



Call for Submissions Journal of Advanced Military Studies

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 Spring 2028 issue will have a broadly construed theme: **International Humanitarian Law and the Law of Land Warfare in the Contemporary Security Environment**

JAMS invites original research articles, doctrinal analyses, legal commentaries, and case studies examining international humanitarian law (IHL) and the law of land warfare as applied in the current global security environment.

Armed conflict today is characterized by great-power competition, persistent irregular warfare, urban operations, information and cyber activities, and the widespread use of advanced and autonomous technologies. These developments have renewed attention to the legal frameworks governing the conduct of hostilities and raised complex questions regarding the interpretation, application, and operationalization of IHL and the law of land warfare. At the same time, states face increasing scrutiny over compliance, enforcement, and accountability under the law of armed conflict in both international and non-international armed conflicts.

This issue seeks to advance rigorous, practitioner-informed scholarship on how IHL and the law of land warfare shape, constrain, and enable military operations in contemporary conflict. Submissions should engage doctrinally with law, policy, and practice, addressing both enduring legal principles and emerging challenges to their implementation across domains and theaters.

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- The application of IHL in high-intensity and large-scale combat operations
- Distinction, proportionality, and military necessity in dense urban and complex terrain
- Legal considerations in multidomain operations, including cyber and space-enabled effects
- The conduct of hostilities involving nonstate actors and proxy forces

- Command responsibility, accountability, and compliance mechanisms
- The role of military legal advisors in planning and execution of operations
- Detention, treatment of prisoners of war, and protection of civilians
- Autonomous systems, artificial intelligence, and emerging weapons technologies under LOAC
- Coalition operations, interoperability, and divergent national legal interpretations
- Lessons learned from recent conflicts and implications for doctrine and training

By fostering disciplined legal analysis grounded in operational reality, this issue aims to contribute to professional understanding of how the law of land warfare remains central to military legitimacy, discipline, and effectiveness, even as the character of war evolves.

Submission Guidelines:

- Articles should be at least 4,000 words, including footnotes.
- Submissions must be original and not under review elsewhere.
- Please adhere to the journal's formatting and citation style based on the current edition of *Chicago Manual of Style*.

Deadline for Submissions: 31 December 2027

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