

President's Foreword

Someone recently asked me what I thought the U.S. military had learned in Iraq. I answered "humility." We learned that we don't have all the answers, and we have had to rethink much of what we thought we knew to find an effective way forward.

Our professional military education system should be at the forefront of that rethinking and recalibrating of the training that our next generation of leaders is receiving. The wars of the future, whether you wish to describe them as irregular, hybrid, or "wars among the people," will require leaders who possess multiple skills—intellect and knowledge, critical thinking, cultural sensing, mental and operational flexibility, kinetic competence, but with an inquisitive, questioning mind-set—operating on a more dispersed and dynamic battlefield than history has seen.

As part of this mission, I am pleased that Marine Corps University is launching *Marine Corps University Journal*. It will serve as a forum for international security and strategy discussion among military, policy, and civilian academic thinkers. These groups have well-established channels for communicating within their own spheres, but it is our hope that our new journal will encourage these groups to talk with each other, to the benefit of all. It is through such collaboration that we will be able to build the diverse skill sets described above.

The launch of the journal and of Marine Corps University Press, which came online in 2008, owe much to the vision of the faculty, administration, and Board of Visitors of Marine Corps University. My predecessor in this command, Major General (Ret.) Donald R. Gardner, was a driving force behind the establishment of the press and the journal. Dr. Jerre W. Wilson, vice president for academic affairs, has overseen the development. The Marine Corps University Foundation, under the leadership of Brigadier General (Ret.) Thomas V. Draude, has supported the founding of the journal through generous donations from Ms. Alexis F. Thomas and Ms. Kim T. Adamson.

The Marine Corps History Division, under the direction of Dr. Charles P. Neimeyer, has taken the press and journal from concept to reality. Mr. Kenneth H. Williams, the senior editor, and his editorial and design staff have done the heavy lifting to publish this issue and lay the groundwork for those to come.

It is my hope that as *Marine Corps University Journal* grows over the years that those involved with it will remember the spirit of humility in which it was launched. We don't have all the answers, and we must continue to learn, to debate, and to evolve to meet the challenges of our ever-changing world.

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