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## Open Letter to *JFQ* Readers

In the January 2009 issue of *Joint Force Quarterly*, we will conclude our survey of conflict in the context of traditional media with a focus on Land Warfare issues and challenges. *JFQ* enjoys the great luxury of receiving numerous unsolicited manuscripts on subjects that cover the waterfront of national security concerns. Frequently, we are asked whether we will consider essays on subjects that lie outside the focus areas solicited on this page in each issue. The answer is a resounding *yes*. More than half of each issue is dedicated to areas of contemporary interest that cannot be anticipated by our 2-year publication plan. Additionally, Admiral Mullen periodically issues calls for your professional insights in areas of narrow focus.

Two areas of current interest are:

1. U.S. expertise in strategic deterrence is frequently criticized as less than robust. Is this in fact the case? If so, recommend solutions for improving military and civilian prowess in this field.

2. Service and joint professional military education has received much recent criticism because it is alleged to expose students to strategic *thought* without actually training them to *think* strategically. Is this a valid criticism? If it is, how can this problem be resolved, given the fact that educational curriculums are already highly saturated?

*JFQ* encourages you to submit manuscripts that speak to your unique professional strengths and interests. Boldly challenge traditional thought and practices in the joint, inter-agency, national security community, and propose a new school solution!

***JFQ* would also like to solicit manuscripts on specific subject areas in concert with future thematic focuses. The following topics are tied to submission deadlines for upcoming issues:**

**December 1, 2008** (Issue 53, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2009):  
Global Strategic Outlook

**June 1, 2009** (Issue 55, 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2009):  
Force Modernization, Technology, and Innovation  
Essay Competition Winners

**March 1, 2009** (Issue 54, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2009):  
Military Force and Ethics  
U.S. Strategic Command

**September 1, 2009** (Issue 56, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2010):  
Irregular Warfare  
U.S. Special Operations Command

*JFQ* readers are typically subject matter experts who can take an issue or debate to the next level of application or utility. Quality manuscripts harbor the potential to save money and lives. When framing your argument, please focus on the *So what?* question. That is, how does your research, experience, or critical analysis improve the reader's professional understanding or performance? Speak to the implications from the operational to the strategic level of influence and tailor the message for an interagency readership without using acronyms or jargon. Also, write prose, not terse bullets. Even the most prosaic doctrinal debate can be interesting if presented with care! **Visit [ndupress.ndu.edu](http://ndupress.ndu.edu) to view our NDU Press Submission Guidelines. Share your professional insights and improve national security.**

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