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In 2006, the U.S. Marine Corps convened a group of current and former military leaders and military scholars to evaluate the status of professional military education within the Corps. Their focus was on four critical elements: faculty, students, curricula, and facilities. At the end of three months of deliberation, what would become known as the Wilhelm Committee made a series of recommendations to ensure that the current and future status of Marine Corps education represented the quality of the Corps it supports. One of those recommendations was for the creation of a publishing house to support the mission of the university and foster research and discourse that crosses the military-civilian domain to innovate, solve problems, and advance knowledge around the world.

Based on the recommendations from that 2006 committee, Marine Corps University Press was created in 2008. Originally housed within the History Division (HD) directorate, the press and editing/design staff supported a two-pronged approach to publishing at the university: scholarly works through the press and official Marine Corps histories through HD.

In 2010, the press published its first issue of the *MCU Journal*. This volume was followed shortly thereafter by the first monograph in 2011, which was an edited volume *Al-Qaida after Ten Years of War: A Global Perspective of Successes, Failures, and Prospects* by Norman Cigar and Stephanie E. Kramer. These early works represented collaborations between the press and internal/external organizations with a direct tie to the university and the military Services.

By 2014, the structure and mission of the press had solidified and efforts were underway to align the organization with the professional accreditation and scholarly rigor found in what was then the American Association of University Presses. In 2016, MCUP gained introductory status and in 2020 full regular membership in the now renamed Association of University Presses.

The year saw other significant changes for the press. The *MCU Journal* was rebranded into the *Journal of Advanced Military Studies*, a concept more representative of the content and a better tool for acquisition and development. In addition, the press was made a stand-alone organization with direct reporting authority to the president of Marine Corps University.

Today, as a fully open access press, MCUP publishes 10–15 full-length monographs annually on a variety of military history, national security, international relations, and military science topics. The press publishes four scholarly journals: *Journal of Advanced Military Studies*, *Marine Corps History*, *Expeditions with MCUP*, and *MES Insights*. Our works are available to a worldwide audience without physical or fiscal barriers, reaching more than 150 countries and territories annually.



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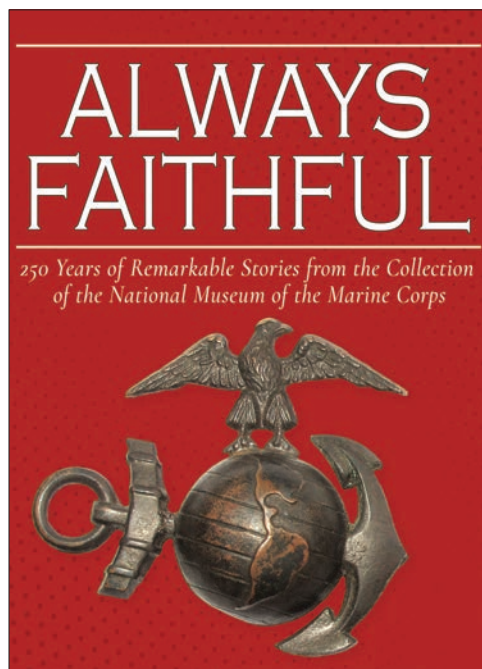
250 Years of Remarkable Stories from the Collection of the National Museum of the Marine Corps

Edited by Owen Conner

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About the Book

The permanent collection of the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Triangle, Virginia, contains more than 64,000 artifacts documenting 250 years of U.S. Marine Corps history. From the Revolutionary War to the modern-day battlefields of Afghanistan and Iraq, these artifacts bear witness to and detail the remarkable stories of the men and women who make the Corps what it is today. This high-quality coffee-table-style book features 50 artifacts, handpicked by museum curators, whose fascinating histories serve to honor the 250th birthday of the Marine Corps.



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BOOTS AND SUITS

Historical Cases and Contemporary Lessons in Military Diplomacy

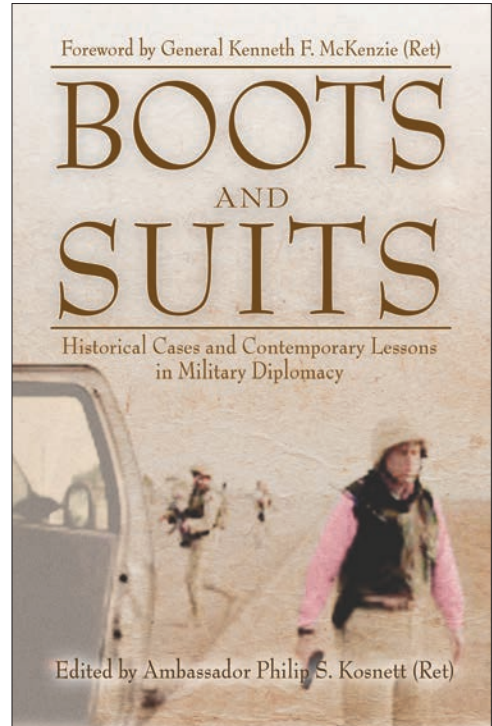
Edited by by Ambassador Philip S. Kosnett (Ret)

Foreword by General Kenneth F. McKenzie (Ret)

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About the Book

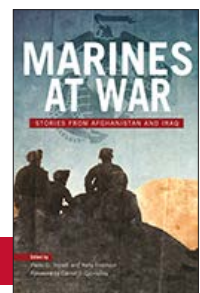
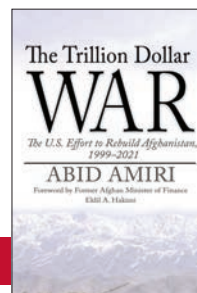
Written by a dream team of scholars, government officials, military officers, and diplomats, *Boots and Suits* uses a case study approach to demonstrate how governments seek to use military and diplomatic power in tandem to pursue policy goals. Authors dig into historical events, such as Imperial Russia's pre-World War I use of hard power and American efforts in the 1970s to build influence in the Persian Gulf through arms sales. Other chapters analyze contemporary issues, such as the evolution of U.S. and NATO policies on assistance to Ukraine, American, and Chinese use of naval power to build diplomatic leverage with Pacific nations, and the contentious evolution of Turkish-American defense relations in the twenty-first century. Of particular interest to practitioners of diplomacy in and out of uniform, a "Lessons Learned" section details the experiences of military officers and muddy-boots diplomats in hot spots like Iraq, Afghanistan, and Haiti. *Boots and Suits* offers important insights for all those concerned with the future of war and peace.



Early praise for *Boots & Suits*

"[*Boots & Suits*] is an excellent step on the path to broadening our view of how the military interacts with diplomats. The historical examples are trenchant and clear, and the contemporary cases are meaningful. Most importantly, the strong contributions from current practitioners are able to apply theory to real situations."

~ General Kenneth F. McKenzie, USMC (Ret)



Also of Interest

COALITION LEADERSHIP

Lessons Learned while Commanding a NATO Brigade in Afghanistan

By Colonel James L. Creighton, USA (Ret)

paperback | 6 x 9 | 304 est. pp.

About the Book

United States involvement in wars and humanitarian efforts in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria since 1990 have all involved coalitions. In 2010, U.S. Army colonel James L. Creighton commanded a multinational North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) brigade consisting of soldiers, sailors, airmen, and civilians from nine different countries integrated into tactical formations down to the platoon level. This NATO brigade—Combined Team Uruzgan (CTU)—was responsible for defeating the Taliban insurgency in the provinces of Uruzgan and Daykundi, Afghanistan, and enabling the government of Afghanistan to build a stable society. In this book, leadership lessons resonate from the experiences and stories that the men and women of CTU shared during a year of counterinsurgency operations.

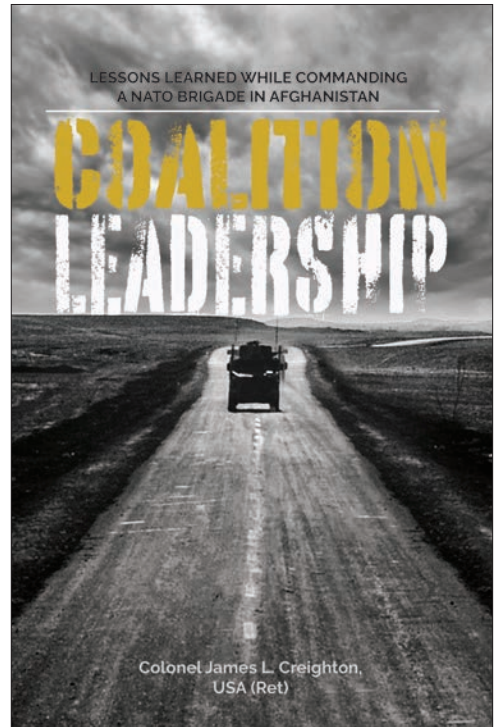
Early Praise for *Coalition Leadership*

“Jim Creighton has capitalized on his experience as a multinational NATO brigade commander in Afghanistan to explore vital leadership lessons learned. He has brilliantly woven his firsthand combat experience leading thousands of soldiers and civilians from nine different countries into an engaging narrative that highlights the many aspects of leading complex international organizations. His insights are keen—and as applicable to an international business environment as they are to military and civilian combat situations.”

~ Alex Gorsky, Former Chairman and CEO, Johnson & Johnson

“In a world of business ecosystems, shifting global dynamics, and self-reinforcing mindsets, Jim Creighton brings us a sophisticated yet practical solution: coalition leadership. Every manager today, from CEO to first-line supervisor, is a manager of coalitions of talent—but until now there has not been a strong and field-tested guidebook for how leaders can accomplish great things when surrounded by conflicting personalities and purposes. This book is destined to be underlined and earmarked, chock-full of lessons on leadership forged in wartime yet powerfully relevant for any time.”

