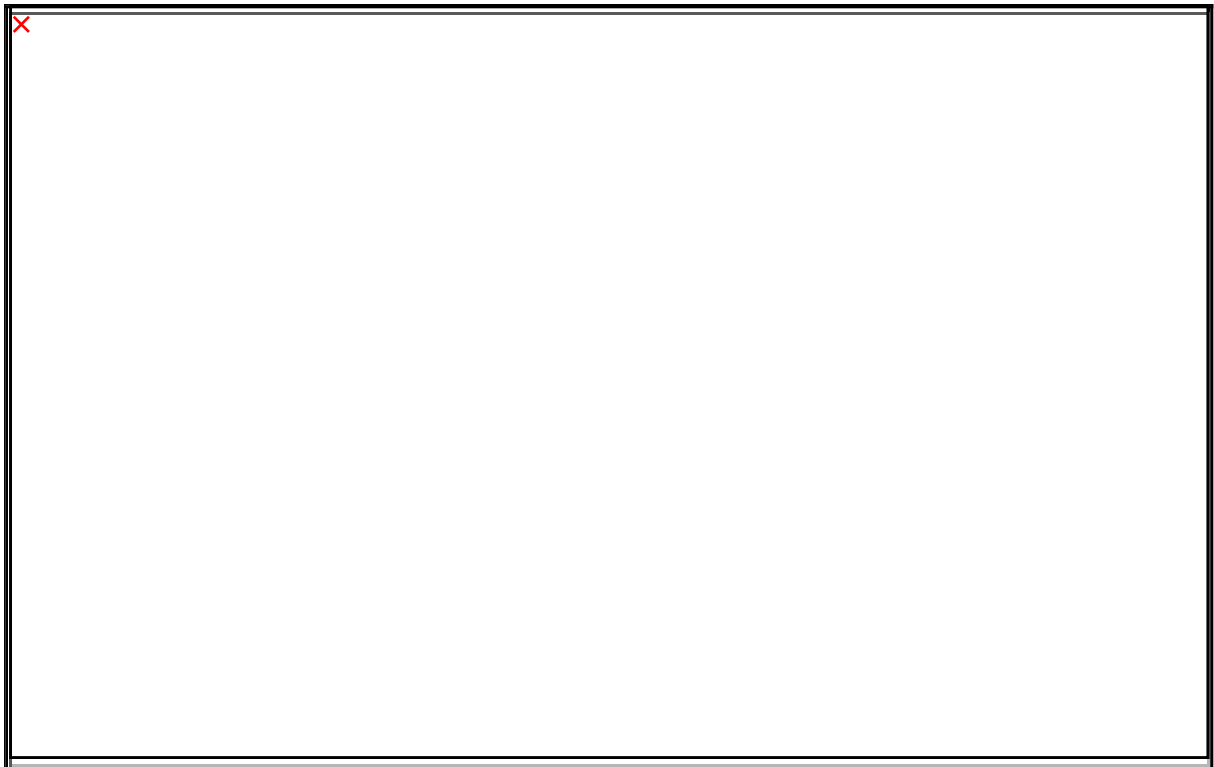


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Sep. 3, 2014 – The [Key Strategic Issues List for 2014-15](#) has been expanded with the inclusion of Part II, “command-sponsored research topics,” representing research interests of several Combatant Commands and a wide-range of topics such as Cyber Operations, Transnational Criminal Organizations, AMC-G3/4 Strategic Integration, Enhancing the All-Volunteer Army and Soldier Performance, Future 2020-2040, Big Data Analytics for the Army Medical Department. Several dozen categories of research priorities comprising the KSIL Part II have been recommended by the Combatant Commands and Major Army



Commands.

The Key Strategic Issues List, or KSIL, focuses attention on research priorities for Army War College students and fellows, for researchers who will publish with the Army War College Press, and faculty at Army educational institutions. Part I of the KSIL publishes the *Army Priorities for Strategic Analysis (APSA)*, to assist in decisions about how to organize, train, and equip our Army efficiently and effectively so as to be prepared for the uncertain global environment ahead of us. Research questions in Part I are associated with the five strategic priorities in the 2014 *Army Strategic Planning Guidance (ASPG)*. These topics are compiled through interaction between members of the War College staff and key offices within the Army Staff. Part II topics are directly solicited from Combatant Commands and Major Army Commands. Research questions are paired with contact information for USAWC research professors, Army staff officers, or POCs from submitting organizations who will help students/researchers frame their research question and determine where to go for more information.

“Research on the topics contained in this document will assist us in shaping the Army of the future,” wrote Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Ray Odierno in the forward to this year’s issues list.

“I have a keen interest in each of the topics listed; however, I highlight at the front of the document a subset of these topics, the analyses of which are truly critical to our future success. I strongly encourage those conducting research through our Senior Service Colleges and Fellows experiences to consider those priority issues, as well as others listed in the APSA. The Army needs your study and analysis today more than ever,” wrote Odierno.