Announcing the 2015 General William E. DePuy

Special Topics Writing Competition

After almost 15 years of persistent conflict winds down, the Army faces significant fiscal constraints that will challenge its military readiness. To this end, the 2015 General William E. DePuy Special Topics Writing Competition announces the following topic for prospective essays:

Theme: ***The Future of War***

Suggested topics include, but are not limited to:

- Changing demographics—what will the world's population look like and what effect will it have on the Army and the operational environment (e.g., megacities, population growth and displacement, resource distribution)
- Climate change and its threat to security (e.g., water rights, desertification, coastal flooding)
- The impact of regionally aligned forces
- The future of nonstate entities and their relationship to, and impact on, the military
- Army operations on U.S. soil (e.g., the erosion of posse comitatus)

How do I enter?

- Submit an unclassified, original research paper examining any aspect—broad or specific—of this theme. Papers should be approx. 3,000 words in length, not counting endnotes.
- Previously published papers, or papers pending consideration elsewhere for publication, are ineligible.
- Papers submitted to other competitions still pending announced decisions are also ineligible. (As an exception to this rule, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College students submitting papers to the General Douglas MacArthur Military Leadership Writing Competition may submit the same paper to the DePuy Competition. Thus, it is possible to recognize a single paper for both competitions).

Contestants are expected to conduct in-depth research to support their papers to include consulting current doctrine, proponent organizations, and subject matter experts. However, unpublished original research based on primary as opposed to secondary source material is preferred.

What do winning writers receive?

- First Place: Award of $1,000 / Certificate of recognition / Publication as a featured essay in *Military Review*, the Professional Journal of the United States Army.
- Second Place: Award of $750 / Certificate of recognition / Special consideration for publication in *Military Review.*
- Third Place: Award of $500 / Certificate of recognition / Special consideration for publication in *Military Review.*
- Not all prizes will necessarily be awarded; only superior quality products will warrant award.

How do you submit a paper?

- Complete an enrollment form (see enclosure 2) and submit it together with the proposed manuscript via e-mail or in hard copy with a CD to *Military Review* by Monday, 7 July 2015. Email: usarmy.leavenworth.tradoc.mbx.military-review-public-em@mail.mil Mail: *Military Review,* 290 Stimson, Unit 2, Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027.
- The essay will use endnote citations and not bibliographic references. Essays will not use the automatic endnote citation feature of software. Instead, endnotes will be hand typed in numerical order as referenced in the essay and listed at the end of the submitted document.

How will the papers be evaluated and judged?

- All entries should be submitted using the sample format found at the following link: http://usacac.army.mil/CAC2/MilitaryReview/resources/assets/SampleManuscript.pdf
- *Military Review* will recommend to the CAC Commander a panel of distinguished judges to evaluate the entries.
- General criteria to be used for evaluating papers are attached (see enclosure 1).

If you have questions contact:

- Editor in Chief of *Military Review*, at (913) 684-9331 or DSN 552-9331; or via email usarmy.leavenworth.tradoc.mbx.military-review-public-em@mail.mil.

ENCLOSURE 1 (Criteria for Judging)

Evaluation is unavoidably a subjective process; however, our panelists will use the questions below to help them evaluate essays more objectively.

- Does the essay show evidence of significant research using accepted academic standards? Is the research mainly from primary sources?
- Is the author's research backed up by careful endnotes?
- Does the essay contribute anything new to the body of professional knowledge on the selected topic?
- Does the essay offer well-thought-out and well-researched opinions about the how the Army can find innovative solutions to face future challenges and threats during this time of work force reductions and budget cuts?
- Does the essay offer plausible solutions to or recommendations about the problem or issue?
- Does the essay fairly represent the background facts and provide a credible examination of the issue?
- Is the essay organized? Does it move logically from a clear thesis through a well-developed argument using supporting evidence to yield persuasive conclusions?
- Is the essay written in an accessible style, or does it give the impression that it has been written to impress rather inform and persuade?
- Does the essay avoid excessive acronyms or jargon?

ENCLOSURE 2 (Entry Form)

MEMORANDUM FOR Managing Editor, *Military Review*

SUBJECT: The 2015 Combined Arms Center General William E. DePuy Writing Competition

1. Attached is my research paper submission for the CAC Commanding General's 2015 Combined Arms Center General William E. DePuy Writing Competition.

2. The title of my paper is:
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3. I affirm that the research paper is my original work. I further affirm that no part of it has been plagiarized from other sources; that all references to other work have been properly and fully attributed; that it has not been previously published; that it is not now being considered elsewhere for publication; and that it is not currently pending consideration as an entry in any other competition (with the authorized exception of the Command and General Staff College's General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Competition, as provided for under competition rules.)

4. I understand that if my paper is selected as a winner, the Combined Arms Center may reproduce it for instructional purposes, and *Military Review* will have first right of publication without copyright restrictions. Should I receive a cash award, I will submit information to be paid by electronic funds transfer.

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