

# From The Editor

## 65th YEAR

With this issue, we mark the end of our 65th year of publication. Overall, it was a good year. We received many nice comments about the articles we published, and our various departments attracted a lot of favorable attention.

Unfortunately, we did not do as well on the subscription side of the house, despite holding our prices at the 1980 levels. (Not many magazines can say that.) Many Infantrymen seem to believe we are fully supported by appropriated funds and therefore are in the same category as field manuals, training circulars, and the like—that we are, in effect, free for the asking, or taking.

That is an erroneous belief. Our appropriated funds for publishing are quite limited and our free distribution of copies is tightly controlled. While we do send free copies to Infantry units and certain staff agencies in the Active Army and the Reserve Components for use by everyone in those units and staff agencies, we cannot—and do not—give free copies to individuals. We expect them to buy their own personal subscriptions.

We have been in the subscription business since we started publishing in 1921. Today, a number of our subscribers, in this country and abroad, have been with us for many years, through the good times and the bad. We thank them from the bottom of our hearts.

But we are disappointed that so many professional Infantrymen apparently do not think it worth their while to subscribe to their own professional publication. We feel we offer a professional product that can be of great value to Infantrymen everywhere who read it with care.

We would remind our readers, too, that a paid subscription to this, their professional journal brings with it membership in the Infantry Association. The Association was started in 1982 at Fort Benning to rekindle the Infantry spirit and to acknowledge, recognize, and promote the camaraderie of the Infantry.

This coming year, then, we ask all Infantrymen to consider subscribing to their journal. We don't think they will be disappointed.

## GIFT SUBSCRIPTIONS

This year, for the first time in many years, we are pleased to offer a special rate for one-year gift subscriptions. (Sorry, this offer does not apply to two-year gift subscriptions.) The special rate is \$9.00 for six issues, which is a saving of \$1.00 from the cost of a new subscription. To become effective, the subscription must be intended for someone other than the requestor, and the request must be clearly marked with the words "Gift Subscription." Full payment must accompany each request. This offer ends 31 January 1986.

We will send an appropriate gift announcement to the individual for whom the subscription is being entered.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**