

# Announcing the 2013 General William E. DePuy Special Topics Writing Competition

After 11 years of persistent conflict, the Army must determine how to best apply the concept of Mission Command in developing leaders and trained units for the challenges of the future.

The Army must also determine how to best develop adaptive leaders for globally integrated and unified land operations. To this end, the 2013 General William E. DePuy Special Topics Writing Competition announces the following topic for prospective essays:

"What can the Army do to improve the combined effects of training, education, and experience to best develop leaders to apply Mission Command in order to execute Unified Land Operations?"

## How do I enter?

- Submit an unclassified, original research paper examining any aspect—broad or specific—of this theme. Papers should be between 3,000 and 5,000 words in length, not counting endnotes.
- Previously published papers, or papers pending consideration elsewhere for publication, are ineligible.
- Papers submitted to other competitions still pending announced decisions are also ineligible. (As an exception to this rule, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College students submitting papers to the General Douglas MacArthur Military Leadership Writing Competition may submit the same paper to the DePuy Competition. Thus, it is possible for a single paper to be recognized by both competitions.)
- Contestants are encouraged to conduct in-depth research to support their papers to include consulting current doctrine, proponent organizations, and subject matter experts.

## What do winning writers receive?

1. First Place: Award of \$1,000 / Certificate of recognition / Publication as a featured essay in *Military Review*, the Professional Journal of the United States Army.

2. Second Place: Award of \$750 / Certificate of / Special consideration for publication in *Military Review*.
3. Third Place: Award of \$500 / Certificate of recognition / Special consideration for publication in *Military Review*.
4. Not all prizes will necessarily be awarded; only superior quality products will warrant award.

### **How do you submit a paper?**

- Complete an enrollment form (see enclosure 1) and submit it together with the proposed manuscript via e-mail or in hard copy with a CD to *Military Review* by Monday, 8 July 2013. Email: [usarmy.leavenworth.tradoc.mbx.military-review-public-em@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.leavenworth.tradoc.mbx.military-review-public-em@mail.mil) Mail: *Military Review*, 290 Stimson, Unit 2, Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027.

### **How will the papers be evaluated and judged?**

- *Military Review* will recommend to the CAC Commander a panel of distinguished judges to evaluate the entries.
- General criteria to be used for evaluating papers are attached (see enclosure 2).

### **If you have questions contact:**

- Editor in Chief of *Military Review*, at (913) 684-9331 or DSN 552-9331; or via email [usarmy.leavenworth.tradoc.mbx.military-review-public-em@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.leavenworth.tradoc.mbx.military-review-public-em@mail.mil).

## ENCLOSURE 1 (Enrollment Form)

MEMORANDUM FOR Managing Editor, *Military Review*

SUBJECT: The 2013 Combined Arms Center General William E. DePuy Writing Competition

1. Attached is my research paper submission for the CAC Commanding General's 2013 Combined Arms Center General William E. DePuy Writing Competition

2. The title of my paper is \_\_\_\_\_.

3. I affirm that the research paper is my original work. I further affirm that no part of it has been plagiarized from other sources; that all references to other work have been properly and fully attributed; that it has not been previously published; that it is not now being considered elsewhere for publication; and that it is not currently pending consideration as an entry in any other competition (with the authorized exception of the Command and General Staff College's General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Competition, as provided for under competition rules.)

4. I understand that if my paper is selected as a winner, the Combined Arms Center may reproduce it for instructional purposes, and *Military Review* will have first right of publication without copyright restrictions. Should I receive a cash award, I will submit information to be paid by electronic funds transfer.

*Print your name and contact information legibly.*

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## ENCLOSURE 2 (Criteria for Judging)

Evaluation is unavoidably a subjective process; however, our panelists will use the questions below to help them evaluate essays more objectively.

- Does the essay contribute anything new to the topic?
- Does the essay offer well-thought-out and well-researched opinions about the how the Army can improve the combined effects of training, education, and experience to best develop leaders to apply Mission Command in order to execute Unified Land Operations?
- Does the essay offer plausible solutions to or recommendations about the problem or issue?
- Does the essay fairly represent the background facts and provide a credible examination of the issue?
- Does the essay show evidence of significant research using accepted academic standards?
- Is the author's research backed up by careful endnotes?
- Is the essay organized? Does it move logically from a clear thesis through a well-developed argument using supporting evidence to yield persuasive conclusions?
- Is the essay written in an accessible style, or does it give the impression that it has been written to impress rather than inform and persuade?
- Does the essay avoid excessive acronyms or jargon?