

From The Editor

A NEW YEAR

With this issue we begin our 69th publishing year. Needless to say, our publication could not have reached this ripe old age without the loyal and faithful support of our U.S. Infantrymen.

We are particularly grateful to a small band of loyal adherents who have stuck by us through thick and thin during the past two trying years. If you recall, in October 1986 we were ordered to cease publication as an official Department of the Army periodical, although we were permitted to continue publishing—under TRADOC auspices but with some very stringent restrictions—as a professional bulletin.

Unfortunately, many Infantrymen heard only the first part of the message and assumed we had gone out of business. As a result, our flow of material from the field dropped off to a trickle, and several hundred paid subscribers allowed their subscriptions to lapse. Throughout, however, we could always count on a small group of loyal readers, both U.S. and foreign, to boost our morale, send us material, and keep their subscriptions current.

By now, most Infantrymen have come to realize that we are not in the ranks of the departed. The number of manuscripts submitted in recent months for our editorial consideration has risen dramatically, although our paid subscription account is still below a good working level. Hopefully, in the months ahead, more Infantrymen will realize the professional value of their publication and will enter their personal subscriptions. We feel we can help them—and you—improve as military professionals.

~~We have six interesting issues planned for 1989 and look forward to a bright publishing year. Please don't forget—we are still in business at the same old stand. Come see us, or let us hear from you. We stand ready to help in any way we can.~~

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