

## From the Editors

**A**s students of The Naval War College, the editors of /luce.nt/ fully understand the curriculum does not provide us with answers, but instead asks numerous questions to improve our “reasoning, logic, and analysis.” We would argue that to solve today’s daunting security challenges, another significant skill necessary is the ability to think and act creatively. Thus, we chose creativity as the theme for the third issue of /luce.nt/. From the conception of a problem not yet realized, to a call for institutional change, to an out of the box solution to a current problem, we hope each will inspire you to expand your thoughts and endeavor to be creative.

To begin, the first article takes a futuristic look at the very composition of our armed forces. Concerned for the health of our servicemen and women, CDR David Hanley’s, “Unfit to Fight,” extrapolates current population data and explores the impact of obesity on the future military. Alarming, but not surprising, CDR Hanley discusses candidly what should concern senior leadership across the Services. His work is an eye-opening but fictional illustration of what could be in store for our country if leaders do not intervene with a creative approach to the pressing issue of obesity.

If creativity is essential to face a diverse set of challenges for our military, CDR John Buser questions the military bureaucracy’s ability to produce that type of leader. His work, “The Creativity Conundrum,” contrasts the scholarly path and creative nature of General David Petraeus with a more traditional and unimaginative nature of Field Marshall Sir Douglas Haig. His examination of these two great leaders illuminates the conundrum: a bureaucracy that is “ill-equipped for producing leaders who are adaptable, flexible, and who can think creatively.”

The military’s, if not the government’s, ability to adapt to challenges that are anything but traditional is necessary in today’s security environment as exemplified in our last selection for publication. Jeff Vogel’s contribution, “Fishing for Answers to Piracy in Somalia,” takes a fresh look at a nagging international problem. Vogel proposes a solution that strikes at the root of the issue in a non-military way. His is a whole of government approach, a creative solution that seeks to avoid the application of military force and prevent more violence.