~ Sydney Finkelstein, Professor of Management, Dartmouth College



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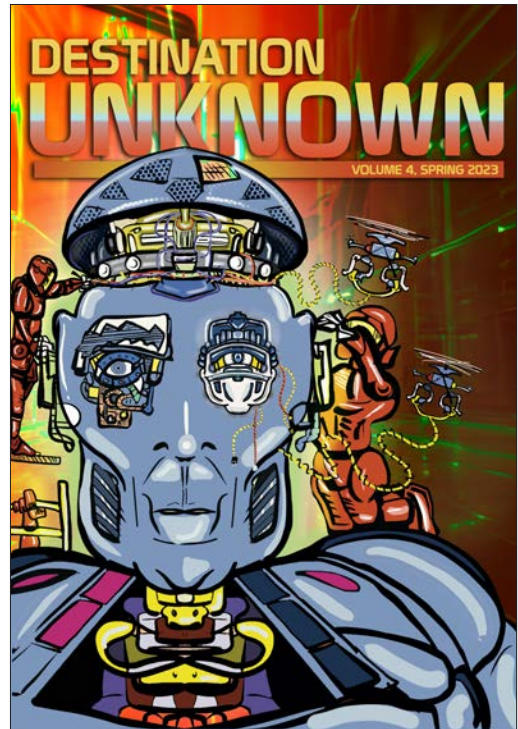
DESTINATION UNKNOWN, VOL. 4

Brute Krulak Center of Innovation and Future Warfare

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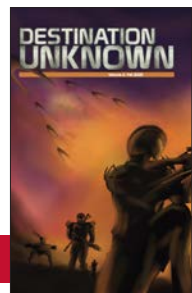
About the Book

Destination Unknown, vol. 4, continues the series' tradition of using military writers and artists to generate new ideas on national security and military strategy through graphic representation. This is an educational project "by the warfighter for the warfighter" in every regard. Behind the scenes, the journey in making this graphic novel is as important as the unique military stories being told. The stories within this volume go right at the operational and strategic questions that the Marine Corps is wrestling with today, and they illustrate today's Marines and their partners in the U.S. Department of Defense and beyond preparing imaginative solutions to tomorrow's problems.



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WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A MAN

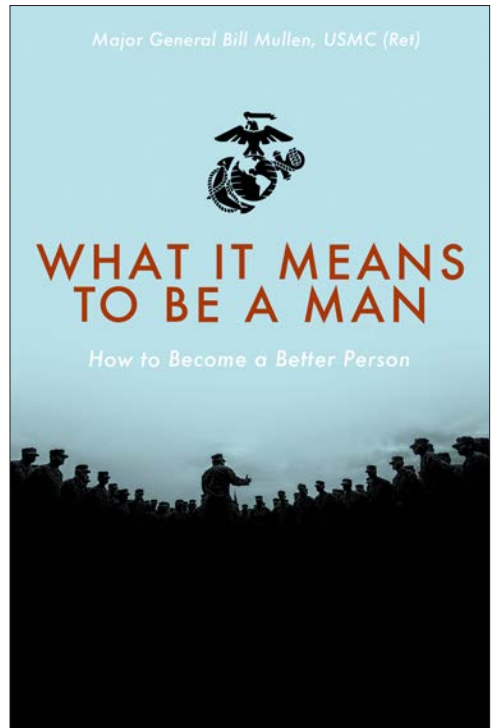
How to Become a Better Person

By Major General Bill Mullen, USMC (Ret)

paperback | 5 x 8 | 208 pp.

About the Book

We all have flaws because, as humans, we are all inherently fallible. If we can focus on becoming better people in life, it will likely help mitigate that fallibility. *What It Means to Be a Man* focuses on the concept that if all young Marines internalize the words and thoughts presented here, and use them to not only be better Marines but, more importantly, better people, then we can be a much better Service overall. The U.S. Marine Corps and the American people have invested so much time, effort, and money into them that they are more than worth the effort to make them better people now but also for when they take off the uniform and return to civilian society.



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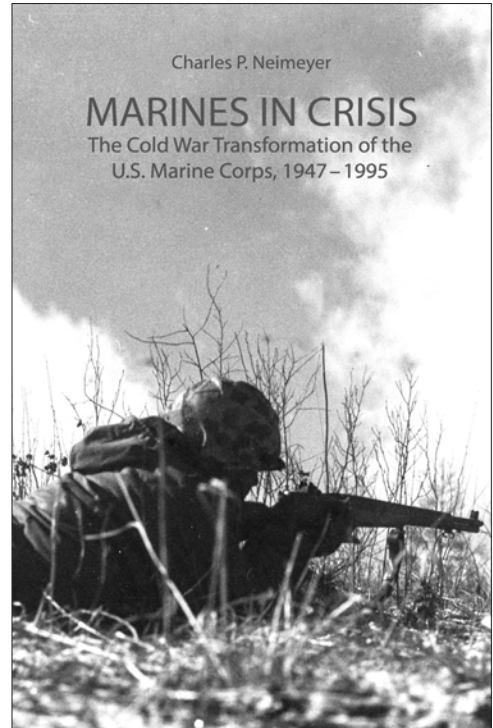
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By Charles P. Neimeyer, PhD

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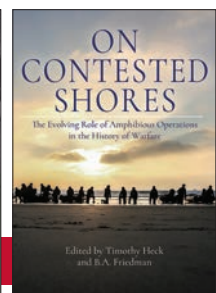
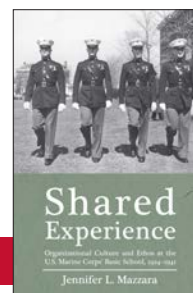
About the Book

Throughout the Cold War and into the 1990s, the Marine Corps faced multiple strategic inflection points. Some of these moments were fights for institutional survival, some were based on emerging technology or internal upheaval, and others were more concerned with developing operational doctrine. When compared to the development of its amphibious warfare doctrine between World War I and World War II, these Cold War decisions related to the Marine Corps came about at an astonishing pace. Many of these post-World War II moments came only after painful experiences in increasingly complex and multidimensional Joint combat operations or humanitarian interventions, where international politics, rapidly changing technology, new societal norms, and even culture played an ever-larger role on the battlefield. For the Marine Corps, the Cold War and beyond seemingly required its senior leaders to predict the rapid-fire changes that impacted the new way of war and evolving politics of conflict. In response, those leaders continually transformed the Marine Corps to ensure it played a significant role in U.S. military matters.



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Organizational Culture and Ethos at the U.S. Marine Corps' Basic School, 1924–1941

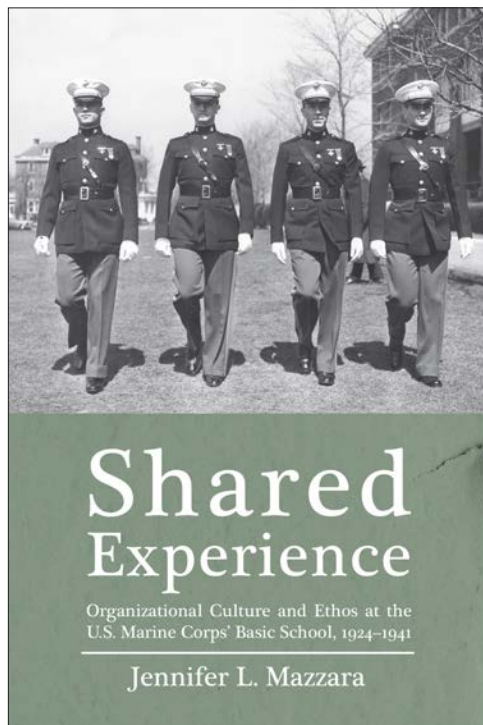
By Jennifer L. Mazzara, PhD

paperback | 6 x 9 | 496 est. pp.

About the Book

From early in the modern history of the Marine Corps, The Basic School (TBS) has played an enormously important role in acculturating Marine officers in the profession of arms. Author Jennifer Mazzara's exhaustive and detailed research, which included examining the curricula of prewar TBS, shows that the TBS product, the Marine lieutenant, was fundamental to the early victories of the Second World War. As the only basic-level post-commissioning school in the United States that imparts a generalist education, rather than specialist training, TBS is unique among the military schools operated by the U.S. armed forces. Its distinctiveness stems from two primary features: its structure, and what it provides to its graduates. The TBS curriculum is utterly immersive and inculcates in all Marine lieutenants the ethos of the Corps and the nearly spiritual reality of what it means to be an officer of Marines with the responsibility of leading Marines in combat. Every TBS officer is put through the same grueling crucible of preparation to be a rifle platoon commander.

Mazzara's examination of how TBS was conducted during the interwar period sheds light on the backgrounds and experiences of the officers who were most responsible for carrying out the Pacific campaigns of World War II. This history reveals TBS's essential qualities during the interwar period, but it also illuminates the timeless and immutable reality and necessity of this institution that has bound generations of Marine officers to each other and to the Corps.



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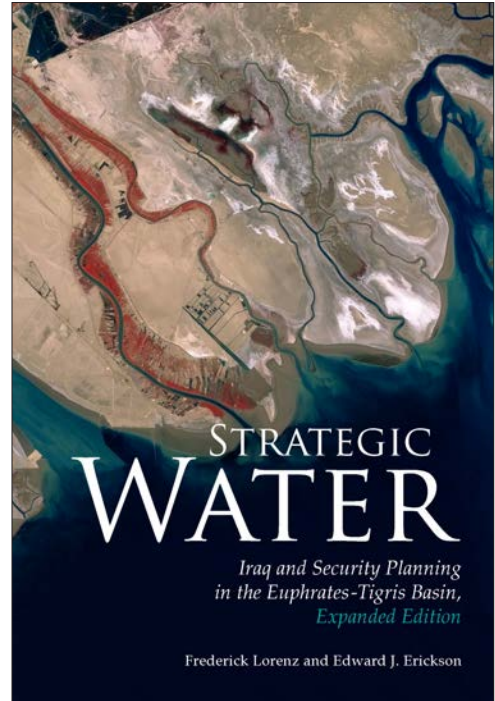
Iraq and Security Planning in the Euphrates–Tigris Basin, Expanded Edition

By Frederick Lorenz and Edward J. Erickson, PhD

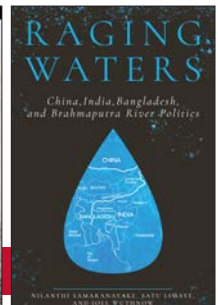
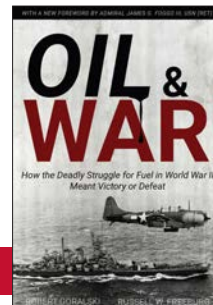
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About the Book

The issue of freshwater scarcity has always been of vital concern to humans, and today it is increasingly characterized as a strategic factor in security planning. In the Euphrates-Tigris basin, water apportionment and management combined with climate change are increasingly emerging as threats to regional stability. The United States has a long-term strategic interest in the Euphrates-Tigris basin which, in turn, is directly linked to the national interests of the riparian states. The expanded second edition of *Strategic Water: Iraq and Security Planning in the Euphrates-Tigris Basin* updates the analysis of the geopolitical situation and expands coverage of the aspirations of the basin countries. New chapters include “Geography, the Kurds, and Water,” as well as “Data, Science, and Diplomacy.” Finally, the book presents new conclusions and a proposed framework for action in the next 10–20 years.



