



EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to Issue 2, Volume 3 of National Institute's online *Journal of Policy & Strategy*—a quarterly, peer-reviewed publication. In this issue, under the heading “Analysis,” readers will find enlightening articles by Matthew Costlow, John Mark Mattox, Keith Payne and David Trachtenberg. Collectively, these articles focus on the subjects of deterrence (theory and policy), disarmament and arms control. This issue also includes two extensive and thoughtful interviews: the first with former U.S. Strategic Command Commander, General Kevin Chilton (USAF, Ret.) focusing on U.S. deterrence requirements and the 2022 *Nuclear Posture Review*; the second with Thomas Kent, former President and CEO of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty focusing on Russian propaganda and disinformation.

This issue of the *Journal of Policy & Strategy* continues to provide proceedings from National Institute's monthly online symposia, “webinars.” These proceedings are drawn from four different symposia that collectively focused on: “Allied Assurance and Extended Deterrence in a Multipolar World”; “The Benefits of Strengthened Homeland Missile Defense”; the U.S. *National Security Strategy* and *National Defense Strategy*; and, the U.S. 2022 *Nuclear Posture Review*. Book reviews in this issue include cogent assessments of diverse titles: *The Weaponization of Loneliness: How Tyrants Stoke Our Fear of Isolation to Silence, Divide, and Conquer*, by Stella Morabito; *The End of Victory: Prevailing in the Thermonuclear Age*, by Edward Kaplan; and, *Managing U.S. Nuclear Operations in the 21st Century*, edited by Charles Glaser, Austin Long, and Brian Radzinsky.

Under the heading “Documentation,” this issue includes excerpts from important Congressional testimony provided by: Dr. John F. Plumb, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space Policy; General Glen VanHerck, Commander, United States Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command; General James H. Dickinson, Commander, United States Space Command; and, Greg Weaver, Senior Associate (Non-Resident), Project on Nuclear Issues, CSIS.

Finally, in recognition of the 40th anniversary of President Ronald Reagan's unprecedented call for the United States to be capable of defending against ballistic missile attack, the “From the Archive” feature of this issue provides the text of President Reagan's nationally televised, March 23, 1983 speech introducing his goal. It also includes a pertinent National Institute for Public Policy report written a decade later by two former Directors of the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization, James A. Abrahamson and Henry F. Cooper, entitled “What Did We Get For Our \$300 Billion Investment in SDI/BMD?”

We strive to make each issue of the *Journal of Policy & Strategy* worthwhile and hope readers will find every article in every feature in this issue of the *Journal of Policy & Strategy* valuable.

