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Open Letter to JFQ Readers

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Every month, *Joint Force Quarterly* receives numerous submissions from Soldiers and Airmen addressing new ways of doing business on land, in the air, and even in space. From naval officers, however, the silence concerning their core competencies is evident. Has the final word been written on naval strategy? *JFQ* is looking for modern-day Alfred Mahans and Julian Corbetts and calls upon them to contribute their ideas on naval strategy and doctrine. The joint warfighting community might learn and benefit from naval thinkers' responses to such questions as:

- What can be said about the modern context of U.S. naval operations and the Navy's strategic employment?
- As the U.S. fleet shrinks and others expand, what implications should joint Service officers draw for future planning and procurement?
- In the face of dwindling strategic airlift and merchant marine sealift, can high-speed surface vessels such as the *Swift* fill the logistic gap?
- Are naval operations and doctrine evolving in the face of global military and technological developments?
- Can the U.S. shipbuilding industry respond to emergency production demand?

The forthcoming 50th issue of the Chairman's journal focuses on naval power, the continued relevance of the maritime component, and its transformation. *JFQ* encourages you to submit essays and help educate the joint, interagency community on the latest naval thought in this upcoming issue.

The JFQ staff 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:

March 1, 2008 (Issue 50, 3rd quarter 2008):
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September 1, 2008 (Issue 52, 1st quarter 2009):
Joint Interagency Cooperation
U.S. Transportation Command

June 1, 2008 (Issue 51, 4th quarter 2008):
Weapons of Mass Destruction
National Security Council

December 1, 2008 (Issue 53, 2nd quarter 2009):
Transformation and Innovation
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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 to view our NDU Press Submission Guidelines. Share your professional insights and improve national security.

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