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THE MOBILITY WAR

Marine Corps History Division imprint

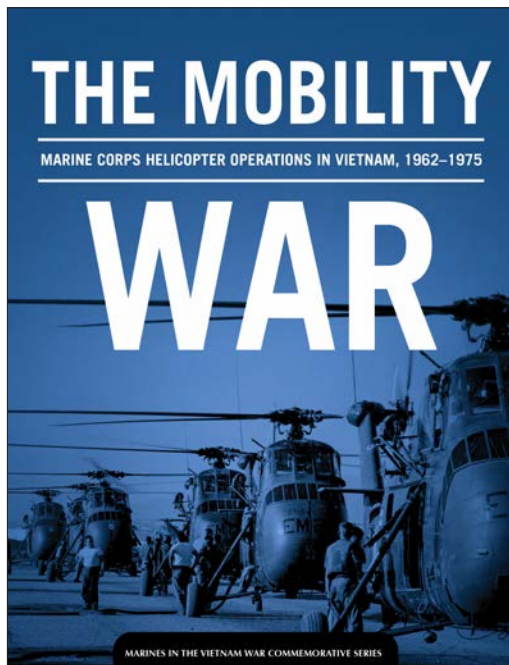
Marine Corps Helicopter Operations in Vietnam, 1962–1975

By Adam T. Givens, PhD

paperback | 8.5 x 11 | 88 pp.

About the Book

The Mobility War: Marine Corps Helicopter Operations in Vietnam, 1962–1975 by Adam T. Givens, PhD, is an overview of the Marine Corps' use of helicopters in the Vietnam War and the strategies they developed that made helicopters a unique element in the Vietnam War. Givens highlights pivotal moments in more than a decade of helicopter operations during the war. *The Mobility War* intricately describes the challenges, turning points, and issues that developed a rotary-wing capability into an invaluable asset for Marine ground operations.



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THE RACE WITH NO FINISH LINE

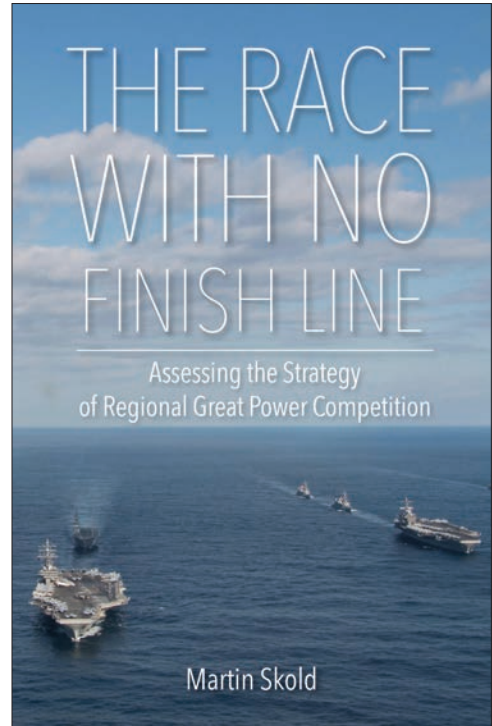
Assessing the Strategy of Regional Great Power Competition

By Martin Skold, PhD

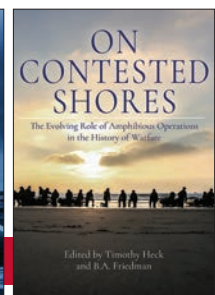
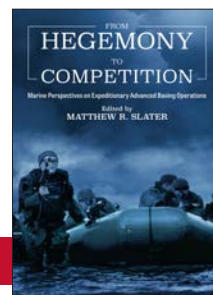
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About the Book

The Race with No Finish Line offers a framework for understanding the strategies of states engaged in competition for regional hegemony. Drawing on a variety of strategic literature, this book synthesizes a theoretical approach to analyzing the strategies of these states. Employing insights drawn from business strategy, the author argues for an essentially asymmetric understanding of fundamental policy goals for states engaged in competition for control of a region of the globe, with one state attempting to maintain a dominant position and another attempting, by focusing limited resources, to supplant it. This competition is understood metaphorically—based on an anecdote from the end of the Cold War—as a “race with no finish line,” with the reigning hegemon attempting to extend the race beyond the challenger’s endurance and the challenger attempting to create a finish line and cross it. This book lays the groundwork not only for more rigorous inquiry into the strategic decision-making of states in past competitive scenarios but also for analysis of current competitions for influence and control in numerous regions.



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WARGAMING WATERLOO

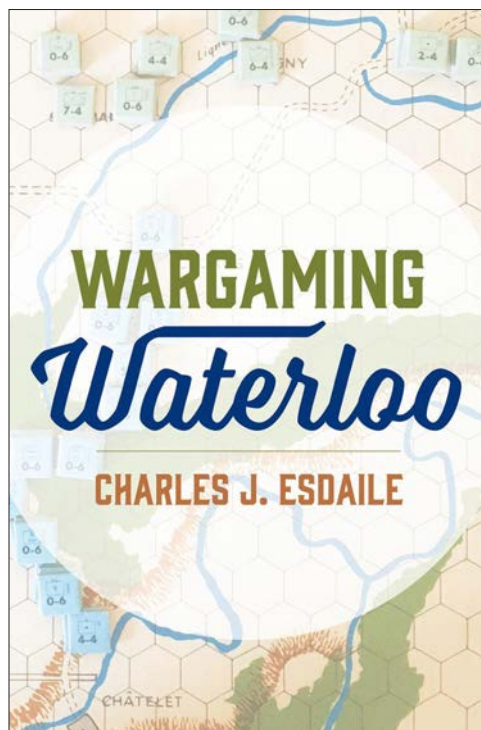
By Charles J. Esdaile, PhD

paperback | 6 x 9 | 336 est. pp.

About the Book

Wargaming—the simulation of complex war situations—is becoming increasingly more relevant to political and military discourse as U.S. armed forces lean more heavily on it as a training tool to hone warfighters’ decision-making skills and to shape defense plans and policies. And while wargaming can be useful for informing predictions of future military conflicts, it is also an excellent tool for understanding past conflicts.

Wargaming Waterloo explores three key aspects of wargaming as a practice by focusing on the iconic battle that led to Napoléon Bonaparte’s defeat in 1815. A long-time subject of both fascination and controversy, the Battle of Waterloo presents particular problems as a board, map, or tabletop wargame and also poses a serious research question: just how good a chance did Napoléon have at victory when he confronted the duke of Wellington at Mont Saint-Jean and how would the strategic situation have to be different to enable Napoléon to prevail?



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WARFARE IN PEACETIME

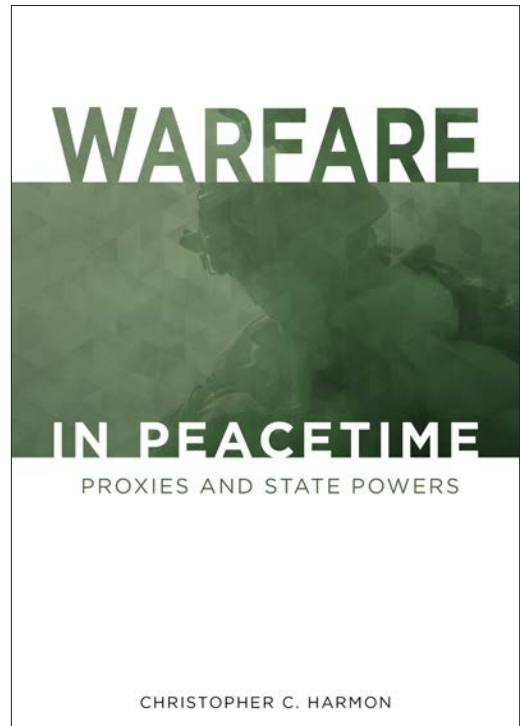
Proxies and State Powers

By Christopher C. Harmon, PhD

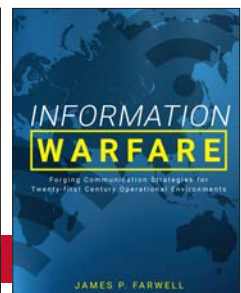
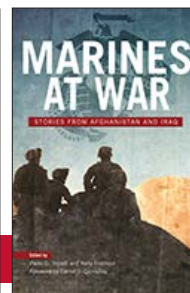
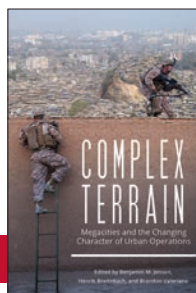
paperback | 6 x 9 | 288 est. pp.

About the Book

Dr. Christopher C. Harmon's *Warfare in Peacetime* discusses low-intensity conflicts and the use of proxies by nations that wish to advance their interests during eras of relative peace. Harmon explores Cold War-era proxies, such as the USSR and Cuba, to more contemporary topics like India and the Tamil Tigers. Other areas of research include Iran and Hezbollah, the Reagan Doctrine and Nicaragua, and other thought-provoking topics on proxy wars. *Warfare in Peacetime* will serve as an illuminating book on the ever-present subject of proxy wars.



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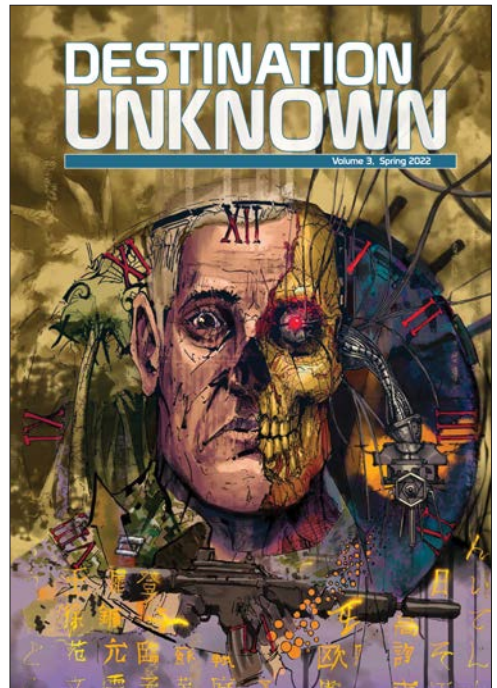
Brute Krulak Center of Innovation and Future Warfare

paperback | 7 x 10 | 115 pp.

