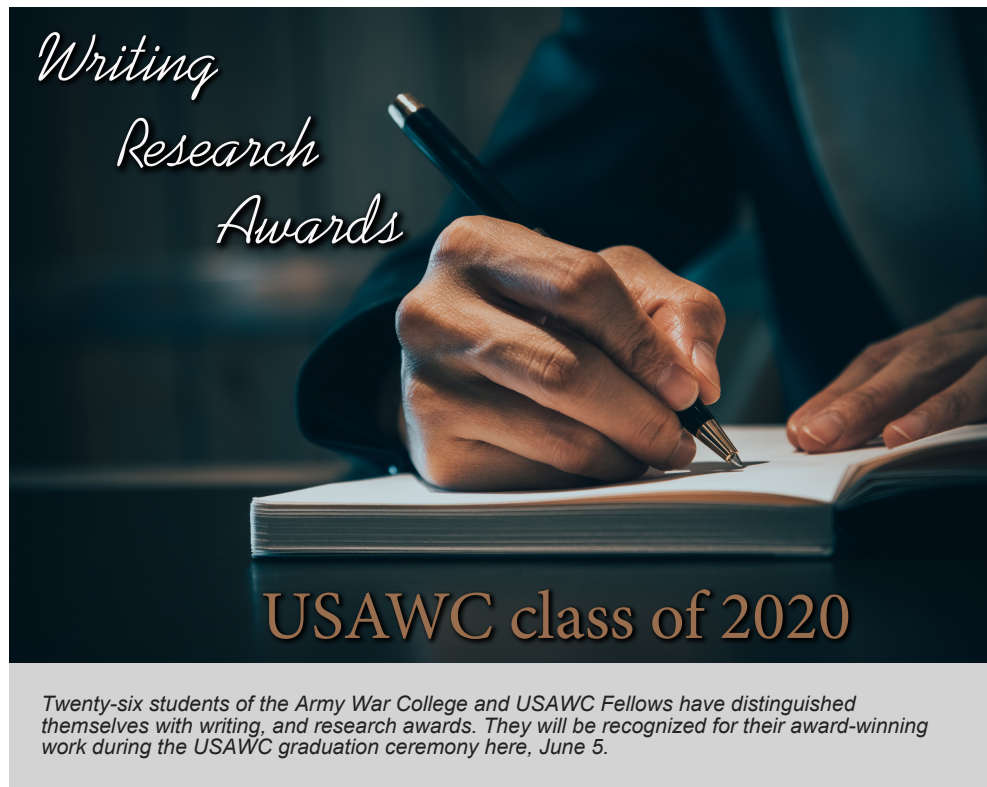


Class of 2020 Awards for Writing and Research Announced

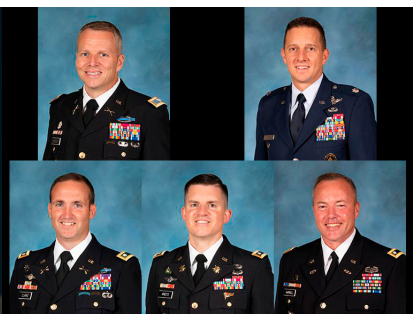
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“Cybersecurity Initiatives in the National Guard: Opportunities and Challenges”

The Commandant’s Award for Distinction in Research

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“Beyond Belief – When Conspiracies Are More Believable Than Truth”

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Lt. Col. Jason A. Clarke, United States Army, Fellow at Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies

“How to Prevent Fait Accompli in the Indo-Pacific”

Lt. Col. James P. Harwell, United States Army, Fellow at Middlebury Institute of International Studies “Breaking the Northeast Asia Proliferation Chain: Insecurity, Identity, and Nationalism”

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Armed Forces Communications-Electronics Association (AFCEA) and CSM William and Mrs. Rosa Barrineau Research Award

Col. Marvin L. King III, United States Army

“Compatibility of the United States’ Cyberspace Operational Concepts”

Reserve Officers Association (ROA) Lieutenant General Thomas J. Plewes Research Award

Lt. Col. Jeffrey B. Jones, United States Army Reserve, Fellow at Harvard University

“Confronting China’s Efforts to Steal Defense Information”

AWC Foundation Award for Outstanding Strategy Research Paper

Lt. Col. Mark E. Brow, United States Air Force

“Wagging the Dog: Technological Determinism and the USAF’s ISR Strategy”

Col. Stephen A. Fairless, United States Army

“Preserving the Morning Calm: A Pacific Alliance Solution”

Col. Garth Gould, Australian Army

“Chinese Military Coercion and Australian Land Force Design”

Lt. Col. Robert Emmett Petty V, United States Army

“Enabling Technologies to Ensure Warfighter Support in Future Conflict”

General Matthew B. Ridgway Writing Award

Lt. Col. Vianesa R. Vargas, United States Air Force

“Jim Crow Lives: Army Posts as Racist Symbols”

AWC Foundation MG Harold J. Greene Memorial Writing Award

Lt. Col. Reid A. Larson, United States Air Force

“Army Technology Development: Nearsighted Modernization Prescription for Farsighted Vision”

AWC Foundation Colonel Francis J. Kelly Special Operations Writing Award

Col. Edward C. Croot, United States Army, Fellow at Duke University

“Identity Crisis in the Special Forces: Who Are the Green Berets Supposed to Be?”

AWC Foundation Daniel M. Lewin Cyber Terrorism Technology Writing Award

Col. Thiendella Fall, Senegal Armed Forces, Lt. Col. Damien E. Magnon, Benin Armed Forces and Lt. Col. Souleymane D. Abache, Niger Air Force

“United States and West Africa Partnership towards Building Cyber Resilience”

AWC Foundation Colonel Jerry D. Cashion Memorial Writing Award

Lt. Col. Rachel E. Sarles, United States Army

“Iran’s Strategy and the Countering Role of the U.S. Military”

Association of the United States Army (AUSA) Writing Award

Lt. Col. Joshua J. Bradley, United States Army

“What’s the Problem? Improving the Army’s Multi-Domain Operations Concept”

Colonel Don and Mrs. Anne Bussey Military Intelligence Writing Award

Lt. Col. Colin E. McClaskey, United States Air Force

“Values-Based Great Power Competition with Militarized Artificial Intelligence”

Colonel and Mrs. T. Bristol Military History Writing Award

Col. Matthew J. Gumlak, United States Army, Fellow at Duke University

“A Thousand Dead Indian Horses: Soldiering in a Complex Environment”

Foreign Area Officer Association Writing Award

Col. Jason P. Gresh, United States Army, Fellow at Center for Strategic and International Studies

“Comprehensive Security Engagement: A Framework to Compete with the Kremlin”

Marine Corps Association and Foundation General Thomas Holcomb

Writing Award

Lt. Col. Mark F. Schaefer, United States Marine Corps

“Denying Our Adversaries’ Their Asymmetric Advantage”

Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Writing Award

Lt. Col. KuKunaoKala Mendonca, Hawaii Army National Guard, Fellow at University of Washington

“The National Guard and Domestic Cyber Response”

Col. Walter D. Zacherl, United States Army

“The Future of Extended Nuclear Deterrence in East Asia”

Military Order of the World Wars Writing Award

Lt. Col. Ernest R. Schmitt, United States Air Force

“A Strategic Concept of Space Control”

Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association Writing Award

Lt. Col. Derrick R. Franck, Jr., United States Air Force

“Sleepwalking into Risk: Learning from the USN Surface Fleet”