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# Communiqué

Issue 35 was the farewell publication for Robert Silano and Lieutenant Colonel Peter Hays, USAF. After more than a decade of dedicated effort, Bob retired from Government service as editor, *Joint Force Quarterly*. He responded to General Colin Powell's 1992 vision that the National Defense University should publish a professional military journal for the joint community and was central to the development of *JFQ*, maintaining the highest standards since the first issue in summer 1993. Colonel Hays also retired with the last issue but remains within the defense community. An Air Force Academy graduate, pilot, and doctor of political science, Pete brought his broad experience in strategy and



scholarship to the executive editorship. Our staff wishes them both a fond farewell.

I should like to take this opportunity to introduce two new members of the *Joint Force Quarterly* team. Colonel Debra Taylor, USA, who recently arrived from a tour on the Joint Staff (J-2), now serves as Managing Editor of National Defense University Press. I am pleased to return to NDU from the Office of the Chairman, Joint

Chiefs of Staff. We stand ready to serve the professional military education and joint warfighting community.

Like the Armed Forces generally, *JFQ* is in a time of transition. The journal's traditional focus on joint and combined warfighting will remain. But we will also include increasing coverage on what the Chairman, General Richard B. Myers, calls integrated operations, from planning through conflict to the transition to peace, which now must involve other U.S. Government agencies, allies, nongovernmental organizations, and industry partners. Our dynamic and challenging post-Cold War strategic environment demands that we add new topics and partners to our debates on the war on terrorism, joint warfighting, and military transformation.

Although the next few issues will mark an unprecedented transition, we plan to continue the standard of quality for which *JFQ* is known. There will be changes. We will strive to publish four issues a year on a regular schedule. We will attempt to respond to changes in world events. While a quarterly journal cannot be a current event forum or mirror an in-box, we will offer timely and provocative research and thought to encourage debate in the joint, combined, and integrated operations community. We will fight to achieve a more lean and-mean style, but one that is intellectually stimulating and visually appealing. We will also work closely with contributors to provide cutting-edge research and thought-provoking articles. In upcoming issues, we will offer new columns, features, and themes; interviews with senior military and civilian leaders and warfighters; letters to the editor and on-line forums for feedback; and a chance to shape future thinking with board-selected articles from the best military, civilian, industry, and policy analysts. Therefore, debates over U.S. security are as critical as ever.

America is at war, and the stakes could not be higher. We rely on our readers to tell us when we are on and off target. We want to provide unique points of view and move current debates out of the box. Our goal and motto is "On target—on time." With your help, we will maintain the journal's high standard. We've hit the ground running and welcome your articles and suggestions.

Thank you for your loyalty to *JFQ*, and we look forward to working with and hearing from you!

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