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Welcome to the *Journal of Faith and War*. This journal focuses on the innately spiritual nature of leadership in the formulation and execution of national security policies in the English-speaking nations of the world.

Our era is increasingly characterized by religious skepticism, secularization and moral relativism in the West. Thus those who will govern, direct, educate, lead and inspire the defense and security forces of our nations need to integrate the truths of their faith into their judgments, decisions and actions.

This journal aims to influence for good the faith basis of morally responsible leadership in regard to preparing for war, going to war, fighting wars, concluding wars, evaluating wars, and maintaining discipline and accountability among parties involved in planning, projecting or applying military force. It will examine national defense decisions, policies, and strategies as well as the leadership of military and security forces.

JFW will address historical and contemporary situations that political and military leaders at all levels in our nations' defense structures have confronted—or are confronting—in their decisions and relationships. Its focus on ethical leadership will include the development of leadership doctrine, teaching that doctrine in formal educational systems, and its practice at all levels.

The Scope and Focus of the Journal are suggested by its title:

- Our understanding of God, human nature, and the history of warfare
- Evaluations of national and collective defense and security policies and strategies
- Ethical leadership in the conduct of military and security force operations

Principal editorial content will include the following:

Major Topics

- God, Man and War: How our understanding of the nature of God, of man, and of the history of armed conflict provides enduring principles that should guide political, military, and security force leaders today
 - National Security Policy--The application of these principles to current national security policies and the use of military and security forces in the 21st century
 - Leadership Education & Practice--The application of our ethical convictions and values in the task of developing moral character in leaders and those who follow them, including such themes as the following:
 - Developing and teaching leadership doctrine in educational institutions, military units and security agencies
 - Practicing ethical leadership in one's military or security service, including challenges faced in training or "peacetime" operations as well as operations in hostile areas, and in combat situations--and mentoring and encouraging other military and security force leaders.

General-interest features:

- Essays, monographs, and research reports that address topics in addition to those identified above
 - Reviews of books, articles, blogsites, movies, and other forms of communication relevant and significant to the purpose of the journal
 - Editorials and commentaries by the editors and others
 - News about JFW and other relevant topics
 - Selected feedback from readers

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