

## *From the Editor*

In this issue, *Military Review* looks at several relevant topics for the military professional, including current operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT), and Officership.

Special operations forces have stepped from the shadows to take a prominent place among U.S. Army forces fighting terrorism. Two articles draw from actual experiences in Afghanistan to consider how the Army might adjust doctrine to reflect lessons learned in the crucible of combat. A third article relates how electronic attack aircraft were integrated into conventional operations in Afghanistan. A fourth article argues that killing or kidnapping an enemy's political leadership is a legitimate act of war and can lead to quick and decisive victory. Also included is a look at the challenge that child combatants pose for U.S. and coalition forces in Iraq and elsewhere.

Although Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom dominate the headlines, the Army continues with Transformation. Two authors provide in-depth analysis of where the Army's first Stryker Brigade Combat Team is in regard to training and readiness. Another examines the SBCT's command, control, communications, and computers, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance function.

In this issue *Military Review* completes its series on Officership. One article examines the significant but overlooked role that organizations play in developing professionalism in Army officers. One author argues that for genuine and meaningful transformation, officer development cannot occur without officers cultivating the practice of lifelong study of military art and science.

Rounding out this issue are two articles: one on organizational effectiveness and how it might help transform officer development; the other about how to develop leaders to maintain the high level of military competence that the Active Army, U.S. Army Reserve, and the U.S. Army National Guard have achieved by training to common tasks, conditions, and standards. The final article relates how DARPA is developing information and intelligent command and control systems, which are key to a successfully fielded future combat system.

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