

**2008 General William E. DePuy
Special Topics Writing Competition
“Actions Required to Attain Overall Objectives in
the Aftermath of Combat Operations”**

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The Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth is pleased to announce the winners of the 2008 General William E. DePuy Writing Competition. Thirty-five manuscripts were received and judged by a distinguished panel of invited experts.

- 1st Place** “The Ethical Challenges in Stability Operations and Nation-Building,”
by SGT Jared Tracy, \$1000
- 2nd Place** “To the Victor Go the Sores: Learning from Moderate Muslim Governments:
Approaches to Islamist Militant Activism,” by MAJ Erik A. Claessen,
Belgian Army, \$750
- 3rd Place** “Counterinsurgency Operations (COIN) in Baghdad—The Action of 1-4 Cavalry in
2007/2008 East Rashid Security District,” by MAJ Thomas J. Sills, \$500
- 4th Place** “Making Use of What is Already There: Leveraging Liminality in Post-Conflict
Security Sector Reform,” by MAJ Louis P. Melacon, \$250

Honorable Mention

- “Building the Team: The Continuing Evolution of Embedded Provincial Reconstruction Teams
in Task Force Marne and Beyond,” by SFC Jesse P. Pruett, \$100
- “Investing in Stability: The Need for Intelligence Preparation for Economic Operations,”
by James E. Shircliffe Jr., \$100
- “It Ain’t Over Till It’s Over: The Things America Should Do When Combat Ends,”
by MAJ E. Paul Flowers, \$100
- “Legitimacy: The Supreme Principle of Irregular Warfare,” by MAJ John W. Bauer, \$100
- “The Role of Detainee Healthcare as Part of the Information Instrument of Power,”
by LTC Beverly D. Patton, \$100

Members of the panel who reviewed this year’s contest submissions are:

Lieutenant General David W. Barno, USA, Retired, Director, Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies at the National Defense University, Washington, DC

Steven Metz, Ph.D., Chairman of the Regional Strategy and Planning Department and Research Professor of National Security Affairs at the Strategic Studies Institute, Carlisle, PA

Michael W. Mosser, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of International Relations, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College’s School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS), Fort Leavenworth, KS

Colonel Timothy R. Reese, Director, Combat Studies Institute, Fort Leavenworth, KS

The winning manuscripts will be published in upcoming editions of *Military Review*, the Professional Journal of the U.S. Army. Honorable Mentions and distinguished submissions that were not formally recognized will be given preferential consideration for publication subject to space constraints and the continuing relevance of the topic.