

Dr. Richard Lacquement uses his expertise to convey strategic elements and challenges of a pivotal war to a broader audience

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Dr. Richard Lacquement, USAWC professor, captures USAWC themes in his award-winning article, "The Gulf War 30 Years Later: Successes, Failures and Blindspots"

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Dr. Richard Lacquement works to share with a broader audience what the Army War College students are learning. The Excellence in Public Scholarship and Engagement Award acknowledged his skill in conveying to the public the strategic elements and challenges of a pivotal war.

Lacquement's skill in capturing USAWC themes enabled his award-winning article, "The Gulf War 30 Years Later: Successes, Failures and Blindspots" (linked on this page). Published by War on the Rocks for a policy-oriented community, it was the basis for a subsequent article for veterans in the American Legion Magazine. "It is one thing to talk to an internal audience who is familiar with the shorthand of the profession but to make it applicable to a broader audience is also valuable," said Lacquement.

This project began when Lacquement was Dean at the War College, 2012-2020, and was leading a reevaluation of the curriculum. Lacquement advocated for starting the year with a Gulf War case study that would capture themes of strategy, policy, leadership, and defense management.

“We identified the Gulf War because it is the first Joint War in the current context,” said Lacquement. “It is accessible to our students, not too far in the distant past, but far enough that it wasn’t as emotional as Iraq or Afghanistan.”

A 2009 grad, Lacquement taught at the War College for two years before becoming the dean. Since 2020, he serves a dual role as instructor for the National Security and Policy Program Specialization path and research professor with the Strategic Studies Institute. Previously, he taught at West Point (1995-1998) and Naval War College (2002-2005).

Lacquement began his military career as a Field Artillery officer and served in Korea, Afghanistan, and Iraq. As an Army Strategist, he worked for the Army Staff and the Secretary of Defense.

Lacquement earned his B.S. from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and both his Master of Public Administration Ph.D. in International Security Affairs from Princeton.

Currently, he is working on a project about the future of the U.S. military profession. He is focusing on how the changing character of war, diversity and inclusion, and technology are shaping the Army Profession.