About the Book

Destination Unknown, vol. 3, continues its tradition of using military writers and artists to generate new ideas on national security and military strategy through graphic representation. This is an educational project “by the warfighter for the warfighter” in every regard. Notably, this volume features a unique academic partnership involving Marine Corps University, the Naval Postgraduate School, the U.S. Naval Academy, and the U.S. Air Force Academy. Behind the scenes, the journey in making this graphic novel is as important as the unique military stories being told.

Thematically, this volume touches on the psychological impacts of human-machine teaming, artificial intelligence systems gone astray, the future of medicine and trauma management, gender integration in Marine Corps boot camp, life on an arctic military outpost, and even a story about a robotic infantry dog.



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FROM HEGEMONY TO COMPETITION

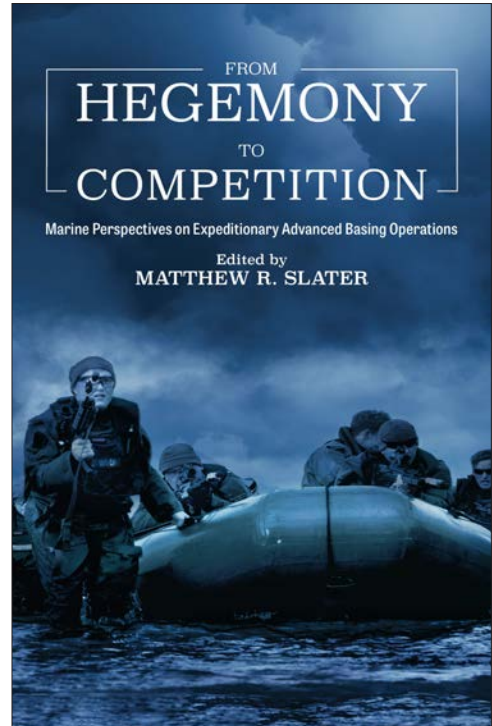
Marine Perspectives on Expeditionary Advanced Basing Operations

Edited by Matthew R. Slater, PhD

paperback | 6 x 9 | 224 pp.

About the Book

The end of the Cold War in 1991 brought the United States more than two decades of global leadership and prosperity. Neorealist international relations theory correctly predicted that hegemony, although the most stable power arrangement, is doomed to deteriorate as rising competitors band together to challenge the existing world order. As the United States pivots from hegemony to competition, the Department of Defense is adjusting its capabilities to confront the Chinese Communist Party and the Russian oligarchy. The U.S. Marine Corps may be considered at the forefront of the rapidly changing force structure. These changes will not rely on the acquisition of new weapons systems for success. Instead, the capacity of Marines to accommodate new ways of thinking, normalize chaotic processes, and adapt to dynamic operational environments will determine their outcome. This volume provides a window into how current and future Marine leaders will grapple with this historic challenge.

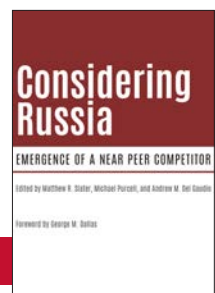
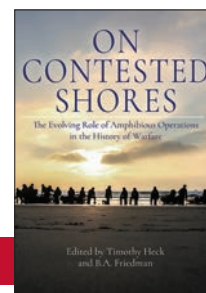


“In challenging and refining the EABO concept, these authors follow in the footsteps of previous generations of Marines, who wrote while stationed in schools or in the fleet and who imagined and perfected new warfighting capabilities.”

~ Michael F. Morris

Associate Professor of Military History

School of Advanced Warfighting, Marine Corps University



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FORGING WARGAMERS

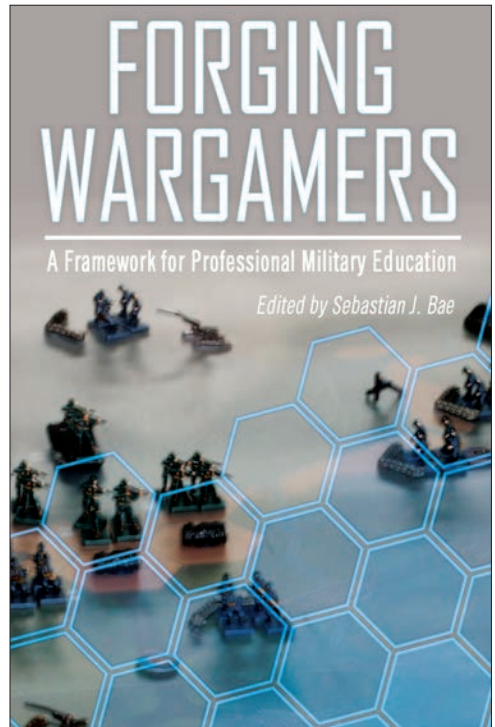
A Framework for Professional Military Education

Edited by Sebastian J. Bae

paperback | 5 x 8 | 288 pp.

About the Book

How do we establish or improve wargaming education, including sponsors, participants, and future designers? The question stems from the uncomfortable truth that the wargaming discipline has no foundational pipeline, no established pathway from novice to master. Consequently, the wargaming community stands at a dangerous precipice at the convergence of a stagnant labor force and a patchwork system of passing institutional wargaming knowledge. Unsurprisingly, this can lead to ill-informed sponsors, poorly scoped wargames, an unreliable standard of wargaming expertise, and worst of all, risks the decline of wargaming as an educational and analytical tool. This fundamental challenge is a recurring theme throughout this volume and each author offers their own perspective and series of recommendations.



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THE MUD AND THE MIRTH

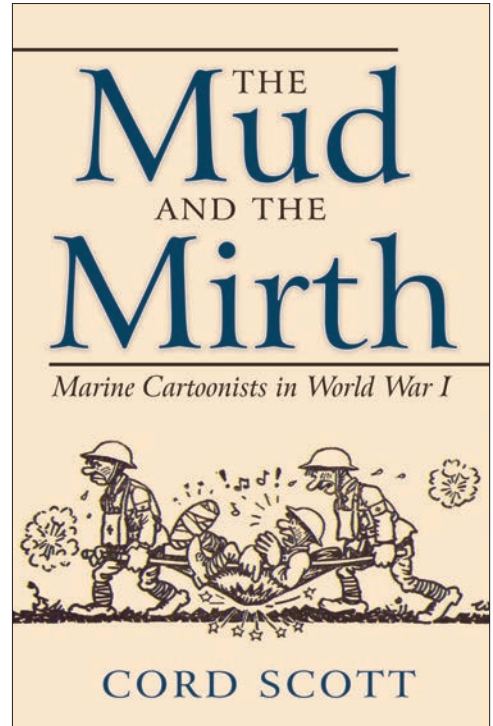
Marine Cartoonists in World War I

By Cord Scott

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About the Book

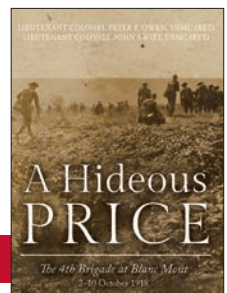
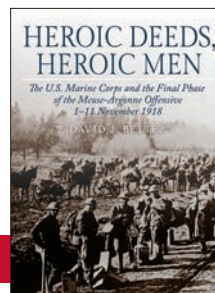
Visual arts constitute a significant portion of the Marines' life, from training manuals to public appearances. Illustrations may inform, educate, or entertain the masses, be they civilians or military personnel. *The Mud and the Mirth* takes a deeper look at comic illustrations from the earliest publications for the Marine Corps—the *Recruiters Bulletin*, the *Marines Magazine*, and the *Marines Bulletin*—prior to World War I, as well as presents the entire collection of *Stars and Stripes* cartoons illustrated by Marine cartoonist Abian A. Wallgren.



“Dr. Scott . . . has helped illuminate brilliantly this understudied and important part of the Corps’ history.”

~ Mark R. Folse, PhD

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THE MARINE CORPS WAR COLLEGE STRATEGY PRIMER

Expanded Edition

paperback | 5 x 8 | 264 pp.

About the Book

The process of strategy making is neither easy nor for the feeble-minded. In fact, the creation of workable strategic approaches to the most intractable problems on the planet is an intellectual exercise unmatched in human endeavors. The strategist—particularly the military strategist—must often choose between multiple contradictory solutions and approaches in the midst of mayhem. History is filled with the destruction of empires and nations that got it wrong. Whether the United States remains a preeminent power in the twenty-first century will in no small measure rest on the capability of strategists graduating from the nation's war colleges today. This primer, now in its second edition with the addition of brand-new content, is designed to help Marine Corps War College (MCWAR) students think creatively and critically about strategy-making processes. By presenting a sampling of principles and methodologies drawn from some of the most important works on the topic, this primer will streamline many of the contradictions that strategy makers will encounter during their time at MCWAR and throughout their careers.



