

From The Editor

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Professional development means many things to many people, but it boils down to the sharing of knowledge. In the process of becoming well-versed in our profession, we tend to underestimate the value of our own experience, preferring instead to rely upon the more formalized writings of others. Don't sell yourself short; regardless of the point at which you now find yourself in your career, you have probably gained experience and insights that less experienced soldiers will find useful as they set out on their own careers.

In this issue of *INFANTRY* you will find articles ranging from the Anzio Beachhead of World War II to the exciting 21st Century Land Warrior concept. In between are articles on combat service support (CSS) operations in Somalia, tips on getting promoted, and the need for doctrinal literature to support our Army's expanded role in operations other than war (OOTW).

The Anzio article is not intended to be simply a commemorative piece on a battle fought 50 years ago; it was selected for the relevant lessons it offers on small unit leadership, the employment of armor, artillery and air power, and the tenacity of those who were our predecessors in the profession of arms. The article on CSS operations in Somalia highlights the challenge of supporting a battalion task force in OOTW.

This range of experience in such diverse yet related fields as logistics and close combat mirrors the concerns of today's Army as much as it did in the past. The idea that amateurs talk tactics while professionals talk logistics—possibly apocryphal—has been attributed to commanders from Napoleon to Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, but the need for fighters who understand logistics, and for logisticians who appreciate the needs of the units they support, has been obvious throughout history.

At *INFANTRY* we are committed to presenting the type of material that will support the total professional development needs of the force, and you can be a part of that effort. You have probably never written for publication before, but every writer has to start sometime. None of our many published authors was born a writer, but at some point each of them decided that he had something worth sharing with his peers, and he did something about it.

Think about it and write, call, or send us a manuscript; we'll review it and give you feedback.

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