Themes for Future Editions
with Suggested Topics

Inform and Influence Activities
September-October 2015
- Are there universal principles of human influence?
- The importance of formulating, promulgating, and sustaining a national narrative
- The influence of popular entertainment on public opinion with regard to support of war efforts
- Collisions of culture: The struggle for cultural hegemony in stability operations

The Human Dimension and Technology
November-December 2015
- Knowing your enemy
- Talent management, putting the right soldier in the right job
- The challenge of sustaining the quality of the all-volunteer force in an era of persistent conflict
- The role of technology in enhanced human dimension capabilities
- How will urbanization and social media affect the already complex operating environment?
- Optimizing human performance: quality vs. quantity? How ethics play a role
- Research in the Army, with contributions across the spectrum (medical, psychological, biological, scientific, and historical)

The Future of War
January-February 2016 (Deputy Topic)
- Megacities—What will the United States look like in the next century? What effect will the future status of the United States have on the military?
- Climate change and its threat to security (water rights)
- Impact of regionally aligned forces—present and future
- Future of nonstate entities and the military’s role in it
- Evolving or eroding the Posse Comitatus Act?

Global Insurgencies
March-April 2016
- Quranic concept of war
- Updates on regional conflicts
- Regionally aligned forces reports from the field
Army Firsts
May-June 2016

- The importance of land power and its part in national security (including national defense and foreign relations): 100 years ago, today, and 100 years in the future
- Past wars—What worked/what didn’t work; what is and is not working now
- Weapon systems, an operational approach, right/wrong implementation
- Females in combat military occupational specialties
- Status of openly gay and lesbian servicemember acceptance
- A comparison of male and female posttraumatic stress disorder

The Future of Innovation in the Army
July-August 2016

- How much is just right? Can you have too much?
- Historical examples of institutionally fostered innovation
- Institutional and cultural obstacles to innovation in the U.S. Army of the twenty-first century

Dealing with a Shrinking Army
September-October 2016

- Lessons from post-Civil War, post-World War I, post-World War II, post-Vietnam, and post-Cold War
- Training to standard with limited resources
- Quality retention during forced drawdowns
- The good, bad, and ugly of distance learning