

2016 GEN William E. DePuy Special Topics Writing Competition

This year's theme is "Educating the Force: What is the right balance between training and education?"

Possible topics include but are not limited to:

- Do Soldiers really need higher education? If so, to what level?
- Are the Army's professional military education (PME) programs teaching the right objectives and, if so, are graduates applying them? How should the Army ensure PME reflects the force's needs?
- How should the Army measure the effects of PME on the conduct of Army operations? What metrics should it use?
- How should the Army measure the effects of Army education on Soldiers' careers?
- How well is the Army taking advantage of any educational opportunities it provides Soldiers?
- How well are the civilian study programs the Army pays for benefitting the force or the careers of Soldiers? What fields of study does the Army need most?
- How should the Army change the way it uses the expertise Soldiers gain through civilian study?

The contest closes July 11, 2016.

Prizes:

- 1st place: \$1,000 and publication in ***Military Review***;
- 2nd place: \$750 and consideration for publication in ***Military Review***;
- 3rd place: \$500 and consideration for publication in ***Military Review***.

For information on how to submit an entry, go to <http://militaryreview.army.mil>.