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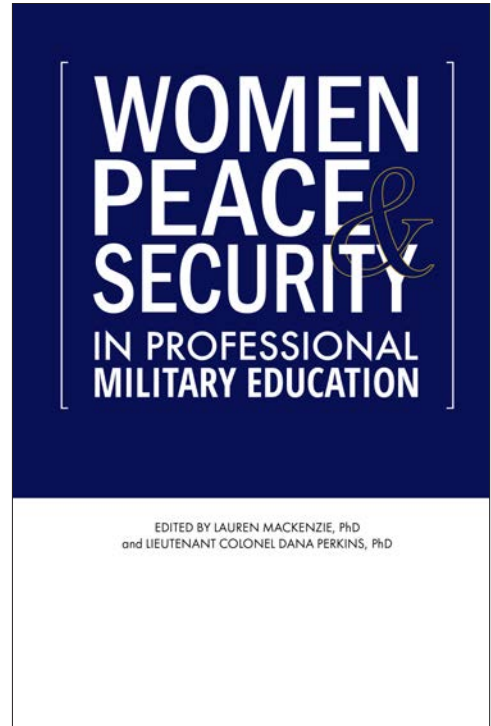
WOMEN, PEACE, AND SECURITY IN PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION

Edited by Lauren Mackenzie, PhD, and LtCol Dana Perkins, PhD

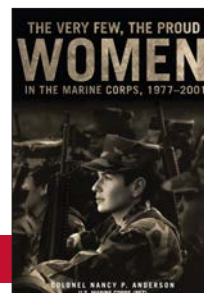
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About the Book

The Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) Agenda is a global framework and policy tool that guides national actions addressing gender inequalities and the drivers of conflict and its impact on women and girls. By fostering structural and institutional change, the WPS agenda aims to 1) prevent conflict and all forms of violence against women and girls and 2) ensure the inclusion and participation of women in peace and security decision-making processes to incorporate their specific needs in relief and recovery situations. This volume gathers together student papers from the Joint Women, Peace, and Security Academic Forum's 2021 WPS in PME Writing Award program, a best-of selection of informative and empowering work that intersects with the Department of Defense equities supporting global WPS principles. Student participants in the Joint WPS Academic Forum hail from prestigious Department of Defense academic institutions, and this monograph shows how the strategic leaders of tomorrow embrace WPS today, offering a strong indication of how WPS principles will be implemented over time and how they will influence the paradigm of peace and security and our approaches to conflict prevention and resolution.



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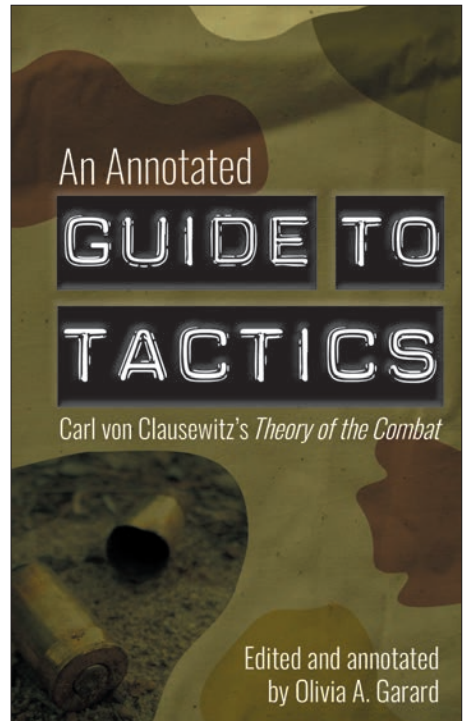
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Edited and annotated by Olivia A. Garard

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The philosophy on which the Marine Corps' seminal warfighting doctrine is based rests on a tradition of professional military scholarship that reaches back to Carl von Clausewitz's treatise *On War*. Clausewitz's lesser-known and often-misunderstood *Guide to Tactics*, republished here for the first time as a stand-alone English text with critical annotations, serves as the foundation of the Marine Corps' warfighting philosophy and provides a guide to thinking about the nature of tactics and combat for the modern warfighter.



"For anyone interested in strategy, tactics, or Clausewitz, this book is a valuable addition to your library. If you are like the reviewer, you will find yourself highlighting text and writing marginal notes for later study."

~ Lieutenant Colonel Kurt P. VanderSteen, USAR

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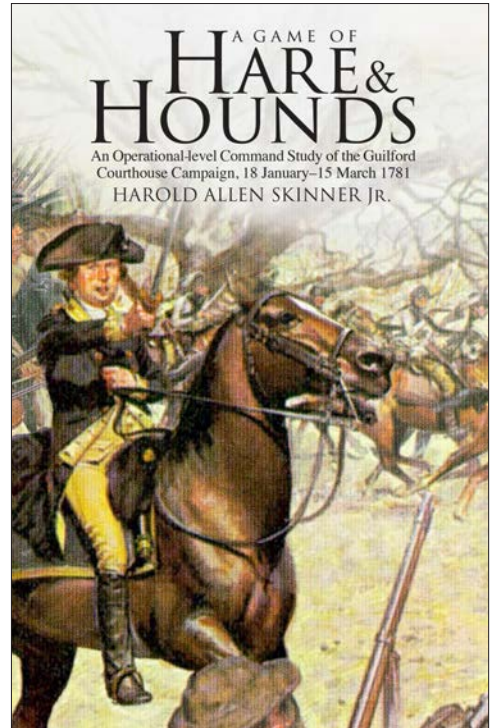
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About the Book

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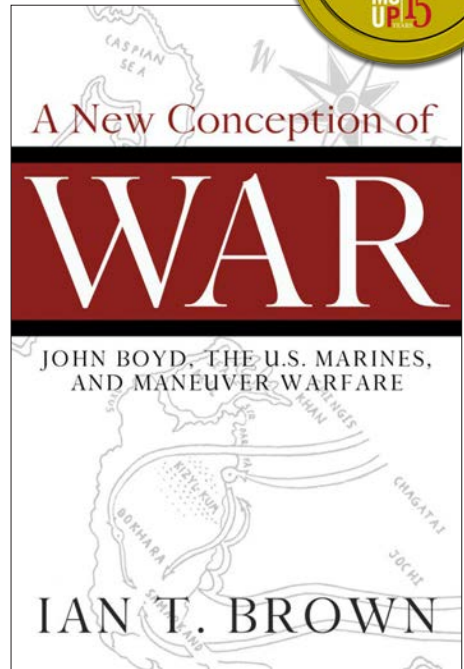
In 1989, the Marine Corps formally adopted a theory of conflict called maneuver warfare and described its tenets in a short but revolutionary doctrinal manual simply titled *Warfighting*. This conflict theory evolved along two paths that wound their way through the landscape of the late Cold War period before coming together in 1989. *A New Conception of War* traces this story from the post-Vietnam War years to the present. The first path was forged by U.S. Air Force colonel John R. Boyd, whose ideas on warfare were shaped by a military career during the height of the Cold War and his own passion for challenging conventional wisdom in the search for new and useful ideas. The second path was navigated by many thinkers within the Marine Corps during a period of institutional soul-searching after Vietnam. Drawing on new and previously unpublished material from the major players of this period, including a full transcript of Boyd's "Patterns of Conflict" lecture, *A New Conception of War* captures a period of remarkable intellectual ferment within the Marine Corps and the development of a unique conceptual framework for warfighting that continues to inspire Marines today.

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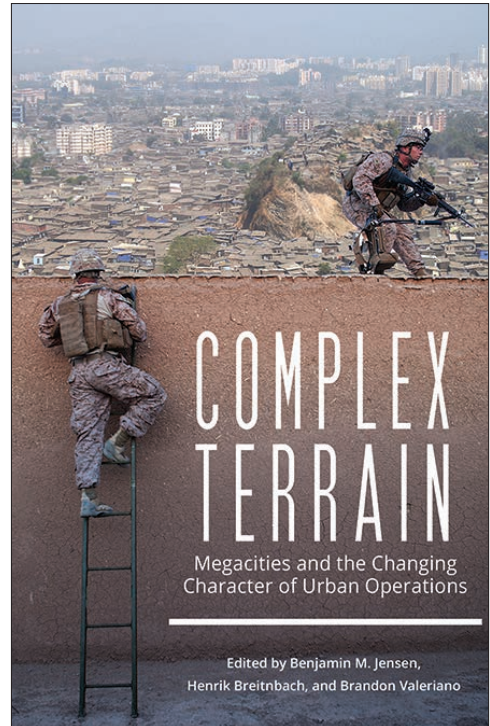
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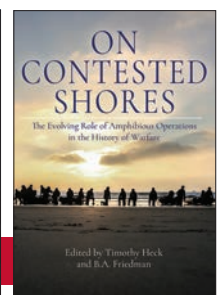
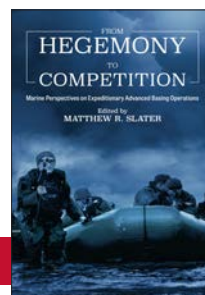
paperback | 6 x 9 | 400 pp.

About the Book

This edited volume, composed by military professionals in the Gray Scholars Program at Marine Corps University, describes the changing character of urban operations. The pattern of human settlement and interaction is changing and the future is urban. Because the majority of the world's population lives within cities, the future of strategic competition and conflict reside there as well. The density and connectivity of urban environments create a new type of complex terrain. Interests change from neighborhood to neighborhood, often intersecting global, political, and economic networks. Each city block sees shifting allegiances that often seem unclear from the outside. The cityscape compresses time and space while increasing uncertainty and complicating the conduct of military operations.



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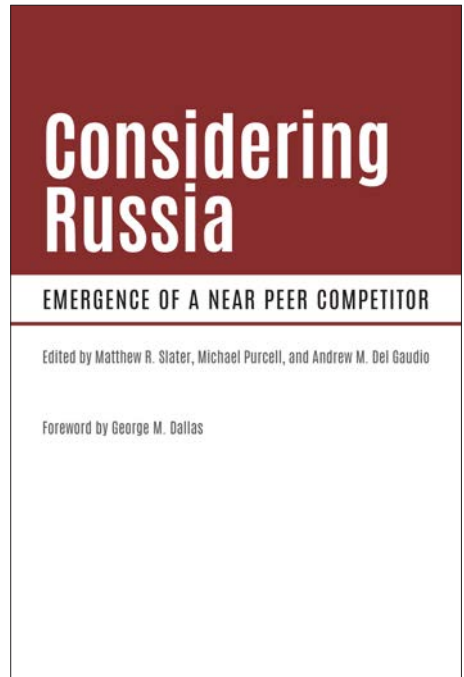
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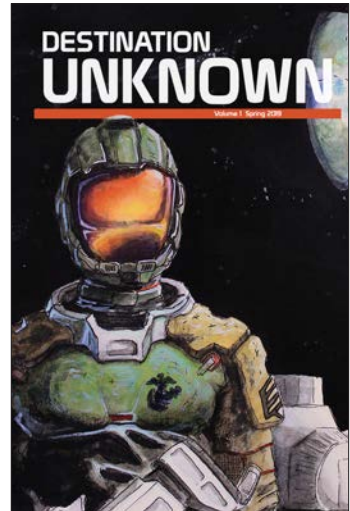
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Vol. 1, Spring 2019

paperback | 7 x 9 | 90 pp.

About the Book

This is the first graphic novel used to explore the future of the Marine Corps written and illustrated by Marines. The stories in this graphic novel explore such topics as Marine-manned satellites, laser communication, and artificial intelligence (AI) selecting potential recruits and assisting Marine Corps Special Operations Command (MARSOC) operations in real time. By doing so in fictional comic book form, the results are far more accessible, inventive, and engaging than any white paper could be.



