

## From the Editor

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Linell Letendre and Martin Cook open our Spring issue with a Special Commentary entitled, “Right vs. Right: Personal Beliefs vs. Professional Obligations.” Ethical choices are easier when military professionals must choose between a wrong and a right. But Letendre and Cook discuss how to choose between two rights.

Our first forum, *Illusions of Victory*, features Russell Glenn’s interview of Lieutenant General Sean B. MacFarland, US Army retired, about what worked in Iraq and what did not. The forum also includes an article by Dominic Tierney, “Avoiding Nation-Building: From Nixon to Trump,” which explores how the aversion to nation-building has adversely shaped military operations in the Balkans, Afghanistan, and Iraq.

The second forum, *21st Century Political Warfare*, marks what has changed in political competition short of war, a concept that has been with us since at least the 1950s. James Farwell’s “Countering Russian Meddling in US Political Processes” introduces a “team-of-teams” approach to counter information operations aimed at interfering in democratic processes. Timothy McGeehan’s “Countering Russian Disinformation” proposes additional strategies for countering a rival’s information operations. “Victory without Casualties: Russia’s Information Operations” by T. S. Allen and A. J. Moore, sheds light on some of the unique characteristics of contemporary Russian information operations.

Our last forum, *Special Relationships*, offers two points of view on the effects that Brexit might have on the special relationship between the United States and the United Kingdom. James Wither’s “Brexit and the Anglo-American Security and Defense Partnership” suggests the United States should proceed with caution. Arthur Cyr’s “Brexit and Transatlantic Security” offers reason for optimism, claiming Brexit creates opportunities for greater cooperation. Samir Tata’s “US Landpower and an Indo-American Alliance” looks at another special relationship. Tata explores the possibility of using US landpower to build an Indo-American alliance to balance the growing challenge of China’s pursuit of hegemony over Asia. ~AJE

