

From the Editor

This issue of *Military Review* was originally planned with space operations as its theme. Although space remains the focus, *Military Review* could not allow the events of 11 September to pass without acknowledgment. To that end, the journal has included with this issue a special insert that affirms America's resolve to fight this war against terrorism. David Shaughnessy and Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Cowan address how the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon reveal fundamental changes in the way international terrorists operate and how the United States and the coalition must combat those changes.

Space has long intrigued the military imagination. Since the Gulf War, space has grown tremendously important to U.S. warfighters. Now, perhaps more than ever before, especially in light of combat operations in southern Asia, space-based operations are vital to the success of U.S. forces. Lieutenant General Edward G. Anderson III, deputy commander, U.S. Space Command (USSPACECOM), explains how USSPACECOM enables that success. The article by Lieutenant Colonel Brian Anderson and Robert Bogart discusses how USSPACECOM supports the joint force commander.

The U.S. Army Space Command (ARSPACE) is deeply involved in space operations. ARSPACE leads the effort to integrate space operations across the full spectrum of Army operations. Two articles from contributing authors Lieutenant Colonel Brad Baehr, Chuck Purkiss, Willie Breazell, Russ Smith, J. G. Byrum, and Tommy Houston explain how ARSPACE brings space to the ground warfighter.

Perhaps the most important aspect of space operations is the role space plays in communications and information management. In fact, space operations entail getting the right information to the right user at the right time. Major Dan Corey explains how space-based systems significantly enhance intelligence preparation of the battlefield. In addition, William Messer relates how intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance data empowers the warfighter in defining the battlespace.

Integrating space operations into exercises is essential if using space is to become second nature to warfighters. An important step is using exercises to teach staffs how to use space-based capabilities. Teddy Bitner illustrates how space should be part and parcel of every exercise and simulation. Major Terry Torraca uses an excellent sketch from an actual exercise to show how Army space personnel can make a difference to the joint force commander.

Effective space operations cannot take place without skilled personnel to plan, resource, and execute these operations. Discussing the new space operations functional area, Brigadier General Richard V. Geraci neatly summarizes the qualities of the contemporary space operations officer. Major James Meisinger concludes with an imaginative article that takes a fanciful look at what future war might look like when enhanced by space-based capabilities.

The future—what does it hold? The best thinking about the future comes from those who have an appreciation for the past, a solid grasp of the present, and an enthusiasm for the future. *Military Review* intends to play a significant role in bringing the best thinking to military professionals.

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