



EDITORIAL

As we conclude this second volume on the theme of Urban Warfare, I find myself reflecting on the changing global landscape, the fragility of our security, and the ever-evolving trends in warfare. The topics we have covered here are not just theoretical, but they are a glimpse into what is coming for us as a global community. What we see now—global conflicts and power struggles in a shifting world order—is just the beginning. These tensions will escalate, testing military forces to their limits. The coming years are critical, and armies will have to confront their strengths and weaknesses in new ways. While it may feel too late to change course, it's more important than ever to start preparing—not only our military but our citizens—for a future with higher risks and more severe consequences.

It is in these transitional moments that I must share a personal note with all of you. After two and a half incredible years, I will be stepping down as the Editor-in-Chief of the Canadian Army Journal (CAJ). It has been a great honour and a profound responsibility to lead this journal through a time of meaningful change. But, as all things must evolve and progress, I am thrilled to announce that Mr. Frédéric Dion will be stepping into the role. With his expertise in academia and keen understanding of effective communication, I have no doubt that he will propel CAJ to even greater heights. I look forward to seeing how his leadership will shape the journal's future.

Reflecting on my tenure, I cannot help but feel an overwhelming sense of gratitude for the dedicated individuals who have made this journey possible. The CAJ Editorial Staff and the incredible team at the Army Publishing Office—small, but relentless in their commitment—formed the bedrock upon which we built this journal. Together, we embraced opportunities, overcame challenges, and brought our shared vision to fruition. To the CAJ Assistant Editors, Major (Maj) Bruce Rolston and Second Lieutenant Nicolas Brown, and the APO team—Ms. Susan Russell, Ms. Francine Lefebvre, Ms. Rebecca Abrams and Mr. Brandon Denard—thank you wholeheartedly for your unwavering support, hard work and dedication to CAJ's mission.

We were fortunate to gain the backing of the Canadian Defence Academy for social media outreach, and I must extend a special thank you to Ms. Cassandra de Bartok for her efforts in making this connection possible.

This partnership, coupled with our social media engagement, has enabled us to connect with our readers in new and impactful ways. We launched a new website with an electronic subscription option, allowing us to stay connected with our readers and keep them updated on our latest publications. Many thanks to ADM(PA), DAPA, Mr. Douglas Sherman and once again, Maj Bruce Rolston, for their excellent work on our website's production, accessibility and outreach.

In the spirit of innovation we launched *Short Bursts*, a platform that has quickly become a cornerstone of our website, attracting many submissions. This initiative has allowed us to explore contemporary issues through short-form content, providing an alternative avenue for discussion and exchange of ideas. For *Short Bursts*, we were fortunate to receive outstanding support from the Army Translation Services and their exceptional team. Additionally, we are currently digitizing the older, pre-1998 editions of CAJ, which will be available on our website in the coming months. Maj Bruce Rolston's contributions to this monumental project are incredible and his dedication has been instrumental in making this ambitious effort a reality. A special mention must go to Lieutenant-Colonel (LCol) Matthew Rolls, whose efforts in revitalizing the *Tactical Decision Games* section of the CAJ website has been nothing short of transformative.

None of this would have been possible without the ongoing support of the enthusiastic team at the Canadian Army Land Warfare Centre, especially Colonel Christopher Sines, LCol Michael Morin, and one of the strongest supporters of CAJ and an outstanding mentor, LCol Alain Carrier. I am deeply grateful for all the wisdom and encouragement you have offered during my time as Editor-in-Chief. A heartfelt thank you to Brigadier-General Tod Strickland, LCol Pat Newman, Maj John Bosso, Dr. Nancy Teeple, LCol Mike Rostek, Dr. Peter Gizewski, Dr. Ali Dizboni for being my champions and offering unwavering support throughout my time with the journal. Your belief in me has meant the world. I would like to thank the members of the Canadian Army and academia for their tremendous support and the valuable interactions we shared throughout. While it is difficult to acknowledge everyone individually, please know that your trust and support in the journal made my job a breeze and inspired me every single day.

As we turn our focus to this special feature's theme of urban warfare, I must give special recognition to Maj Jayson Geroux for his unparalleled dedication and boundless passion. His contributions have been nothing short of extraordinary, and the heart and soul he has invested in the urban warfare issues are truly remarkable. I am truly grateful for the dedication, support, and hard work.

Finally, my sincere thanks to our readers. The best ideas, perspectives and content we created have been largely shaped by your input. Your engagement, feedback, and support have been the lifeblood of this journal. To our contributors, our peer reviewers—thank you for believing in the mission of the *CAJ* and for making this journal the success that it is.

I am filled with optimism for the future of the *CAJ* under new leadership. As we navigate an evolving global order, I hope you continue to trust your journal for its valuable insights, its role in fostering meaningful dialogue, and its contribution to the ongoing discussions on topics relevant to the Canadian Army.

Thank you, all, for your incredible support. In closing, I leave you with this thought: "In times of change, it is not the strongest who survive, but those most adaptable to the evolving landscape of conflict and warfare."

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