



EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the *Journal of Policy & Strategy's* final issue of 2024. The year 2025 will bring in a new U.S. presidential administration and there is no shortage of questions it will face. Thus, we are pleased to feature a host of Analysis articles in this issue that examine many pressing topics.

ADM Charles Richard, USN (Ret.) and Robert Peters begin the Analysis section of this issue by calling for a national-level re-appraisal of what, and how, U.S. warfighters are being taught, and whether it is adequate in the emerging security environment. Marc Berkowitz's article is featured next and provides a timely study of U.S. national interests in space and how best to defend them in the face of growing counter-space threats. After that, Gary Geipel offers his thoughts on the "post-truth" era's effects on U.S. national security, both the implications and what may be done about it. Finally, Stephen Blank highlights how the Russian Federation is pursuing its revisionist aims in the Balkans at the same time most of Europe is concerned about fighting in Ukraine.

This issue's Interviews section features enlightening discussions with ADM Charles Richard, former Commander, United States Strategic Command; the Chair and Vice Chair of the bipartisan congressionally-mandated 2024 Commission on the National Defense Strategy, Hon. Jane Harman and Amb. Eric Edelman; and Professors Eliot Cohen, Arleigh A. Burke Chair in Strategy, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Phillips O'Brien, Senior Associate (non-resident), Center for Strategic and International Studies.

The Proceeding's section highlights speakers' presentations from National Institute for Public Policy webinars in August and October, 2024. The first webinar examined the current size and expected growth of the Chinese nuclear arsenal—featuring a discussion of Dr. Mark Schneider's newly published *Occasional Paper, Current and Projected Growth of China's Nuclear Arsenal*. The second webinar examined the topic of just war theory and nuclear strategy—featuring a discussion of Dr. Rebecca Heinrichs' newly published book *Duty to Deter: American Nuclear Deterrence and the Just War Doctrine*.

Reviewers in the Literature Review section examine a host of recent publications that reflect the diverse array of threats facing policymakers. Michaela Dodge reviews two important publications: first, the final report of the Commission on the National Defense Strategy, chaired by Hon. Jane Harman and Amb. Eric Edelman; and second, Michael Kimmage's new book, *Collisions: The Origins of the War in Ukraine and the New Global Instability*. David Trachtenberg reviews John Sullivan's new book, *Midnight in Moscow: A Memoir from the Front Lines of Russia's War Against the West*. Lastly, Matthew Costlow reviews three recently-published reports that each examine different aspects of China's nuclear breakout, including PRC leadership decision-making, China's growing military options, and U.S. response options.

The Documentation section contains select excerpts from two significant publications: first, a CSIS report on what analysts can learn from the Russia-Ukraine war; and second, a Norwegian report on U.S. nuclear extended deterrence.

Finally, the From the Archive section features select excerpts of the 2001 National Institute report *Rationale and Requirements for U.S. Nuclear Forces and Arms Control*—a publication that reportedly helped form the foundation for the 2001 *Nuclear Posture Review*.

We hope you, the readers, enjoy and find useful this issue of the *Journal of Policy & Strategy*.

