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LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

In support of West Point's Academic Year 2025 theme, "**The Human and the Machine: Leadership on the Emerging Battlefield**," this year's issue focuses on how societies and militaries have historically responded or adapted to new technologies. While the theme centers on technological evolution, this edition of *REPORT* also includes papers that explore the influence of tactics, counterintelligence, and women within the armed forces.

The 2025 Report features five works, each selected for its unique perspective and approach to understanding the military. Together, these essays present a multifaceted view of how the armed forces have evolved in response to changing technology, strategy, and social dynamics. At the United States Military Academy, we are committed to developing leaders of character. That development is grounded in learning from both the successes and failures of the past. These five works contribute valuable insights from the past to shape our future.

Sebastian Vidal-Waldron's essay on Suvorovian tactics explores the development of Russian military doctrine. He argues that General Suvorov's methods, while inspired by Revolutionary Frances tactics, stood apart from other Western strategies.

Elizabeth Pfisterer examines how Edwardian culture influenced British espionage in the Middle East during World War I. Her essay highlights the transformation of intelligence practices to better achieve the goals of the British Empire.

Meanwhile, Mason Krogh focuses on the overlooked role of women in French society during World War I. He explores how their contributions

impacted military readiness and logistics, offering a more comprehensive view of war beyond the battlefield.

Kan Jie Ng analyzes France's interwar period, showing how the French military and government attempted to address the challenges posed by emerging technologies. Yet, by 1940, the French General Staff ultimately failed to respond effectively to these changes.

Building on the theme of adaptation and failure, Nick Chrimicles explores the historiography of American precision bombing during World War II. He argues that technological advancements and a strong moral framework are the reason that precision bombing was the dominant strategy for the U.S. military.

Spanning continents, conflicts, and centuries, this edition of the Report offers a broad array of perspectives on how warfare is fought, interpreted, and transformed. We hope this collection challenges your understanding and deepens your appreciation of the many factors that shape military history. **Happy Reading!**

Wisdom Through History!

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charlotte Patterson'.

CDT Charlotte Patterson
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