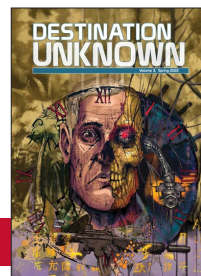
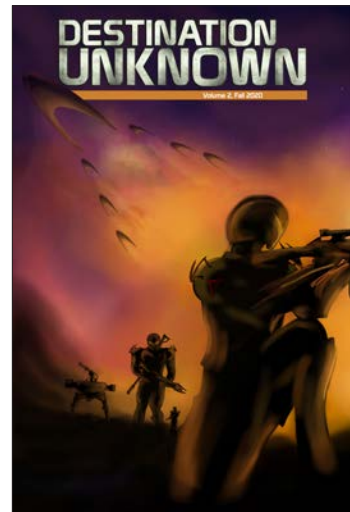
DESTINATION UNKNOWN

Vol. 2, Fall 2020

paperback | 7 x 9 | 120 pp.

About the Book

Destination Unknown, vol. 2, is written and drawn by Marines and their creative allies. The stories within this volume go right at the operational and strategic questions the Service is wrestling with. From drones helping to contain a pandemic in Asia to Marines transitioning from amphibious to space-based assaults, the stories in *Destination Unknown* illustrate today's Marines preparing imaginative solutions to tomorrow's problems.



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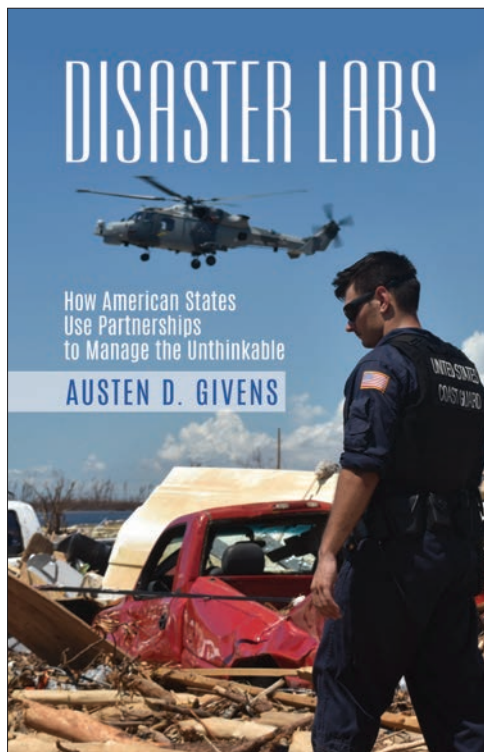
How American States Use Partnerships to Manage the Unthinkable

By Austen D. Givens

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About the Book

Disaster Labs explores how state governments partner with businesses and nonprofits to manage large-scale emergencies in California, Florida, New York, and Virginia. For these disaster-management collaborations to continue, state governments, businesses, and nonprofits must plan now for their future. These collaborations also need the freedom to shape their partnerships in each of their unique state environments. Each state has distinct attributes that make state-level partnerships attractive. These range from differing types of disasters, political environments, nonprofit sectors, and commercial entities. Without undue federal interference, these state-level, public-private partnerships work best to achieve results and provide relief to disaster-prone areas.



“This book is a must read for anyone who wants to know—or needs to know—how we can optimize America’s readiness to prevent or respond to major disasters. In particular, Givens explains how and why private companies need to be involved in disaster planning. Some cities and states are effectively including the private sector in disaster planning; others are not. Excluding such companies from the planning table is a mistake—and this highly readable book provides a roadmap for how to make sure that vital private sector interests stay engaged.”

~ Irwin Redlener, Director, National Center for Disaster Preparedness, Columbia University

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INFORMATION WARFARE

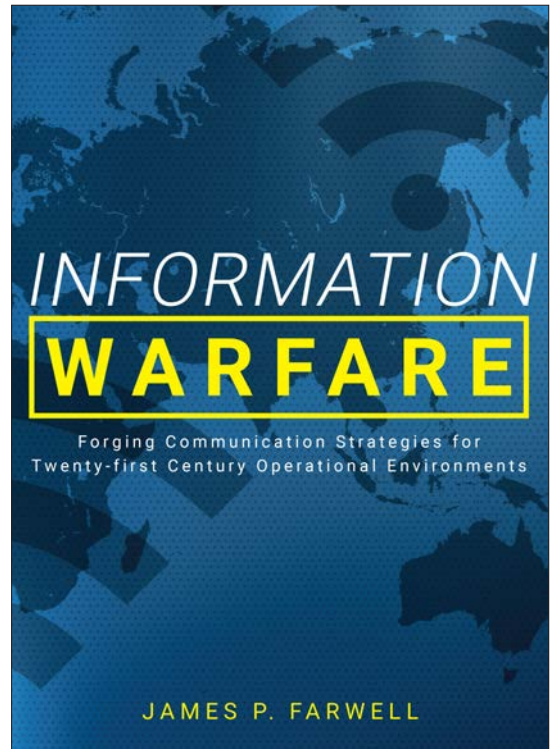
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By James P. Farwell

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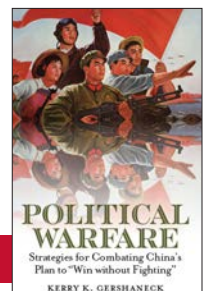
Great political and military leaders understand that communication strategies are key to victory in any conflict. Seizing the narrative can enable victory while failure to do so yields that advantage to the adversary. Gone are the days when competing armies confronted one another across battlefields. The information environment has made engagements and conflict both local and global all at once such that—as never before—information warfare is critical to victory. Understanding culture, history, local political dynamics, the interactions of different players, and the need to forge cohesive communication plans at the strategic, operational, and tactical levels matters more than ever to commanders and operators. In *Information Warfare*, Farwell describes how commanders and operators must and can define winning outcomes and the strategies, operations, and tactics to achieve them. He lays out concrete, actionable steps to get results and places them in historical context, then provides a workbook to assist readers in devising communication strategies that produce victory in the sphere of information warfare.



“The principal strength of *Information Warfare* is its practicality. . . . Among other strengths is the excellent use of historical examples. Farwell presents historical vignettes with just enough detail to situate the reader and then immediately proceeds to distill lessons from the examples.”

~ Christopher Paul

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KHAOS COMPANY

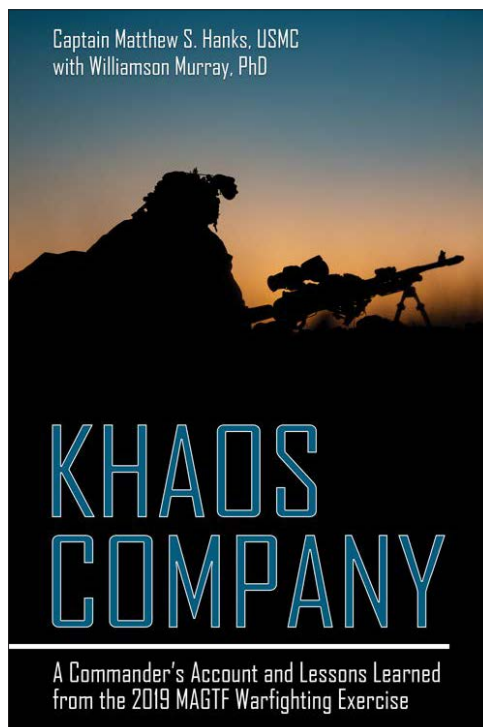
A Commander's Account and Lessons Learned from the 2019 MAGTF Warfighting Exercise

By Captain Matthew S. Hanks, USMC, with Williamson Murray, PhD

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About the Book

Khaos Company offers a short story written with the intent to provide Marines with the perspective of what it is like to operate and fight at the company- and small-unit levels in operations of such a large scale and scope. This is a story about how a small yet cohesive company of Marines experienced chaos, friction, uncertainty, surprise, failure, success, relationships, and executed the maneuver warfare principles outlined in the Marine Corps' doctrinal warfighting philosophy.



"*Khaos Company* is highly recommended for all ground combat company-grade officers and anyone else who wants a company-level tutorial on what company-level combat may be like in the near future and how to develop the right unit culture to excel in combat."

~ Major Skip Crawley (*Marine Corps Gazette*, April 2022)

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OIL & WAR

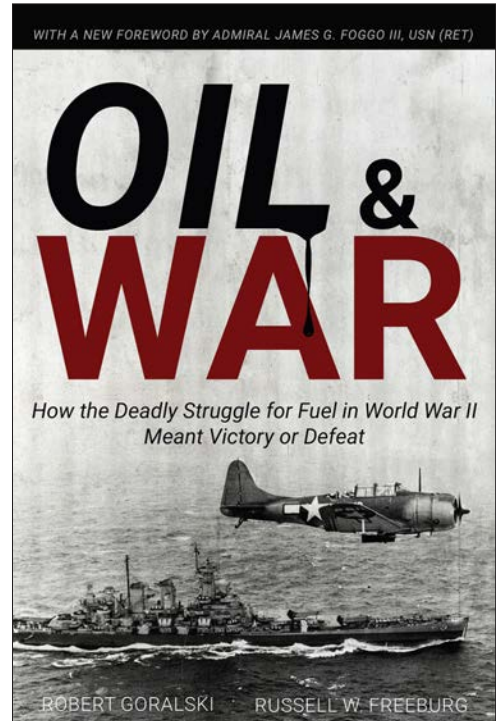
How the Deadly Struggle for Fuel in World War II Meant Victory or Defeat, Reprint Edition

By Robert Goralski and Russell W. Freeburg,
with a new foreword by Admiral James G. Foggo III, USN (Ret)

paperback | 7 x 9 | 90 pp.

