

FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the Summer 2022 *Air & Space Operations Review (ASOR)*. This issue includes a senior leader perspective from US Southern Command and Air Forces Southern, articles discussing space operations, Space Force culture, and the Indo-Pacific, and contributions from European Ally and partner militaries.

The journal begins with a *Senior Leader Perspective*, reprinted from the *Journal of the Americas* 1st edition, 2022. Brigadier General Sean Choquette and Steffanie Urbano discuss China's growing influence in Latin America and argue the updated national security strategy must provide increased resources, funding, and operational capabilities to help US Southern Command and Air Forces Southern address this strategic competition in our own hemisphere.

Shifting to the celestial from the terrestrial, our *Space* forum leads with an article by Adam Wilmer and Robert Bettinger. International commercial and military activities and interstellar threats to the planet itself are increasing across the entire Earth-Moon system. Arguing that space domain awareness can no longer be confined to geosynchronous orbit, the authors propose a new taxonomy to accurately classify space domain awareness missions and better apply resources to and development of the same.

In the second article in the forum, Dan Sanders details the four historic cultural traditions to date in the US Space Force. Engineers, operators, integrators, and warfighters have all had periods of cultural ascendancy in the service that predate the establishment of US Space Force. Understanding these cultures will help Space Force leaders shape an effective service culture for the future.

Our third section, *Indo-Pacific*, features a reprint from the January 2022 issue of *Journal of Indo-Pacific Affairs*. Lynn Savage presents the US Indo-Pacific Command's *Integrated Air and Missile Defense Vision 2028*. This innovative approach to integrated air and missile defense in the region will support Allies and partners as they maintain competitive advantage.

Our issue closes with the *From Our Friends* forum. The first article, cowritten by Christophe Piubeni of the French Air Force and his US counterpart, Dan Gottrich, discusses the myriad challenges the Department of Defense and the US Air Force must overcome to conduct multidomain operations effectively. Key to this is integrating Allies and partners.

The forum and our issue concludes with an article by Sokol Thana of the Albanian Air Force. The author details the significant changes the Albanian army underwent in command, control, and communication after the fall of the Soviet Union, to achieve its national objectives and to advance the major military transformation required by Western international security organizations. Albania is a compelling case study for other nations experiencing similar, radical political and societal change.

~ The Editor

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