

PB1918: A Quick Look Back and a Glimpse into the Future

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The Warrant Officer Journal has just completed another tremendous year. These last two years of publishing have been exciting, filled with learning and plenty of hard work. Every endeavor on the part of the editorial team has been completed with one thing in mind: providing our wonderful cohort a platform to share ideas, Warrant Officers, and the greater Army. This goal has only been accomplished because of each of you.

To the reader, you inspire us to work tirelessly to ensure the journal continues, so the Army's Warrant Officers remain fully engaged in the modernization activities of the Army. Trust us when we say the journal is a labor of love, as all who work on it do so in a voluntary capacity. Second, to the writers, your voice matters to us and others. We must continue to share your expertise throughout the U.S. Army. To our students, we endeavor to provide insight from peers and leaders across the cohort, as we always learn best when we learn from each other.

With two years of book publication, the editorial team is proud of Jim Steddum and all he has done as the journal's managing editor. What a year it has been! First, the journal was categorized as a Professional Bulletin, specifically PB 1918. A professional bulletin is an important designation and serves as a medium to exchange ideas, knowledge, and concepts on professional development, and is directed toward a specific branch or area of expertise. Additionally, a PB is an element of Army doctrine and allows us to focus on shared best practices, lessons learned, and general discussion. The fact that it is designated as 1918 is a homage to the year of our birth, a true artist's touch.

Jim has also shepherded the journal through the process of being added to Line of Departure. Line of Departure (LOD) connects the "U.S. Army professionals to the best professional writing" available across all Army journals. Every article on LOD is available in audio format, providing new ways for readers to engage with our writing. Getting the journal to the LOD was no easy feat, and Jim was patient and diligent throughout.

Jim's work as the managing editor has been simply astounding. The journal is adding a new layout and cover design to these already tremendous accomplishments, as many have likely seen. And now, if you stayed with me to this point, the journal has incredible news: This will be our first year offering the Chief Warrant Officer EJ Kahn, Jr. Professional Writing Award. Check out the specifics surrounding the Kahn writing award on the subsequent pages and share the news with others!

Finally, before enjoying the beginning of Volume III, please check out our refined guidance on the Call for Papers. Senior leaders have issued a challenge, and we are looking to our writers to respond.