About the Book

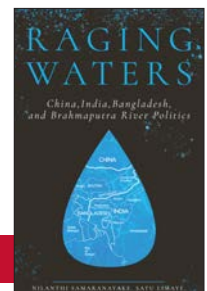
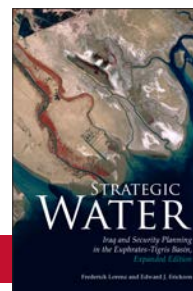
The world's economy runs on oil. One of the great untold stories of World War II is about the strategic decisions and combat for the control of enough oil so that the Axis powers could wage an aggressive war. Conversely, the Allied powers were determined to keep oil from the Axis. *Oil & War*, originally published in 1987, was the first book to explain this intricate dance of death from the viewpoints of both the Axis and Allied sides. Adolf Hitler began planning his grab for oil-producing lands in the 1930s; he also started building plants capable of producing synthetic fuels. The Japanese had their plans too. The Americans, English, and Australians had to counterpunch. They very nearly lost the war because they did not move quickly enough. The race was far closer than previously believed. This anecdotal narrative about the important role that oil played in World War II provides a view of the forces that controlled the greatest war in history—and a stunning analysis of the importance of oil in terms of world peace for years to come.



“We need more innovation and diversification in our energy resources and infrastructure. Hydrocarbons and fracking are not the only answer. Research, development, and investment must continue in renewable means of energy production, including wind, solar, hydroelectric, and, yes, nuclear power. Other nations have done this safely, and so can we. Civilian industry can do the same. We must ensure that oil is never used as a weapon against the United States or its allies. It is time to think outside of the box.”

~ Admiral James G. Foggo III, USN (Ret)

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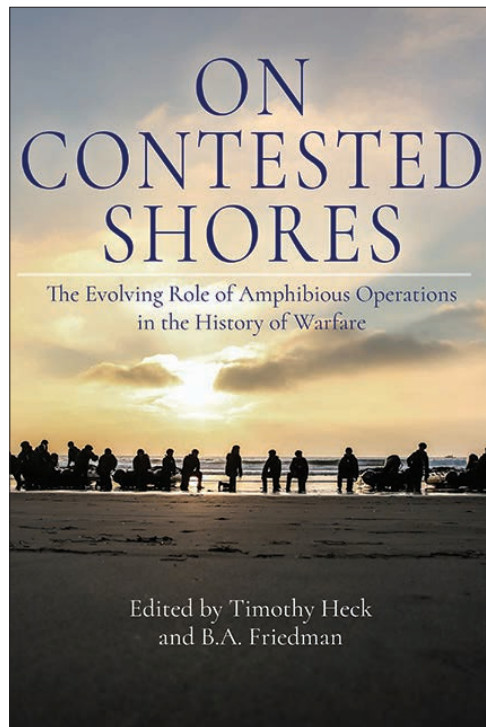
The Evolving Role of Amphibious Operations in the History of Warfare

Edited by Timothy Heck and B.A. Friedman

paperback | 7 x 10 | 452 pp.

About the Book

Perhaps no prediction has been as consistently made—and as consistently wrong—as the imminent death of amphibious operations. Whatever the changes in warfare and technology, the necessity of amphibious force projection endures, long outliving those who claim its time has passed. Changes in how amphibious operations are conducted, however, are just as consistent. This essential contributed volume arrives at a vital point of transition. These essays highlight both changes and continuities, examining historical amphibious operations as early as the sixteenth century to the near future, describing both lesser-known cases and offering more nuanced views of famous campaigns, such as Gallipoli and Normandy. With the release of the U.S. Marine Corps' *Force Design 2030*, this volume gives historians, theorists, and practitioners an opportunity to ground the coming changes in the historical context as they seek to find out what it takes to win on contested shores.



"On Contested Shores provides a fascinating collection of historical facts, some folklore, loads of guts and gumption, predictions, and the value of training. The Indian Navy and Army would both do well to study this book carefully."

~ Captain Rikeesh Sharma, IN (Ret)

"On Contested Shores fullfills one of the best qualities of a dedicated collection with a 'fill a gap' mission: marshalling a diversity of material towards improving our perception of a subject. Individually and collectively, the historical chapters offer a wealth of insight on their subjects and all but the most committed aficionados will learn something new."

~ Dr. Steven Loveridge

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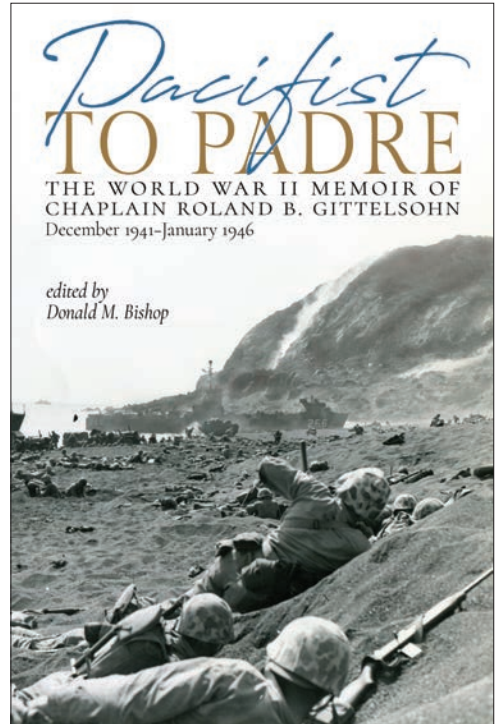
**The World War II Memoir of Chaplain Roland B. Gittelsohn,
December 1941–January 1946**

Edited by Donald M. Bishop

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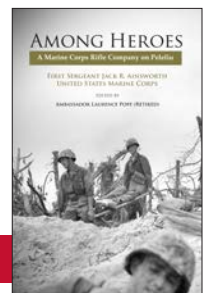
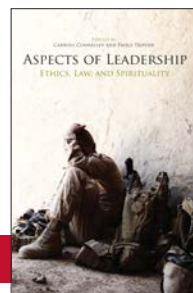
About the Book

Roland B. Gittelsohn, the first Navy rabbi assigned with U.S. Marines, served in the Pacific during World War II. In this compelling book, written in 1946 but now published for the first time, he relates his odyssey from doctrinaire pacifist to “pacifist no more,” his training, and his ministry to Marines and sailors on Iwo Jima. His sermon at the dedication of the 5th Marine Division cemetery riveted all Americans, though it would only be heard by a small gathering that day. Woven through his account are reflections on morale, service, leadership, and interfaith understanding. He illuminates the vital, influential, and uniquely American institution of our military chaplaincy. *Pacifist to Padre* is the story of a rabbi deeply committed to peace and hope, who would be called “padre” by Marines and sailors in a gruesome battle.



“I read Gittelsohn’s memoir after the fall of Kabul, Afghanistan, in 2021 with a feeling of emptiness as I asked, ‘What was it all for?’ I felt as if he were reaching through the pages, telling me that I was asking the wrong question. He was asking me what I was doing to make the world a better place: ‘What are you doing about all this?’ Why wasn’t I working to achieve a better world in the name of those who cannot experience it anymore? ‘Spend the rest of your days achieving justice and fulfillment for him,’ Gittelsohn writes of the fallen soldier. And then the soldier lives on.”

~ Jonathan Bratten,
U.S. Army National Guard officer and historian



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PATTERNS OF INFLUENCE

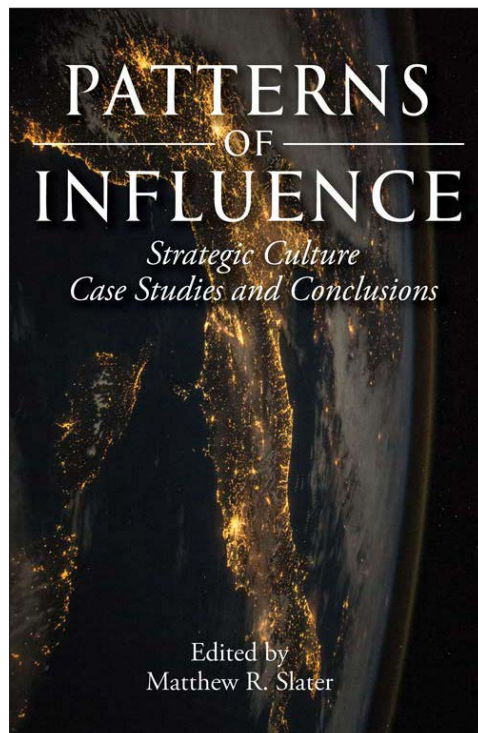
Strategic Culture Case Studies and Conclusions

Edited by Matthew R. Slater, PhD

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About the Book

Patterns of Influence is a timely book because of its applicability to the emerging strategic environment. The world is realigning into a multipolar power structure. Multipolar structures are typically complex, especially when considering the overlapping spheres of influence claimed by the competing powers in the international system. *Patterns of Influence* enables researchers to cope with the complexity of multipolar networks by promoting a strategic culture approach that provides a better understanding of internal state decision making. This book provides important commentary regarding the overall utility of strategic culture on states with limited federal governance, newer states that are still forming political processes and institutions, and smaller states that may become lost in the wake of regional powers. This study of strategic culture is written by scholars who are experienced working within the Department of Defense, including chapters on China, Afghanistan, Brazil, and Kosovo. Not only are the case studies geographically dispersed but also include large and small states, states with fragmented and cohesive political and social systems, and recently installed and more established governments. The eclectic group of case studies provides a broad basis to compare outcomes based on the strategic culture approach.



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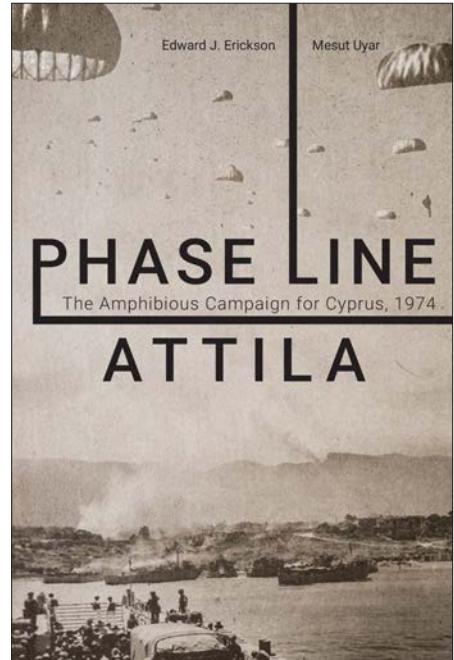
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By Edward J. Erickson, PhD; and Mesut Uyar, PhD

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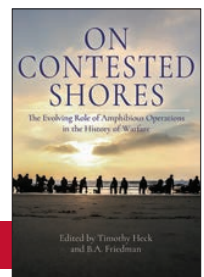
Phase Line Attila describes the successful Turkish amphibious invasion of Cyprus, which culminated in the partitioning of the island of Cyprus into Turkish and Greek-Cypriot zones. The invasion is an understudied amphibious operation that occurred in the post–World War II era. The invasion was prompted by the increasing levels of violence between Turkish and Greek Cypriots, which led to the involvement of both Greece and Turkey in the island’s affairs. This book is a nuanced examination of the successful Turkish amphibious operation to carve out a Turkish-Cypriot zone in north Cyprus in Operation Yıldız Atma-4.



