

## EDITORIAL

In this edition we continue with the third article, “Psychological Warfare”, in the series on “The War for the Public Mind”, by Mr. Nuño Rodríguez, Political Scientist and Analyst. Rodríguez details the investment made, during the last two world wars, to analyze the methods utilized to influence mass populations psychologically, which allowed for the systematic development and delivery of propaganda.

In our second article, “The 10 Secret Rules of the Colonel: A Window into the Mind of a Senior Leader”, Brigadier General Jeremy “Java” Horn, Commander, Washington Air National Guard, shares with us his perspective on the things he wished he’d known as a young officer.

Our third article, “Airpower and Counterinsurgency: The Strategic Logic of Operation Inherent Resolve”, by authors Valéria de Moura Sousa and Augusto W. M. Teixeira Júnior, details how the conduct of the coalition’s operations fits most closely with the coercive air strategy of denial.

In his article, “Communications During Disaster Response: A Simple Approach to Unite Efforts”, Lt Col Guillermo Gonzáles Cucho, Peruvian Air Force (FAP), explains medium and long term projected risks for Latin America and proposes standardization and integration of communications systems under a criterion in which simplicity prevails over sophistication.

In their article, “Protection Against the Threat of Laser Beams: Operational and Training Procedures of the Brazilian Air Force”, authors Roberta Rosas Petrocinio and Humberto José Lourenção present the findings and recommendations of their study on laser incidents against aircraft.

In “Hope for the Amazon! The Peruvian Air Force Suppresses Forest Fires”, Major Giancarlo Sáez Mendoza, FAP, describes the assistance provided by FAP, and the causes and effects of the 225,629 fires registered in 2019.

Finally, in his article “The Bolivian Air Force in its 96 Years: Serving since 12 October 1923”, Major General Wilfredo Viscafé Paredes, Bolivian Air Force, provides a short history of this prestigious institution.



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