

Call for Submissions
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MCUP publishes JAMS on topics of concern to the Marine Corps and the Department of Defense through the lens of various disciplines, including international relations, political science, security studies, and political economics.

Our Fall 2024 issue will have a broadly construed theme: **Amphibious Operations and the Evolution of Military Services**

This issue invites authors to explore the broader impact of change on the military Services in the wake of the U.S. Marine Corps' *Force Design 2030* and the U.S. Navy's *Force Design 2045*. Skeptics of *Force Design 2030* claim that General David H. Berger's "effort is too focused on the Western Pacific, undermines traditional combined arms operations, makes the Marine Corps too small, and relies too heavily on unproven operational concepts." Critics of the naval plan fear that it will grow the Service and its materiel footprint beyond technical and fiscal capabilities even as Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Michael M. Gilday announces that it is critical to address "strategic competition with China [as] both a current and long-term challenge. Focusing our force design on 2045 will inform the most consequential decisions and investments the Navy needs to make in the critical decade ahead."

Change, however, is inevitable and the United States is not alone in the endeavor. The release of the *2022 National Security Strategy* by the President Joseph R. Biden administration highlights how America must address "the most pressing strategic challenge facing our vision is from powers that layer authoritarian governance with a revisionist foreign policy." The Russian Federation released an update to their *Maritime Doctrine* in 2022 to complement its 2021 *National Security Strategy* and China continues to evolve its tactics to broaden their reach into contested regions by focusing on the integrated use of political, economic, and military power. Authors are encouraged to address the topic from a historical, contemporary, and forward-looking perspective as they consider these questions:

- What does the U.S. military of tomorrow look like as we consider possible disparities in plans for the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Space Force?
- In light of increasing bilateral, trilateral, and multilateral security agreements, how will allies and partner nations be integral to future amphibious operations as the world's militaries transform in the face of global competition and threats?
- What role does private industry play in the evolution of military Services?
- Do current and emerging technologies, such as wargaming and AI, play a role in the success of military change?
- How are resilience and adaptation woven into the fabric of military service and culture, particularly regarding persistent engagement, the compression of active duty and civilian forces and facilities, and the balance between military service and private life?

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