“*[Phase Line Attila]* is] an important contribution to modern military history from multiple fronts documenting a not well-known military operation and capturing the planning through execution of one of the very few post WWII Joint amphibious operations against a contested battlespace.”

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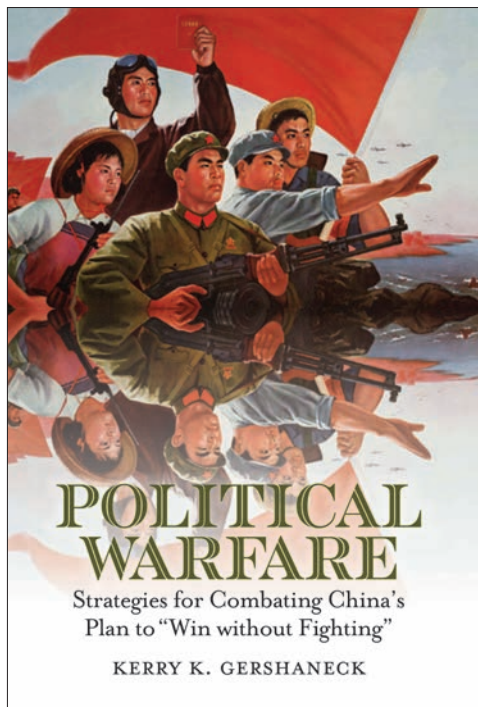
Strategies for Combating China's Plan to "Win without Fighting"

By Kerry K. Gershaneck

paperback | 6 x 9 | 216 pp.

About the Book

The People's Republic of China (PRC) is at war with the world. It is a war fought mostly for control and influence, using coercion, corruption, and violent covert operations. The PRC prefers to win this war by never having to fire a shot, but its increasingly powerful military and paramilitary forces loom ominously in the background in support of its expanding war of influence. In *Political Warfare*, Professor Kerry K. Gershaneck describes how the PRC employs political warfare as its primary weapon to destroy its adversaries, including the United States and many of its allied and partner nations. Failure to understand China's political warfare and how to confront it may well lead to America's strategic defeat before initiation of armed conflict or to operational defeat of U.S. military forces on the battlefield. Ultimately, Gershaneck argues in this detailed study, the United States must relearn how to fight on the political warfare battlefield to identify, deter, counter, and defeat this existential threat.



"[*Political Warfare* is] the mental equivalent of physical boot camp training—it introduces you to the fight and teaches you the tactics and the strategies needed to defend yourself, and hopefully win. If you think the fight doesn't involve you, the book shows you why you are already in the ring, and likely losing."

~ Cleo Paskal, *Sunday Guardian*

"Gershaneck provides an in-depth account of the PRC's political warfare, illuminating its history, goals, and tactics. He also delves into case studies of Chinese political warfare operations designed to undermine Taiwan and Thailand, though his framework for understanding the PRC's political warfare can also be applied to other countries facing PRC pressure."

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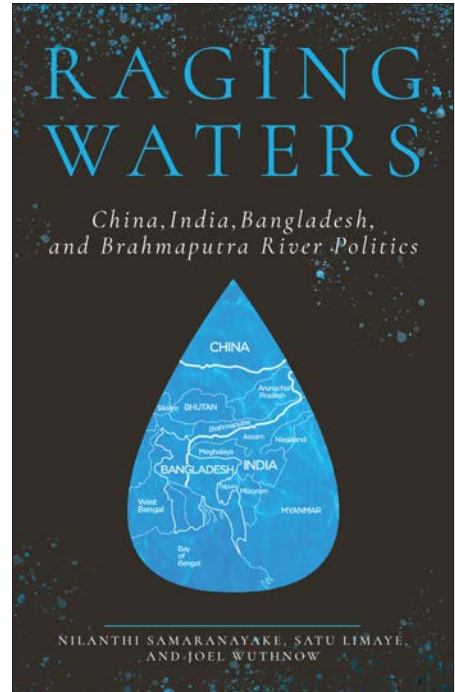
China, India, Bangladesh, and Brahmaputra River Politics

By Nilanthy Samaranayake; Satu Limaye, PhD; and Joel Wuthnow, PhD

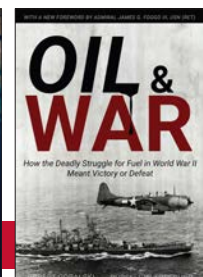
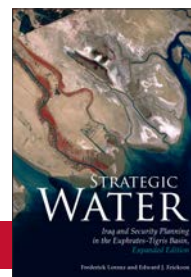
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About the Book

The Brahmaputra River originates in China and runs through India and Bangladesh. China and India have fought a war over contested territory through which the river flows, and Bangladesh faces human security pressures in this basin that will be magnified by upstream river practices. Controversial dam-building activities and water diversion plans could threaten regional stability; yet, no bilateral or multilateral water management accord exists in the Brahmaputra basin. This project, sponsored by the MacArthur Foundation, provides greater understanding of the equities and drivers fueling water insecurity in the Brahmaputra River basin. After conducting research in Dhaka, New Delhi, and Beijing, CNA offers recommendations for key stakeholders to consider at the subnational, bilateral, and multilateral levels to increase cooperation in the basin. These findings lay the foundation for policy makers in China, India, and Bangladesh to discuss steps that help manage and resolve Brahmaputra resource competition, thereby strengthening regional security.



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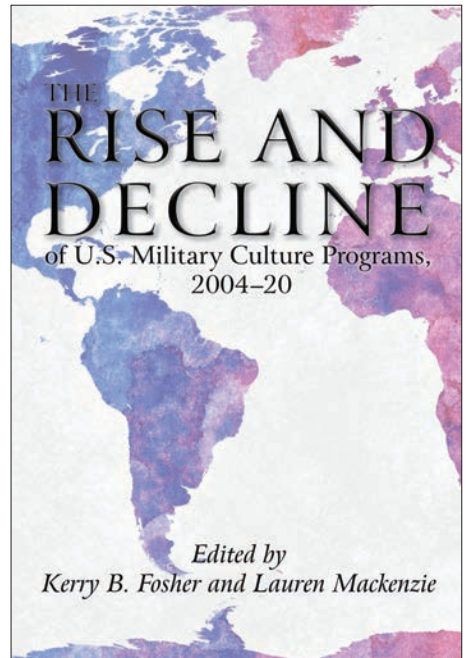
THE RISE AND DECLINE OF U.S. MILITARY CULTURE PROGRAMS, 2004–20

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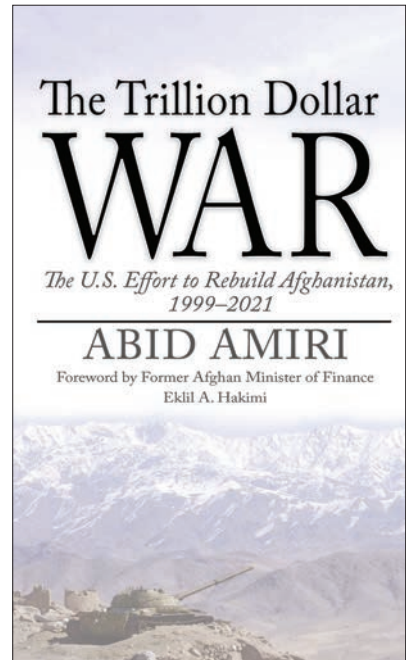
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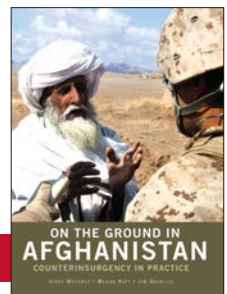
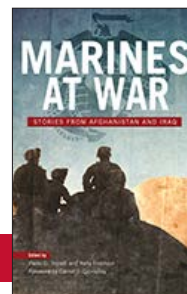
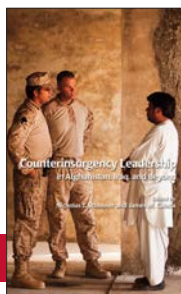
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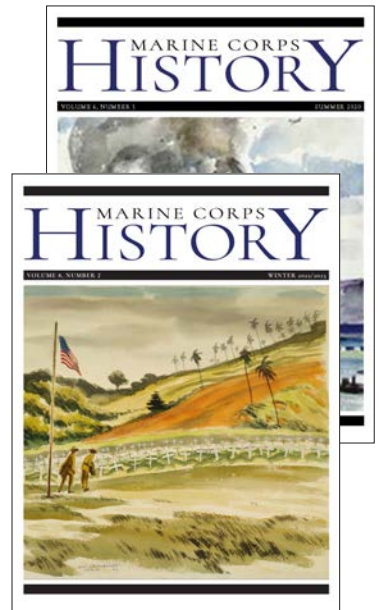
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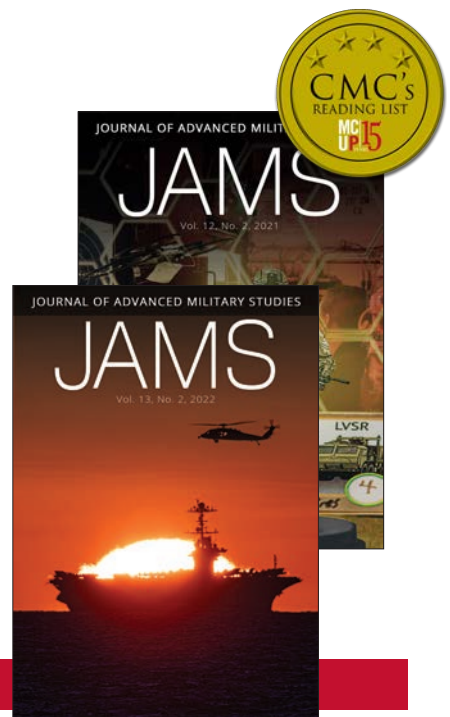
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