



## From the Editors

**F**air Winds and Following Seas. The editors of /luce.nt/ are honored to bring you the Spring 2015 issue of the Naval War College's student run journal. We are also saddened to let you know this issue will likely be the last. As such, we thought it would be great to look back on the short history of the journal.

The /luce.nt/ published its first issue with a volunteer student staff of five students under the leadership and guidance of Dr. Donna Connolly, the NWC Writing Center Director, in the fall of 2010. The students' enthusiasm and thirst to become better writers led Dr. C (as she is warmly called) to develop the curriculum for an elective that allows students to hone their writing and sharpen their critical thinking skills, and publish a student run journal. The journal grew from three issues a year to four in 2012 when the /luce.nt/ began publishing a special issue that featured NWC essay award winners. The NWC journal also served as a model for the Army War College in establishing its version of a student run journal. However, the /luce.nt/ holds the distinction of being the plankholder for student run journals in the world of PME. It is with great sadness that we bid Fair Winds and Following Seas, but we do so with one of our finest issues. As editors of a student run journal, we are proud that we can provide our readers with a broad range of material.

In this issue, we share United States Marine Corps Reserves Lieutenant Colonel William Barnes' NWC award winning essay on protecting the United States' critical infrastructure from a potential cyber attack.

Lieutenant Colonel Aaron Reisinger, an engineer in the United States Army, provides a thought provoking piece on the potential water security has on enhancing global stability. Despite how one feels about global warming, this piece is certain to make you think.

As the United States continues its Rebalance to Asia, we are extremely proud to publish United States Navy Commander and /luce.nt/ editor Gregory Milicic's essay on America's strategy in dealing with potential Chinese currency manipulation.

United States Navy Lieutenant Commander Matthew Noland, in his essay, posits that helping Somalia establish a capable coast guard will help provide regional security and serve U.S. interests.

Colonel Douglas LeVien, United States Army, surmises in his paper that today's leaders could use a healthy dose of George C. Marshall. "Speaking truth to power" was a hallmark of General Marshall's and one that is needed today.

Two of our essays are op-eds. First, Lieutenant Commander Jack Curtis, United States Navy, provides an op-ed on military discounts and the subculture of the military members who have grown to expect them and what this does to the civilian-military relationship. His op-ed is followed by United

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States Marine Corps Major Francisco Zavala who makes a case for a counter-insurgency strategy in the Baltic States.

Lastly, /luce.nt/ editor and Air Force Major Dustin Hart, shares with us an emotional narrative on the power laughter has when dealing with a potential deadly disease.

We hope you enjoy this edition of /luce.nt/ as much as we do. Please feel free to share your comments via e-mail or through the /luce.nt/ Facebook page.

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