

Class of 2019 Awards for Writing and Research

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The following Army War College Fellows won writing awards, from left to right, Lt. Col. Kurtis Leffer, Col. Brad Bane, Col. Christopher Ingels and Lt. Col. Paul Golden.

Graduating from the Army War College is an inspiring occasion for students, especially those who also earn awards for their academic achievements.

Twenty-three members of the Army War College students, International Fellows and USAWC Fellows from the 2019 class have distinguished themselves with writing, speaking and research awards. They will be recognized for their award-winning work during the USAWC graduation ceremony here, June 7.

“The officers who penned these award winning papers have advanced ground breaking ideas with the potential to positively impact national security and contribute to world peace,” said Dr. Larry Miller, Research Professor of Communicative Arts.

“The USAWC faculty are privileged, honored, and in fact, delighted to recognize their contributions. As they depart Carlisle Barracks, each officer is prepared to exercise sound judgment informed by research, evidence, and thoughtful engagement,” said Miller.

This year’s award winners represent the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Air Force, Indian and New Zealand Armed Forces.

Army Col. James Cogbill, Duke University Fellow, awarded first place for the 2019 Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff National Defense and Military Strategy Essay Competition for the essay, “America First ? America Alone: Morocco as Exemplar of U.S. Counterterrorism Strategy.”

Army Col. Christopher Ingels, Canada’s Queen’s University Center for International and Defense Policy, awarded second place for the 2019 Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff National Defense and Military Strategy Essay Competition for the essay, “Stabilizing Diplomacy in a Changing World Environment.”

Army Lt. Col. Paul Golden Jr., Office of the Director of National Intelligence fellow, awarded third place for the 2019 Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff National Defense and Military Strategy Essay Competition for the essay, “Artificial Intelligence Revolution: Thoughts for Implementing an Effective Acquisition Strategy.”

The Commandant’s Award for Distinction in Research is awarded to multiple students as follows: Army Col. Joseph Fairfield, for the essay ““Cry Havoc and Let Slip the Robots of War!;” Army Col. Brad Bane, for the essay “Countering Threats from Failed and Failing States”; Lt. Col. Eric Kotouc, for the essay ““Countering Russian Disinformation in the Baltics: U.S. Military Roles;” and Army Lt. Col. Michael Rose, for the essay “21st Century Statecraft and the Return of Great Power Competition: An Interagency Framework for Non-Traditional Threats.”

The Army War College Foundation Award for Outstanding Strategy Research Paper has multiple awardees: Army Lt. Col. Jeffrey Dinsmore, for the essay ““The Department of Defense’s Quest for Certainty and the Nature of War;” Indian Army Brig. Gen. Prashant Srivastava, for the essay ““Belt Road Initiative: Chinese Guise for Neo-Colonialism.”

Army Col. James Harrower, awarded the Army War College Foreign Area Officer Association Research Award for the essay, “Deterring and Defending Against Russian New Generation Warfare” .

Army Col. Robb Meert, awarded the retired Lt. Gen. Eugene J. D'Ambrosio Logistics Writing Award for the essay, "Cannot Fight Tonight: Implications of Logistical Shortfalls on Mission Success."

Army Lt. Col. John Gianelloni, awarded the General Matthew B. Ridgway Writing Award for the essay, "Strategic Leadership Competency Assessment for Post-Command Colonels and Brigadiers."

Army Col. Paul Oh, awarded the Army War College Foundation Col. Jerry D. Cashion Writing Award for the essay, "The Path to a Different Kind of Rapprochement."

New Zealand Army Col. Karyn Thompson, awarded the Army War College Foundation Dr. Sara L. Morgan Civilian Development and Management Writing Award for the essay, "Bullying in the New Zealand Defence Force."

Army Col. James Ashburn, awarded the Association of the United States Army Writing Award, for the essay "Retention Effects of the Blended Retirement System".

U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Col. Ryan Shadle, awarded the Marine Corps Association and Foundation General Thomas Holcomb Writing Award for the essay "The U.S.-China Relationship As a Competition Continuum."

The Military Officer Association of America Writing Award has multiple awardees: Army Col. John Neal, for the essay "Non-Linear Deterrence" and Army Lt. Col. Kurtis Leffler, Center for Strategic and International Studies fellow for the essay "The Quadrilateral Security Dialogue: Past Evolution, Future Implementation."

Air Force Lt. Col. Robert Schreiner, awarded the Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association Writing Award for the essay "Increasing the Adversaries' Cost of War in Space."

Air Force Lt. Col. Steven Wick, awarded the Armed Forces Communications-Electronics Association and Command Sgt. Maj. William and Mrs. Rosa Barrineau Writing Award for the essay "Overusing Personal Technology: A Ticking Bomb for Future Strategic Leaders."

Army Reserve Lt. Col. Robert Murach, awarded the Reserve Officers Association Lt. Gen. Thomas J. Plewes Writing Award for the essay "Army Reserve Facility Investment Reform."

Air Force Col. Stacy Walser, awarded the AWC Foundation MG Harold J.

Greene Memorial Writing Award for the essay "Middle East Acquisition
Authorities Surviving Acquisition Culture."

Army Lt. Col. Stephen Capehart, awarded the Carlisle Barracks and
Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army Award for
Excellence in Public Speaking for his speech "NATO is dead – Long live
NATO."

Army Col. Jennifer Schulke, awarded the Army War College Alumni
Association Lifetime Membership Award.

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