, USA  
National War College  
“Targeted Killing, the Law, and Terrorists: Feeling Safe?”

**THIRD PLACE** LtCol Douglas John MacIntyre, USMC  
Naval War College  
“Emerging from Behind the U.S. Shield: Japan’s Dynamic Deterrence Policy and Resurgence in Asia”

### Strategy Article

**FIRST PLACE** COL Daniel S. Larsen, USA  
U.S. Army War College  
“U.S.-China Relations: No Need to Fight”

**SECOND PLACE** COL Ricky J. Nussio, USA  
U.S. Army War College  
“Gates’s Speech, Rumsfeld’s Vision, and Future Warfare”

**THIRD PLACE** David J. Greene, Department of State  
National War College  
“U.S. Strategy in Southeast Asia: Power Broker, Not Hegemon”



**Admiral Mullen presents first place certificate for 2011 CJCS Strategic Research Paper Competition to Steve Coonen, Office of the Secretary of Defense**



**Admiral Mullen presents first place certificate for 2011 CJCS Strategy Article Competition to Colonel Daniel S. Larsen, USA**

U.S. Army (Sun L. Vega)

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**The National Defense University (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 17–18, 2011, during which 22 faculty judges from 15 participating Professional Military Education (PME) institutions selected the best entries in each category. The First Place winners in each of the three categories are published in the following pages.



Each year, judges select the most influential articles from the previous year's four issues of *JFQ*. Three outstanding articles were singled out for the Kiley Awards, named in honor of Dr. Frederick Kiley, former director, NDU Press:

**Best Forum Article**

Sebastian L.v. Gorka,  
College of International Security Affairs  
“The Age of Irregular Warfare: So What?”

**Best Feature Article**

Maj G. John David, USMC, and  
Paul S. Reinhart, Defense Intelligence  
Agency  
“A Joint Staff to Believe In”

**Best Recall Article**

Col Phillip S. Meilinger, USAF (Ret.)  
“Unity of Command in the Pacific During  
World War II”

**Distinguished Judges**

Twenty-two senior faculty members from the 15 participating PME institutions took time out of their busy schedules to serve as judges. Their personal dedication and professional excellence ensured a strong and credible competition.

NDU Press (Tara Parekh)



Front row: Dr. Doug Hime, Naval War College; Dr. Donna Connolly, Naval War College; Dr. Hal Winton, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies; Dr. Charles Chadbourn, Naval War College; Dr. Kathleen Mahoney-Norris, Air Command and Staff College; Dr. Larry Miller, U.S. Army War College; Dr. James Mowbray, Air War College; COL Robert Taylor, USA (Ret.), U.S. Army War College; Dr. John Schuessler, Air War College; CAPT Joanne Fish, USN, Joint Forces Staff College; and Dr. Mark Clodfelter, National War College. Back row: CAPT Bill Marlowe, USN (Ret.), Joint Forces Staff College; Dr. Sebastian Lukasik, Air Command and Staff College; Dr. Benjamin Cooling, Industrial College of the Armed Forces; Dr. Ken Moss, Industrial College of the Armed Forces; Dr. Brad Meyer, Marine Corps School of Advanced Warfighting; Dr. Paul Romanski, Naval War College; Dr. Robert Bruce, Marine Corps Command and Staff College; Dr. Tim Sanz, Army Command and General Staff College; Dr. Peter Thompson, College of International Security Affairs; Dr. Bill Eliason, Editor, *Joint Force Quarterly*.

Not Shown: Dr. Joseph Collins, National War College; Dr. James Lacey, Marine Corps War College



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