I am proud to present Military Review’s first issue published as a member of the Army Press! Our prestigeous journal has finally joined ranks with the Combat Studies Institute to form an enhanced organization that will help aspiring authors publish their articles, books, and monographs. The Army Press website is still a work in progress, but we anticipate it coming online soon to provide us with an additional publication and discussion forum. And, we are not stopping there. We look forward to adding the NCO Journal to the Army Press family in 2016.

This year’s General William E. DePuy Combined Arms Center Writing Competition was a tremendous success; the quality and quantity of the submissions far exceeded that of previous years, and picking the winner proved very challenging for the selection committee. Thanks to all the authors who contributed. After an exhaustive review of the thirty-two contest submissions, I’m pleased to publically congratulate Lt. Col. Erik Claessen of the Belgian Army for winning the 2015 DePuy competition. His article, “The Urban Individual: Unassailable Source of Power in Twenty-First Century Armed Conflicts,” is featured in this month’s edition. It adds significantly to the growing body of work regarding megaurban conflict and the human dimension.

This edition of Military Review also provides articles on a wide variety of other topics. Three authors, Col. Donald Shaw, Thomas Terry, and Milad Minooie, contribute valuable insights on effective communication strategies for Army leaders; historian John McGrath uses World War I’s First Battle of the Marne as a vehicle for an analysis of mission command; and Air Force Lt. Col. Jason Earley discusses how changes in the Army will affect the Air Force.

Two junior officers also weigh in with recommendations for changes to Army structure and doctrine. Capt. Vincent Wiggins Jr. advocates changes to how the Army defends against air and missile threats, and 1st Lt. Matthew McGoffin discusses ideas for future adaptation of the cavalry.

Finally, the Military Review staff bids farewell to one of our editors, retired Sgt. Maj. Eric Lobsinger. Eric has taken a new job to be closer to his family. He was instrumental in improving the layout and appearance of our journal, and we will miss him very much.

As 2015 draws to a close, I’d like to thank all our readers and contributors; it is you who have made Military Review the Army’s professional journal for more than ninety-three years. Please continue to share our journal with friends, colleagues, and other organizations. You can find it online at http://usacac.army.mil/CAC2/MilitaryReview/. Send us your feedback in a letter, an email, or on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/#!/OfficialMilitaryReview.
SI Press announces the release of the Wanat iBook. This work is an enhanced version of the well-known study of the battle that took place in Afghanistan in 2008. 3D terrain views, video from both U.S. forces’ and insurgents’ perspectives (see example below), infographics, and other multimedia elements embedded in the text make the story of the battle more understandable and poignant.

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Examples of audiovisual features: A virtual terrain walk through Combat Outpost Kahler can be accessed to enhance understanding of how the battle developed as described in the text.