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From the Editors

The editors of /luce.nt/ are pleased to bring you the Summer 2014 issue of the Naval War College's student run journal. As editors of a student run journal, we are exceptionally proud that we can provide our readers with a much broader range of material than other defense journals.

In this issue, two of our essays provide personal narratives from American Warfighters. Lieutenant Commander Robert Crosby's essay "Only in America," chronicles his journey from extreme poverty in the small town of Hot Coffee, Mississippi to becoming an officer in the United States Navy. He describes his journey from serving as an enlisted Sailor to becoming a member of the officer corps.

Repeat contributor (and /luce.nt/ editor) Colonel Donald Brown provides a raw and unflinching view into the day-to-day life of an infantry officer in the "long hard slog" that was service in Iraq. Appropriately titled "Trash," he recounts his experience with two very different victims of war on the streets of Bagdad.

In "Mentorship: A Critical Component of Life-Long Learning," Major Joseph reflects on the importance of mentorship in developing some of our greatest military leaders.

International contributors in this issue provide their unique insights into defense issues. Lieutenant Commander Lukasz Boguszewski of the Polish Navy provides rare insights into one of the hottest foreign policy issues of today in "Energy Security: Russia's energy relationship with the Baltic States." Captain Muhammad Shuaib of the Pakistan Navy gives readers an insightful perspective of the future of US- Pakistani relations.

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